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Freshmen fly in Ohio Sires Stakes

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Seven \$40,000 Ohio Sires Stakes divisions for 2-year-old pacing colts and fillies were contested on a balmy Saturday evening, July 24 at Scioto Downs.



Hotshot Temptress (above) got the evening started by setting a new track record for 2-year-old pacing fillies of 1:51.2, with Brett Miller driving for trainer Kyle Ater. The homebred daughter of McArdle is owned by Rebecca Ewing's Ivy Holdings of Apple Creek, Ohio.

The winner left the gate as the 5-2 choice and was well ahead of 9-1 **Sloopy** (Chris Page) at the wire, with 29-1 longshot **Spitting Image** (Mike Wilder) getting up for third. Hotshot Temptress pushed her career earnings to \$25,200 with the win, the first of her career in three tries.



Cape Cod Hanover (above) made it three in a row with a 1:53.1 score in the second division for pacing fillies. Trained by Ron Burke and driven by Chris Page, the daughter of Downbytheseaside prevailed easily after winning leg one in 1:53.3, and now has \$43,400 in career earnings. Cape Cod Hanover was the 1-5 favorite, besting 5-1 **Mermaid By The Sea** (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.), with 10-1 **Allnight Miki** (Mike Wilder) third.



Dragon Lady (Chris Page-Above, Inside) used an inside move to come up in the final strides and best the leading **Secret Side Piece** (Trevor Smith) in the third OSS filly division. The daughter of Fear The Dragon stopped the clock in 1:54 for trainer Ron Burke and owners Burke Racing, Weaver Brusceci, William Donovan and Let It Ride Stable.

Dragon Lady was the 3-1 choice, with Secret Side Piece the 3-5 favorite, and third-place finisher Big Time Barbie (Trevor Smith), a mild longshot at 12-1. The victory was the first in three starts for Dragon Lady, who now has \$32,000 in lifetime earnings.



Sea Silk (above) captured the final OSS contest for 2-year-old pacing fillies, stopping the timer in 1:52.2 with her third consecutive victory and second in this series. The daughter of Downbytheseaside took Leg one in 1:53.3 for driver Chris Page and trainer Ron Burke, who owns Sea Silk in partnership with Weaver Bruscelli, Knox Services and Hatfield Stables. Sea Silk now has \$115,000 in career earnings and was the 1-2 favorite in this stake, followed by 9-1 **Bottle N Cork** (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.), with 20-1 longshot **Avia Hanover** (Brett Miller) third.



Seaside Way (above) captured the first of three OSS divisions for freshmen pacing colts, stopping the clock in lifetime best 1:52 with Chris Page driving for trainer Ronnie Burke.

The son of Downbytheseaside is owned by Burke Racing, Weaver Bruscelli, Knox Services and Slaughter Racing, and pushed his career earnings to \$25,760 with his first career triumph as the 6-5 favorite. **Shane Falco** was second for Danny Noble with 10-1 longshot **Seaside Jet** (Tyler Smith) getting up for third.



Gulf Shores (above) absolutely cruised to a new lifetime 1:51.3 triumph in the second OSS division for pacing colts, steered by Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., to his second straight win for trainer Brian Brown. The son of Downbytheseaside left the gate as the 1-9 favorite, besting 26-1 **Tre Cruz** (Brett Miller) by open lengths, with 14-1 **Risenshine Seaside** (Ryan Stahl) third. Gulf Shores now has \$40,000 in career earnings.



Sling Shock (above) didn't disappoint his backers as the 1-9 favorite, scoring his third consecutive victory in 1:53.2 for trainer Christi Noble and driver Danny Noble in the third OSS division for pacing colts. The son of Downbytheseaside upped his lifetime earnings to \$115,000 by defeating 30-1 **Terminator** (Chris Page), who was second, and 15-1 **Rose Run Xplosion** (Mike Wilder), who finished third.