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The favorites thrived in New York Sire Stakes action at Saratoga on Thursday night as two year old trotting colts and geldings took center stage on a beautiful summer night at the Spa.

Jim Morrill Jr again was the star of the show as he dominated Stakes action, winning three of the five Stakes races on the evening. Morrill piloted favorites Rarely Ordinary (Conway Hall), Petruchio (Plesac) and Keenan (Credit Winner) to victories in their \$42,000+ Stakes events.



Rarely Ordinary and Keenan tied for the fastest win time for the freshman trotters on Thursday. Rarely Ordinary posted a 2:00 mile and moved his record to five-for-five in his rookie campaign, emerging as the one to beat amongst two year old trotters as they get closer to the finals to be contested during the Night Of Champions in September.

Keenan needed a :28.3 final quarter to outtrot Im The Answer (Jeff Gregory) in the stretch to break his maiden, setting a 2:00 career mark.

Other stakes winners on the night were Dejambro (Credit Winner) with Gregory at the controls and Surface Tension (Cash Hall), the only non-favorite to win a Stakes race on Thursday, who overcame an early break to trot to victory for trainer-driver Dan Daley.

Live racing continues on Friday night at Saratoga with a first post time set for 7:20pm.

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