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Brown Stable sweeps Ohio Sires Stakes at Northfield

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Trainer Brian Brown was all smiles Saturday night in the Northfield Park winner's circle and with good reason.

The 2017 Dan Patch Trainer of the Year did nothing less than harness every winner of the night's three \$40,000 Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old pacing fillies. It was the second round of action in the four-leg series.

"It's definitely a good night," Brown admitted. "It seems that lately we were winning all the smaller races and missing in the big ones, so it's definitely a good feeling to have a night like this."

Brown's dominance began with the first OSS division, when **Prsntpretyperfect** (5-2) battled on the outside of undefeated stablemate **Queen Me Again** (5-2) to prevail in the final yards by a quarter length in a career best 1:52.4. **Sweetnfamous** (6-1) was third for Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

The daughter of Big Bad John took the overland route to notch her seventh career win in nine starts for owners Jenny Brown, Richard Lombardo and Marlene Taylor.

"She went a really big trip tonight and Brian (trainer Brown) told me he had a lot of confidence in her after her strong qualifier," said winning driver Jordan Stratton.

Bred by Carl Howard, Prsntpretyperfect upped her career earnings to \$145,166.

In the second OSS division, 9-2 **Smiley Dragon** exploded down the backstretch, making a three-wide move for driver Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., that saw her draw off impressively in 1:52.4, by 3½ lengths.

Even-money favorite **Bad Girls Rule** (Dan Noble) was second, with 9-5 **Pet Walker** (Aaron Merriman) nabbing show honors.

Smiley Dragon, a Dragon Again filly, was bred and is owned by Emerald Highland's Farm. Unraced at two, she notched her first win in four tries with the OSS triumph and now has \$26,780 in her lifetime bank account.

McPansy, a McArdle daughter, gave Brown his third victress in the final OSS division, stopping the timer in 1:52.3 for the one mile test. The 9-5 favorite was out from the half to the wire for driver Chris Page en route to her third win in four starts. Bred and owned by Emerald Highland's Farm, McPansy pushed her career earnings to \$44,500.

Believe In Waco, at 7-5, was second for Aaron Merriman, 1¼ lengths behind the winner, while 24-1 longshot **Princess Rougarou** was third with Ryan Stahl aboard.

Second leg action of the Ohio Sires Stakes continue for 3-year-olds on June 9 at Scioto Downs and June 11 at Northfield Park

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Photo of Prsntpretyperfect by Jeff Zamaiko