

RIGHTEOUS AND DIVA DIVA HIGHLIGHT FRIDAY CARD

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Righteous and leading driver Jimmy Marohn Jr. tallied their sixth win in a row at Tioga Downs on Friday night. Since shipping into the Paul Bernardo stable on May 23rd Righteous has yet to be defeated in Nichols, New York. The 4-year old son of Conway Hall-Set the Program went to the front and never looked back through fractions of 28.2, 58.3, and 1:28.4 before coasting home a winner in 1:59. Matthew De Cillis and Jack Hazan own Righteous who with the victory increased his win total on the season to eleven, and increased his seasonal earnings to more than \$28,000. Slated For Success (Fern Paquet Jr.) slipped loose late for second, while Affaro Hanover (Kyle Di Benedetto) finished third.

In the featured \$12,000 Open Handicap trot Diva Diva (Andy Santeramo) posted her seventh victory in twenty starts on the year. The 6-year old daughter of Yankee Paco-Lean Cuisine was one of two mares in the field and despite a tough first over grind got up to win in a photo. The win increased her seasonal bankroll to more than \$58,000 on the year. Diva Diva is trained by Julie Bishop for J L Benson Stables Inc. of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Andy Santeramo posted a driving grand slam on the night's ten race card, while Phil Fluet and Bruce Clarke posted doubles.

Tioga Downs continues live racing action on Saturday, July 4th post time 6:50 pm and will host a fireworks display following live racing. For more information on Tioga Downs please visit us on our website at www.tiogadowns.com .

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