Unbeaten NY-Bred Woodside Charm leads Crown 2-year-old filly trot winners

Friday, October 19, 2018 - from the Breeders Crown

Wilkes-Barre, PA ---Woodside Charm further established her credentials as a superstar in the making when she won her $25,000 elimination of the Breeders Crown for 2-year-old trotting fillies Friday (Oct. 19) at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono in a startling 1:53 -- almost a second faster than any divisional Crown final has gone on a five-eighths-mile track.

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Owner/trainer/driver Verlin Yoder made the lead on the first turn, and when second choice Sonnet Grace made a break in the pocket late on that bend, the daughter of Chapter Seven–Fireworks Hanover controlled her own destiny.

Yoder guided his star filly to early fractions of :27.2 and :57.2, then asked his horse for more speed down the back, and she reached the three-quarters in 1:25. The winner trotted home in :28 as her lead increased to double digits, and she crossed the wire 12-1/2 lengths to the good, with 50-1 shots Stella Jane second and Miss You Kelly third to advance to the final.

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Here is the draw for the $600,000 Breeders Crown 2-year-old trotting filly final, to be held next Saturday at The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono (*-elimination winner), followed by trainer and the driver in the elimination:

1 – *When Dovescry – Rene Allard – Simon Allard
2 – *Woodside Charm – trainer/driver Verlin Yoder
3 – *Champagne Jane – Luc Blais – Bob McClure
4 – Cloud Nine Fashion – Jim Campbell – Tim Tetrick
5 – Special Honor – Julie Miller – Andy Miller
6 – Whispering Oaks – Jimmy Takter – Yannick Gingras
7 – Miss You Kelly – Bruce Lauer – Tim Tetrick
8 – The Ice Dutchess – Jimmy Takter – Yannick Gingras
9 – Stella Jane – John Butenschoen – George Napolitano Jr.

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