

AMERICAN LANE, SENTBYTHEANGELS WIN FRIDAY 48G CO-FEATURES

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YONKERS, NY, Friday, July 3, 2009 -- The night before we celebrate American Independence, we salute American Lane.

The millionaire added to his seven-figure Friday night, wiring Yonkers Raceway's co-featured \$48,000 Open Handicap Trot.



With Cat Manzi taking his customary seat for trainer Carl Cito Jr., American Lane--the 6-5 favorite from penultimate post position No. 7--stepped around pole-sitting Armbr Barrister (Jeff Gregory) before a :28.1 opening quarter-mile. From there, walk-around fractions of :59 and 1:28.1 left American Lane with more than enough in reserve.

He threw in a :28.1 kicker for a 1:56.2 effort, getting to the line a measured three-quarters of a length before Armbr Barrister. Stonebridge Diablo (Jason Bartlett, five winners on the 13-race card), a first-up Victor's Vicky (Jordan Stratton) and last week's winner, Chick N Tell (Stephane Bouchard) completed the cashers.

Chick N Tell was done in by an unenviable combination of an outside assignment in a "paceless" trot.

For American Lane, a 7-year-old Primrose Lane gelding co-owned by David Scharf & Jerry Silva, he returned \$4.40 for his eighth win (46th career) in 20 seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$16.80, with the triple paying \$77.50.

Friday night's co-featured Filly and Mare Open Pace saw Sentbytheangels (Ryan Anderson) get by the leader right on the money.

After Quicksilvercandy A (Larry Stalbaum) rolled from post No. 3--through intervals of 28.1, 57 and 1:24.--she slapped five lengths in the field turning for home.

However, the wheels began to get wobbly, and Sentbytheangels--the 6-5 choice despite three weeks of R&R--extricated herself from a tiring pocket-sitter, Cowgirls N Indians (Bouchard), and took off after the leader. The people's preference made it to the church just in time, winning by a head in 1:54. Cowgirls N Indians, Jinni's Fantasy N (Gregory) and Eagle Hilarious (Jordan Stratton) grabbed the small coin.

For Sentbytheangels, an 8-year-old daughter of Run the Table trained by Joe Anderson for owner Gerrie Tucker, she returned \$4.50 for her eighth win in 23 '09 tries. The exacta (two favorites) paid \$10, with the triple returning \$26.80.

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