Ohio Sires Stakes at Northfield Park Saturday
Second Round Action for Sophomore Fillies

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Five Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) divisions for sophomore fillies will go postward Saturday night, June 27 at Northfield Park, with a first race post time of 6 pm, ET. This is the second leg of the four leg series.

Two $50,000 divisions for 3-year-old pacing fillies have been carded as races seven and 11, while a trio of $40,000 contests for 3-year-old trotting fillies are set as races one, three and five on the program.

Returning to battle in the pacing divisions are leg one winners PJ’s Legacy (Race 7, Post 4) and McMarkle Sparkle (Race 11, Post 4). PJ’s Legacy, a daughter of Big Bad John-Walstan’s Legacy-Jenna’s Beach Boy, captured her first OSS contest handily in a wire-to-wire effort in 1:52 for driver Ryan Stahl. Owned by Brown, Hutchison, Ridder and Kantrowitz, PJ’s Legacy is conditioned by Brian Brown and has $153,170 in career earnings. She was bred by Walter Fister of Lexington, KY.

Laura and Paul Baker’s McMarkle Sparkle captured her OSS division in a blistering 1:50.1 for driver Brett Miller and trainer Jim Arledge, Jr. The homebred brown filly by McArdle-It’s Ladies Nite-Towners Big Guy used come-from-behind tactics to score her first triumph of the season by nearly five lengths. McMarkle Sparkle owns a bankroll of $138,826 lifetime.

From the 12 pacing fillies entered in these OSS divisions, four were sired by Ohio-based stallion Pet Rock, with two each sired by Big Bad John and Yankee Cruiser. The following stallions were represented by one foal each in these events: Dragon Again, Major Stone, McArdle and Western Vintage.
In the three trotting divisions, which feature fields of seven diagonally-gaited specialists each, OSS leg one winners—**Globetrotting, Guinevere Hall** and **Kikimora**—have all returned.

Globetrotting took her round one division in 1:55.1 for trainer Jason McGinnis and Thestable Globetrotting of Guelph, ON. Bred by Steiner Stock Farms, the daughter by Manofmanymissions-Celebrity Deville-Andover Hall has procured career earnings of $171,582 thus far. She’ll leave from post six in race three.

Kikimora, a daughter by Triumphant Caviar-Nessa Rose-Chip Hooray, battles in this same division from post three. Trained by co-owner Chris Beaver for breeder and co-owner Sandra Burnett of Wilmington, Ohio, Kikimora captured her first OSS leg in a career best 1:54.1 with Aaron Merriman at the lines. The winner of $231,516 lifetime has four wins, three seconds and a third from 11 career starts.

Guinevere Hall, a winner of $154,181 lifetime, heads up the first OSS division (Race 1) from post three for driver Peter Wrenn and trainer Melanie Wrenn. The daughter of Cash Hall-Garbo Hall-Lindy Lane won her first OSS leg with a front-stepping 1:55 performance. Bred by Alan J. Leavitt of Kentucky, Guinevere Hall will be trying for her second consecutive triumph in as many starts this season.

Among the 21 trotting fillies set to battle in these OSS events, Uncle Peter has sired seven of them, with three sired by Manofmanymissions and two each sired by Break The Bank K, Cash Hall, Team Six and Triumphant Caviar. Those stallions represented by one foal each include Coraggioso, Dejarmbro and My MVP.

Leg three of the Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old pacing fillies is scheduled for July 4 at Scioto Downs, while 3-year-old trotting fillies will go postward in OSS leg three on July 10 at Northfield Park.