

Purpose Blue Chip sets track record in NYSS at Buffalo

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Hamburg, NY --- Purpose Blue Chip broke the Buffalo Raceway track record for 3-year-old trotting colts on Wednesday night (June 6) in easily taking his \$59,100 division of the New York Sire Stakes with a 1:56.2 mile over the fast track. He snapped the old standard of 1:56.4 set in 2014 by Cash Me Out.

In the other \$59,100 division for the sophomore males, Don had little issues in putting away five rivals in 1:58.



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Purpose Blue Chip took his NYSS division in a track record time of 1:56.2.

With Troller and Yuge both breaking early in the race, Purpose Blue Chip (\$11.00) was handed the front end and eagerly took advantage of it. With splits of :29.3, :59 and 1:28, there was no looking back in the stretch as Purpose Blue Chip rolled to the 1-3/4 length victory over Tito (Marcus Miller) while Yuge (Jim Morrill Jr.) regrouped in time to place third.

"He was in cruise control the final quarter of a mile," Daley said of Purpose Blue Chip. "He had plenty of trot left in the end."

Co-owned by Ann-Mari Daley, James Crawford IV, Richard Lombardo and Donald Brenner, it was the first victory in four tries this season for Purpose Blue Chip ([Chapter Seven](#)-Munis Blue Chip). The win upped his seasonal earnings to \$31,411 and \$107,429 lifetime.

In the other division of the Sire Stakes, Don proved to be the best with a solid 1-1/2 length front-running victory over Lindsey's Pride. After a minor battle for the lead at the onset of the race, Don never looked back in posting the win.

"He was an absolute professional," driver Jim Morrill Jr. said of Don after the race. "I eased him around the first turn but after that, he knew what I wanted from him before I even asked."

With good fractions of :29.2, :59.3 and 1:29.2, Don (\$3.60) used a :28.3 final panel to hold off any late threats that might have developed. Lindsey's Pride (Miller) held on for second with Seven Iron (Ray Fisher Jr.) taking the third place position.

"I just showed him the whip down the backstretch the final time but otherwise, it was just a hand ride," Morrill said.

A precautionary move by trainer/driver Dan Daley may have paved the way for Purpose Blue Chip to score the win and break the track record.

"We had a break last time in the EBC final (at Vernon Downs) so we put trotting hobbles on him as a precaution since this was his first time on a half-mile track," said Daley.

The move worked.

Co-owned by the Andy Miller Stable and Little E, Don ([Credit Winner](#)-Angostura) is trained by Julie Miller. It was the second win in five starts in 2018 for Don, boosting his bankroll this season to \$87,613 and \$149,698 lifetime.

In the \$15,000 Excelsior Series A races for the 3-year-old colt and gelding trotters, Daley got a driving/training double as L Dees Courageous (\$9.10) took a division with a 1:57.4 time.

The other bracket went to Lunar Credit (\$7.90) as Scott Zeron steered him to the 1:58.2 decision.

The lone \$6,600 Excelsior B Series event went to Time Is Fleeting (\$3.60) with Morrill guiding the winner home in 2:01.4.

Morrill and Billy Davis Jr. each completed the evening with three victories.

Racing will resume on Friday night with a 10-race program scheduled for 5 p.m.

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