

By Sam Pendolino

Bertos Angel, a five-year old Ken Warkentin mare, out of the Incredible Abe mare Spark Of Abbey, won the \$10,000 Open Trot in a seasons best 2:00.4, for owner, Scott D. Woogen of Mechanicsville,VA, here at Buffalo Raceway Friday night (February 3). It was the second win in three attempts this year for Bertos Angel.



Reinsman Kevin Cummings put Bertos Angel (\$3.30) right on the lead, and the 1:31.1. A :29.3 last quarter-mile put the winner 1-1/4 lengths ahead of second place finisher Hello Carlo (Jack Flanigen) at the finish line. Last week's Open winner Perfect Man (Dave McNeight III) came in the show spot.

"She really didn't like last week's sloppy track", said Cummings. "The track tonight was much better, and she (Bertos Angel) raced really good. She's a special mare to be able to compete with the boys at this level".

Trained by Lisa Lederhouse, the \$5,000 share of the winning purse put Bertos Angel's season bankroll at \$11,200, and \$203,250 lifetime.

Driver Dan Noble was the top driver on this clear night, steering home three winners. They were Herbedaone (\$5.50), ML Jackhammer (\$3.60), and Girl Band (\$2.40).

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Racing will resume on Saturday February 4, with first post scheduled for 6:40 pm, Eastern Time. The popular pick four starts in race five. Also on tap is the "Niatross Knockout Series" with seven races scheduled. Don't forget to bring your coupon to receive a long sleeve t-shirt after race 5.

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