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Ohio Sires Stakes highlight Northfield Park programs

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Back-to-back nights of Ohio Sires Stakes action is slated to commence on July 16 & 17 at Northfield Park. Leg two of the four-round series continues for Ohio-bred 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings (July 16) and 2-year-old pacing fillies (July 17) at the Cleveland half-miler.

All the freshman Leg 1 winners of this series are returning to wage war among their laterally-gaited constituents. A total of 34 pacing colts and geldings will line up behind the Northfield Park gate in four divisions on Monday night, July 16, while 25 fillies will battle in three divisions on Tuesday night, July 17. Post time each evening is 6 pm, ET.

Of the male youngsters, eight are sired by Pet Rock, with five each by Dragon Again and Western Vintage. McArdle has sire four of the competitors; Big Bad John three; and Yankee Cruiser, two. The stallions Believeinbruiser, Cheyenne Rei, Mister Big, Nob Hill High, Pine Valley, Rockin Amadeus and We Will See are represented by one foal each among the colts and geldings.

The stallions McArdle and Dragon Again each sired four of the filly combatants; Big Bad John and Pet Rock sired three each, and The Panderosa and Yankee Cruiser sired two distaffs each. Allamerican Native, Art Official, Beachtree, Feelin Friskie, Rockin Amadeus, Western Vintage and Woodstock are represented by one foal each in the filly divisions.

The pacing colts went postward in OSS Leg one at Scioto Downs on July 4. Returning to try for his second career victory in as many tries is the Kim Dailey-trained **Rose Run Ulysses**, a chestnut altered son by Western Vintage, who won his first OSS leg in 1:52.2 for Danny Noble. Owned by Dailey in partnership with Carl & Melanie Atley, Rose Run Ulysses was bred by the Rose Run Farm and will start from post six in the first division (Race 5) with Noble in the bike.

Authentic Hanover won his first OSS leg in 1:53.3 with Tyler Smith driving for trainer Dustin Arledge, who owns the bay Western Vintage colt with Hutchinson Hms and MJ Thompson. Bred by Hanover Shoe Farms, Authentic Hanover starts from post four in the second OSS division (Race 7).

High On Paydaze won OSS Leg one in 1:53.1 with Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., at the lines for trainer Brian Brown, and that same combination will go postward from post two in the third OSS division (Race 9). This bay colt by Nob Hill High is owned by breeder Scott Hagemeyer, R. A. Mondillo and D. E. Robinson.

Gold Digger King will try to best High On Paydaze in this same event (Race 9), leaving from post six with Kayne Kauffman in the sulky. This altered Pet Rock youngster is trained by Scott Mogan for breeder-owner Linda Van Camp and won his OSS Leg one in a snappy 1:52.4 with Kauffman piloting.

See You In Tuscany hails from the powerful Canadian team of trainer Jason McGinnis and driver Anthony MacDonald, who won their first OSS leg in 1:53. This bay colt by We Will See was bred by Mark Maroletti and is owned by Thestable Tuscany Group. He'll start from the rail in the fourth and final OSS division for freshman pacing colts (Race 11).

In the distaff division, each of the OSS Leg one winners plied their wares on July 6 at Scioto Downs.

Queen Of The Pride hopes to make another trip to the winner's circle from post one in the second OSS division (Race 6) on Tuesday night (July 17). Trained by Kevin Lare for owner Frank Chick, this bay McArdle lass—who was bred by Ohioan Brad Wallace—posted a 1:54 clocking with Tony Hall at the lines that steamy evening at Scioto Downs.

Carmen Ohio won her Leg one division in 1:55.2 for driver Ryan Stahl and trainer Brian Brown. This daughter by The Panderosa is owned by breeder M. Leeman, along with partners S. Manning, B. Meizlish and W. Calvert. She's just outside of Queen Of The Pride, starting from post three in the second division (Race 6) with Stahl at the lines.

Lofty Beach posted a 1:55 clocking in Leg one for driver Aaron Merriman, who returns to drive the black daughter of Bechtrea from post position four in the third OSS division (Race 9). Scott McEney conditions Lofty Beach—who was bred by Spring Haven Farm—for Canadian owner Bradley Grant.

Twinsburg, a winner of her Leg one division in 1:54.4, will have to try to best Lofty Beach from post seven in this same third division (Race 9). The Canadian duo of trainer Jason McGinnis and driver Anthony McDonald will look to visit the winner's circle a second time with this bay daughter of McArdle, who was bred by Steve Stewart and is owned by Brock O'Brien.

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Photos of High On Paydaze & Twinsburg by Brad Conrad