



Ohio State Racing Commission

77 South High Street • 18th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6108
(614) 466-2757 FAX (614) 466-1900
www.racingohio.net

Mike DeWine
Governor

Scott Borgemenke
Chairman



Sophmores Sizzle in Ohio Sires Stakes

June 29, 2019

by Kimberly Rinker, Ohio Standardbred Development Administrator

A pair of \$50,000 Ohio Sires Stakes began the Cleveland Trotting Classic evening at Northfield Park on Saturday night, June 29, with sizzling performances put forth by a pair of notable Buckeye-bred sophomore side-wheelers. This was the second round of the four-leg series.

In the first OSS division, 9-2 **Cross Country** and driver Luke Ebersole stole the show with a 1:50.4 lifetime best clocking for owners Luke C. & Logan C. Ebersole of Chesterville, OH and Cody Sipe of Mt. Gilead, OH. **Shamma Lamma**, the 4-5 choice, survived a stewards inquiry to nab place honors with Peter Wrenn in the sulky, 1¼ lengths behind the winner, while 3-1 **Ohio Vintage** (Aaron Merriman) got up for third.

“He’s been a good horse all along,” related Ebersole in the Northfield winner’s circle. “I knew once I landed in the two-hole that he was going to be tough to beat tonight.”

The victory was Cross Country’s fifth of his career in 12 starts and upped the homebred son of Palone Ranger’s earnings to \$60,246.

In the second OSS division Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., steered 1-9 **Rock Candy** to a front-stepping, 1:50.4 triumph for the Ohio-based partnership of Country Club Acres, Joe Sbrocco and Richard Lombardo. The son of Pet Rock—who was bred by mark Moger and Albert Delia, Jr.—easily took command of the one mile test and never looked back, finishing 2¾ lengths ahead of 19-1 longshot **Black Smile** (Brett Miller), while 6-1 **Yankee Boots** (Aaron Merriman) nailed down show honors.

The win was Rock Candy’s sixth in a row for trainer Brian Brown and upped the gelding’s career bankroll to a hefty \$305,626. He now has nine wins and six seconds in 15 lifetime starts.

This e-mail, including any attachments, may contain information that is confidential, and is transmitted for the sole use of the intended recipient. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, dissemination, copying or retention of this e-mail or the information contained herein is strictly prohibited. If you have received this e-mail in error, please immediately notify the sender by telephone or reply e-mail, and permanently delete this e-mail from your computer system. The views presented in this message are solely those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the opinion of The Ohio State Racing Commission, and do not guarantee the integrity, security or proper receipt of this message. Likewise, the Ohio State Racing Commission does not accept any liability whatsoever for any possible damages arising from, or in connection with, data interception, software viruses or manipulation by third parties.