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Ohio Sires Stakes spotlights freshman Trotters

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The fourth and final leg of Ohio Sires Stakes action for 2-year-old trotting colts and fillies will take place Tuesday, Aug. 28 at Scioto Downs, as six \$40,000 divisions move postward, with a first race post time of 2 pm, ET.

Of the youngsters set to compete that afternoon, ten are by Ohio-registered stallion Uncle Peter (five colts and five fillies), while seven are sired by Triumphant Caviar (four fillies and three colts), with six each being progeny sired by Wishing Stone (three fillies and three colts) and Manofmanymissions (one filly and five colts).

The stallions Broadway Hall and Dejarmbro are represented by three foals each, with Break The Bank K, Cash Hall, Full Count and My MVP all having two foals racing in OSS contests. Sires Cayenne Turbo, Dontyouforgetit, Ilooklikemymom, Jailhouse Jesse, Southwind Spirit and Winbak Yankee are all represented by one OSS starter each.

Aunt Rose leaves from post four with Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., driving for trainer Chris Beaver in the first OSS filly division (race two). This Uncle Peter lass won OSS leg one in 1:59.1 by seven lengths and leg two in 1:59 by 4¼ lengths, before finishing fourth in leg three to Only Take Cash. Owned in partnership by her trainer along with Michael Carter, Joe Sbrocco and Steven Zeehandelar, Aunt Rose has \$45,370 in earnings from two wins in four lifetime starts.

Only Take Cash—the richest of all OSS eligible freshmen fillies with \$82,690 earned this season—is a Robert McIntosh trainee who'll start from post six in the second filly division (race ten) with Arron Merriman at the lines. This daughter of Cash Hall, who has five wins and a second in six career starts, was second in OSS leg one by a neck to Vivi D, then won leg two in 1:57.1, and leg three in 1:56.4, utilizing a :27.3 final brush to notch the victory. Only Take Cash is owned by the Ontario trio of Robert McIntosh Stables, Dave Boyle and Mardon Stables.

Trainer Beaver will harness **Stone In Love**, a Wishing Stone lass, in the third filly division (race 12). Owned in partnership by Beaver along with Jim Burnett and Tim Homan, Stone In Love won leg one in 1:59.2, before finishing second to stablemate Pure Chance in leg two. She then finished second to Only Take Cash in leg three on Aug. 6 at Northfield. Chris Page will steer the winner of \$50,850 lifetime from the two-hole.

Stablemate **Pure Chance**, a brown Triumphant Caviar lass, starts from post five for Aaron Merriman in this same race. Owned by her trainer and Steven Zehandelar, Pure Chance finished third in OSS leg one, then won leg two in 1:59.2, and was second in leg three to another Beaver trainee, Back Splash. Pure Chance has amassed \$38,328 thus far in her brief career from one win, a second and a third in four starts.

Among the colts, **Dylan The Great** stands out in the first OSS division (race one). This Ron Burke trainee, a gelded son of Break The Bank K, is the richest youngster in this division with \$56,400 in earnings from three wins and a second in five starts. After finishing second in OSS leg one, Dylan The Great was fourth in leg two, then posted a winning 1:58 clocking in a game effort at Northfield on Aug. 6. Chris Page guides this venerable gelding from post seven.

Burke will also bridle up **Wittyville** in the second OSS colt division (race five). This Manofmanymissions colt won leg three, drawing off by three lengths in 1:56.2 for Chris Page. He was third in leg two and sixth in leg one for owners Burke Racing, Knox Services and Weaver Brusceci. The winner of \$28,510 with a win and two thirds in four starts gets Page in the bike from post two.

The Ontario-based duo of trainer Jason McGinnis and driver Anthony MacDonald team up with the Manofmanymissions gelding **Yes** in this same event from the rail. A winner of \$44,075 from a win, two seconds and a third in four starts, Yes is owned by Thestable Yes Group of Guelph, Ontario. This bay gelding was second in leg three to Dylan The Great but won leg two in 1:59.2 at Scioto Downs on July 20 and was third in leg one to Homer Hall.

Cumberland Gap is also sure to be a factor in this same contest from post three with Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. doing the driving. This Wishing Stone colt won leg three in 1:57.4 at Northfield after having finished second in leg two. Owned by Chuck Stillings and trainer Renee Bauslaugh, Cumberland Gap has \$56,187 in career earnings from five wins and a second in seven starts.

The Mark Winters-trained **Lane Of Stone** leads the third OSS colt division (race seven) from post nine with Jeff Nisonger at the controls. This brown son of Wishing Stone won leg one in 1:59.3 at Northfield on July 2 and leg two at Scioto Downs on July 20 in 1:58.2 by a commanding nine lengths. He was second to Wittyville, timed in 1:57, in the third leg at Northfield on Aug. 6. This homebred is owned by Harry Horowitz of Brooklyn, NY and owns a bankroll of \$56,143 from five wins and a second in six starts.

After this fourth and final leg, the top nine point earners in each division will qualify for the \$275,000 Championship at Scioto Downs on Sept. 8. Here are the top nine colts after the first three legs of OSS competition: Lane Of Stone (128 points); Yes (90); Bosley (90); Oh So Pine (90); Dylan The Great (86); Peter Trottintail (83); Cumberland Gap (78); Homer Hall (73) and Never Say Uncle (66).

The following are the top nine fillies: Only Take Cash (128 points); Aunt Rose (115); Vivi D (103); Stone In Love (103); Pure Chance (90); Back Splash (73); Spirit Bell (70); Princessofpink (65) and See Me Sparkle (65).



Photo Cutline: Lane Of Stone strides out for driver Jeff Nisonger at Scioto Downs on July 20 in the second leg of Ohio Sires Stakes action, clocked in 1:58.2. *Photo by Brad Conrad*



Photo Cutline: Only Take Cash is victorious for driver Aaron Merriman in 1:57.1 in Ohio Sires Stakes, leg two at Scioto Downs on July 20. *Photo by Brad Conrad*