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Filly Favorites prevail in Ohio Sires Stakes

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Uncle Peter's Love trotted easily to win the first of a trio of \$40,000 Ohio Sires Stakes for 2-year-old trotting fillies on a comfortably mild evening, Aug. 21, at Scioto Downs.

The bay daughter by Uncle Peter notched her third straight victory in the four-leg OSS series, upping her career earnings to \$65,144. Trained and owned by Erv Miller of Wind Gap, PA, Uncle Peter's Love tripped the timer in 1:56.2, just one second off the track record for her age, gender and gait.

Sent off at 4-1 odds with Brett Miller at the lines, Uncle Peter's Love held off the fast-closing 2-1 favorite **Miss Stunner** (Chris Page) by half a length, with 9-2 **Delovely Hall** rated perfectly by Aaron Merriman to nail down show honors.

The venerable Uncle Peter's Love had won her previous OSS contests in 1:59.2 (on July 18 at Scioto Downs) and in 1:58.1 (on Aug. 14 at Northfield Park). She is the fourth foal out of the unraced Muscles Yankee mare Love Me Two Times and is a full sister to Mystical Peter 3, 1:58.1s (\$29,635) and a half-sister to Chapter Review 3, 1:54.4s (\$34,537) and Fast Love 3, 1:58h (\$26,928)—both sired by Chapter Seven.

The second OSS division went to **Guinevere Hall**, who proved much the best, splitting rivals in the final yards in 1:56.3.

The Melanie Wrenn-trainee was third in OSS Leg One and captured Leg Two in 1:59 for the Florida-based partnership of MT Pockets Stable and Dave McDuffee. Both of Guinevere Hall's career triumphs have come in OSS competition in six of her lifetime starts. Bred by Alan Leavitt, she now has 470,256 in her career bankroll.

Peter Wrenn steered the dainty filly from the gate as the 8-5 choice, besting 9-5 **Kikimora**

(Aaron Merriman) by a neck, with 7-1 third place finisher **Bange Bi** (Tyler Smith) three-quarters of a length back.

The Cash Hall lass is the seventh foal out of the unraced Lindy Lane mare Garbo Hall, making her a half-sister to Godspell Hall (by Conway Hall) 3, 1:55.4 (\$33,700).

Last, but definitely not least, **Globetrotting**, the 3-5 favorite, trotted her socks off in an impressive wire-to-wire performance that saw her score in 1:56.2 handily for driver Anthony MacDonald, trainer Jason McGinnis and owners Thestable Globetrotting of Guelph, ON, Canada.

The Manofmanymissions filly, who was bred by Steiner Stock Farm of Ohio, now has four wins and one second in six starts, with career earnings of \$76,582 for her connections. She finished nearly seven lengths in front of dead-heat runner-up rivals **Lights Down Low** (Tyler Smith, 6-1) and **Jogging Ms Lucy** (Kurt Sugg, 13-1). Driver Brett Miller brought 13-1 **Kandy Sweet** up for fourth.

Globetrotting had captured OSS Leg One at Northfield on July 3 in 1:57.3 before finishing second on July 18 at Scioto Downs to Uncle Peter's Love. Globetrotting is the fifth foal out of the Andover Hall mare Celebrity Deville 3, 1:54.3S (\$338,744) and is a half-sister to: Lima Cadillac (by Yankee Glide) 3, Q1:54.4f (\$93,210); Lima Charisma (by Muscle Hill) 3, 1:55.1f (\$75,960); Iwantmytwodollars (by Muscle Hill) 4, 1:57.1h (\$47,456); and Cruella DeVille (by Yankee Glide) 3, 1:57.3 (\$31,126).

The top eight point earners in this division will now advance to the \$300,000 Championship on Sept. 1 at Northfield Park. They are as follows: Uncle Peter's Love (154 points); Compass Rose DC (137 points); Globetrotting (137 points); Guinevere Hall (115 points); Lima Gold (104 points); Kikimora (104 points); Spend That Money (89 points); and Miss Stunner (78 points).

Ohio Sires Stakes action continues Thursday night (Aug. 22) at Scioto Downs with two \$50,000 divisions for 2-year-old pacing fillies; Friday night (Aug. 23) at Scioto Downs with two \$50,000 divisions for 3-year-old pacing colts; and Saturday (Aug. 24) with three \$40,000 divisions for 2-year-old pacing colts.