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Sizzling miles in Ohio Sires Stakes at Scioto

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The temperature wasn't the only thing sizzling on a scorching Tuesday afternoon (Aug. 28) at Scioto Downs as six \$40,000 Ohio Sires Stakes divisions were contested for 2-year-old diagonally-gaited specialists.

These tests were the final leg in the four-round series and the outcome of each determined which youngsters are eligible to enter the \$275,000 Championships at Scioto Downs on Sept. 8.

The trio of colt divisions featured 27 male trotters, with the Broadway Hall gelding **Homer Hall** capturing the first division in a career best 1:56.3 for driver Ryan Stahl. Conditioned by Steve Carter, Homer Hall won OSS leg one in 1:59.3, was third in leg two and fourth in leg three for Carter, Mossbarger and Gallagher. The youngster left the gate at odds of 5-2, besting 9-1 rival **Never Say Uncle** (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.) and 60-1 longshot **Bank Box Treasure** (Josh Sutton). Homer Hall upped his bankroll to \$73,506 and now has seven wins and a third in nine starts.

Anthony MacDonald steered 5-2 **Yes**, a gelded son of Manofmanymissions to victory in the second OSS colt division for trainer Jason McGinnis. Owned by The Stable Yes Group, Yes was clocked in a new life mark off 1:57, with 6-5 **Wittyville** (Chris Page) second and 5-2 **Cumberland Gap** (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.) third. Bred by Eddie Lohmeyer, Yes was third in OSS leg one to Homer Hall before winning leg two in 1:59.2, and was second in leg three. He has \$64,075 in his coffers from two wins, two second and one third in six starts.

Lane Of Stone, a brown son of Wishing Stone, captured the third OSS colt test in 1:59.1 for driver Jeff Nisonger. Trained by Mark Winters for owner/breeder Harry Horowitz, Lane Of Stone was the 2-1 choice, besting 5-2 **Cassius Lane** (Don Harmon), with 14-1 **Gallivant** (Aaron Merriman) notching show money. This homebred has \$76,143 earned for these connections from six wins and a second in seven starts. Lane Of Stone won OSS leg one in 1:59.3 and leg two in 1:58.2 by nine lengths, and finished second in leg three to Wittyville.

See Me Sparkle, a Broadway Hall filly, took the first distaff division handily in 1:57 as the 9-5 choice for driver Jim Pantaleano. Trained by J.L. Adams for M. A. Valentic, A. Bednarski and K. L. Adams, See

Me Sparkle won her OSS leg one in 2:00.3, was seventh in leg two and third in leg three to Only Take Cash. She's earned \$59,575 lifetime from three wins, one second and one third in six starts. Danny Noble steered 14-1 **Meadowbranch Vicki** to a second-place finish, while 8-5 **Spirit Bell** (Ryan Stahl) got up for third.

As expected, **Only Take Cash** notched her third win in this series by capturing the second filly division in a new Scioto Downs track record clocking of 1:56 for driver Aaron Merriman. This Cash Hall homebred lass, who is trained by Robert McIntosh for the Canadian trio of McIntosh Stables, Dave Boyle and Mardon Stables was second in leg one to Vivi D, then won leg two in 1:57.1 and leg three in 1:56.4. She turned the tables in this fourth leg on her rival, 6-1 second-place finisher **Vivi D** (Kyle Ater), with 70-1 longshot **DJ Miracle** (Crist Hershberger) grabbing show money. Only Take Cash is the richest freshman filly in these Ohio Sires Stakes, with \$102,690 in earnings from six wins and one second in seven starts.

Aunt Percilla stepped up in just her second start in this series to capture the third OSS filly division in 1:57.3. Danny Noble guided the Uncle Peter lass to her maiden victory as a 16-1 longshot for trainer Jim Eaton and owners Mystical Marker Farm and Robert Silberberg. **Pure Chance** was second at 7-5 for Aaron Merriman with **Stone In Love** third for Chris Page at 6-5. Aunt Percilla now has \$22,000 earned with the win, her first on-the-board finish in five pari-mutuel tries.

The top nine 2-year-old trotting colt point earners are as follows: Lane Of Stone (179); Yes (141); Homer Hall (124); Never Say Uncle (92); Bosley (91); Cumberland Gap (91); Wittyville (91); Oh So Pine (90); and Peter Trottintail (89).

The top nine 2-year-old trotting filly point earners are: Only Take Cash (179); Vivi D (129); Aunt Rose (121); See Me Sparkle (116); Stone In Love (116); Pure Chance (116); Spirit Bell (83); Back Splash (81); and Princessofpink (66).

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Photo Cutline: McIntosh Stables, Dave Boyle and Mardon Stables' Only Take Cash and driver Aaron Merriman set a new Scioto Downs track record for 2-year-old trotting fillies of 1:56 in her Ohio Sires Stakes division on a steamy Tuesday afternoon, August 28. **Photo by Ben Holton of Conrad Photography**



Photo Cutline: Jeff Nisonger steers Lane Of Stone to victory in 1:59.1 in his Ohio Sires Stakes division on 28 at Scioto Downs for trainer Mark Winters and owner/breeder Harry Horowitz.
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