

Local Connections Celebrate in New York Sire Stakes action at Buffalo



Hamburg, NY---Palm Beach Chick and Barn Babe, both owned by local connections, won the first two Sire Stakes races, each worth \$35,146, here at Buffalo Raceway Sunday afternoon over a sloppy track. The four Sire Stakes races were for three-year-old trotting fillies.

In the first division, race two, Palm Beach Chic (Conway Hall-Back On Track) left sharply from post seven and with regular driver Jeff Gregory in the sulky, collared second place finisher Amor Deo (Trond Smedshammer) just past the quarter-pole en route to 3-1/2 length victory in 2:01.3.

It was the fourth lifetime win in 14 attempts for Palm Beach Chic (\$26.00) who is trained by Linda Toscano for owners Jeff Gregory and Buffalo Raceway's President Bill Richardson.

"I was just hoping to get around the turns OK", said Gregory. "I really didn't have to worry, because she was just perfect the whole mile".

In race 5, Barn Babe's victory was much closer, just a nose, over second place finisher Proclaiming April (Trond Smedshammer) in 2:00.3. Barn Babe (\$3.70), driven by reinsman John Cummings, Jr., cut all the fractions in the race, :31.1, 1:00.4, and 1:31.2.



"When Morrill's horse (Hall La La) broke, it kind of set up perfect for me", said Cummings. "I was a little worried about the three horse (Proclaiming April) on my back, but my filly really dug in".

Steven Pratt owns and trains Barn Babe (Cash Hall-My Baby's Momma) with Nancy E Pratt of Corfu, NY. It was Barn Babe's eighth lifetime win, and this win puts her lifetime earnings at \$170,341.

The other two Sire Stakes winners were Wygant Lady (Credit Winner-Rose Street Angel) in 2:00.2 with driver Cat Manzi at the controls, and Lola De Vie (Credit Winner-Fan Favourite) in 2:02.2 with reinsman Jim Morrill, Jr. in the bike.

Jim Morrill, Jr., led all drivers with three wins on the card.

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