



LATE CLOSERS RETURN TO BATAVIA WEDNESDAY

BATAVIA, NY – The \$1 million stakes season is in full swing at Batavia Downs Gaming, featuring its third leg this Wednesday evening with New York Sire Stakes Late Closing 3-year-old colt and gelding trotters. This is the second appearance of the meet for the Late Closers during the 62nd Season of live racing. There are 4 Late Closer races on the card for Wednesday evening, the first having a purse of \$10,700 and the latter three a purse of \$10,600.

With the second race on the card and the first stakes race of the evening, the morning line favorite at 5-2 is Montanajamesbond, with part owner Keith Ball in the driver's seat. The duo has done well in Late Closers this season with a win at Tioga on August 1st and a place at Saratoga on July 12th. Ken Ball is part owner and trainer of Montanajamesbond, while Alan Hainsworth is also an owner. Montanajamesbond is a gelding by Cr Excalibur. Coming in at 3-1 is Excessive Success, a gelding also by Cr Excalibur, with owner and trainer Roman Lopez at the lines. This horse has had great success had Vernon all summer with 3 wins, but no Late Closer races to his credit. At 4-1 is John Cummings Jr. and Ackbro Crazylegs, a gelding by Credit Winner. He has 3 wins this season with a place in the Late Closers at Tioga that were held on August 1st. Daniel and Steven Ackernecht own him, while Scott Mongeon is the trainer.

The fourth race on the card is the second stakes race of the evening, with Neptune T coming in as the favorite at 5-2 with trainer Ed Dunnigan driving. Neptune T, a colt by Master of Style, has 2 wins in his last 4 races and a place during the Late Closers at Saratoga on July 12th. Lst Stables, William De Van and Timothy Rice are the owners. With odds of 3-1, Swatissimo looks to be in the photo with Dan Yetman driving. He is a gelding by Giant Hit. He went wire-to-wire at Tioga on August 1st for a Late Closer's race. Majestic View Farms owns Swatissimo, while Octavia Rappoport trains him. At 4-1 is River's Edge Jim with Douglas Ackley. River's Edge Jim is a colt by River's Edge. He has 9 wins on the season, most at local fairs; however he did have a show during the August 1st edition of Late Closers at Tioga. Steven Pratt is the owner and trainer, while James Ackley is part owner.

The seventh race of the evening is the third stakes race, with Step Up coming in as the morning line favorite at 5-2. Kevin Gould is in the driver's seat. Step Up has 2 Late Closer appearances this year, a show at Tioga on August 1st and a win at Saratoga on July 12th. He is a colt by Malabar Man, owned by Perry Farm, while Howard Okusko is the trainer. With odds of 3-1 from the 5 post is Ain'tnochoirboy and driver-trainer D. Benny Eggers. He is a gelding by Conway Hall, with an excellent win by 4 lengths during his last Late Closer appearance at Tioga on August 1st. Watermark Farm owns Ain'tnochoirboy. The third favorite at 7-2 is Uncle Ben, a gelding by Cr Excalibur, with Driver-trainer-owner duo Keith and Ken Ball. Uncle Ben has 2 late closer wins this year at Tioga and Saratoga. Alan Hainsworth completes the list of owners.

The final stakes race of the night is the tenth race on the card, with Manfromnantucket and Kevin Cummings as the favorite pair at 5-2. Manfromnantucket is a gelding by Giant Hit. He has a NYSS \$38,755 purse win to his credit from July 15th at Vernon. Also, he had a show finish in the August 1st Late Closers at Tioga. Allan McCarty is the trainer and owner. Austin's Jon Jon, with odds of 3-1, is a gelding also by Giant Hit. Dan Yetman will drive. He comes off a win at Monticello; however he had a place in a \$40,000 plus NYSS on June 21 at Buffalo Raceway. Daniel Henry is the owner, while Octavia Rappoport is the trainer. The third favorite in the final stakes race is Aviewtoakill, a gelding by Credit Winner, at 4-1 from the 6 post. William Bailey will be in the driver's seat. He is owned by Paul and Pauline Nower and William Bailey. Ann Yurenka trains him.

The \$1 million stakes season continues this Friday evening, August 22nd, here at Batavia Downs Gaming, with 2-year-old Late Closing colt and gelding pacers.

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