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Fillies vie in Ohio Sires Stakes

Two \$50,000 contests complement Battle of Lake Erie Program

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by Kimberly Rinker, Ohio Standardbred Development Administrator

Fourteen 3-year-old trotting fillies are slated to line up behind the Northfield Park starting gate on Saturday evening, June 8 in a pair of \$50,000 Ohio Sires Stakes. First race post time is 6 pm, ET, with the OSS events carded as races two and seven on the 16-race program that also features the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie Free For All Invitational Pace.

Only Take Cash, last year's 2-year-old Ohio Sires Stakes champion heads up this group of diagonally-gaited distaffs. The daughter of Cash Hall notched a 1:57 triumph in the \$275,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship at Scioto Downs by 5½ lengths for trainer Robert McIntosh and co-owners Dave Boyle and Mardon Stables, all of Ontario, Canada.

A winner of \$303,140 lifetime from nine wins in 11 starts, Only Take Cash also captured the \$63,900 Ohio Breeders Championship at Delaware as a freshman before calling it quits for the season. Her 2019 debut came in the \$50,000 Scarlet & Gray at Miami Valley on April 26, which she won easily in 1:54.3 as the public's choice.

The homebred next finished third, beaten just three-quarters of length in Leg One of OSS competition at Miami Valley on May 3 in rein to regular driver Aaron Merriman, bested by rivals **Bella's Rose Power** and **Stone In Love** in a blanket finish. Since then, she scored a 1:55.2 winning qualifier at Woodbine on May 31 easily in wire-to-wire fashion and appears well-placed to make amends.

Only Take Cash is the fifth foal out of the Garland Lobell mare Armbro Affair 4, 1:53.4s (\$430,997), with half-siblings in Tough Affair (by Muscle Mass) 4, 1:59.2f (\$69,968); A Fair Conchnito (by In Conchnito) 4, 1:58.2 (\$33,866). Merriman is in the sulky from post six in the second OSS division (Race Seven).

The aforementioned Bella's Rose Power and Stone In Love are two of six in these two OSS contests trained by Chris Beaver, and both face off against Only Take Cash in this same division, along with stablemate **Aunt Rose**.

Bella's Rose Power has come into her own this season, already scoring three wins and one second in five trips postward for owners Chris Beaver, Jim Gallagher, Marion Beachy and Steven Zeehandelar, all Ohio-based owners. She won OSS Leg One at Miami Valley in 1:54.4, staving off a late brush by stablemate Stone In Love before taking a Scioto Downs overnight on May 27 in 1:55.4 in a come-from-behind effort.

The daughter by Triumphant Caviar now has \$135,635 in her career coffers, with \$55,500 of those monies earned this season. Bred by Marion Beachy, Bella's Rose Power is the second foal out of the unraced Angus Hall mare Rose Power and is a half-sister to Chasing The Storm (by Stormin Normand) 2, 2:02.1h (\$15,539). Kayne Kauffman is back in the bike from the rail.

Aunt Rose is an Uncle Peter lass owned by Ohio-based partnership of Chris Beaver, Mike Carter, Joe Sbrocco and Steven Zeehandelar. She won her OSS division at Miami Valley on May 3 handily in 1:54 with Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. at the lines and most recently scored a 1:56 triumph in a Scioto Downs overnight on May 31. Bred by Spring Haven Farm and Doug Millard, Aunt Rose has career earnings of \$97,288 and a seasonal bankroll of \$42,250.

Aunt Rose is the eighth foal out of the Yankee Glide mare Lightning Flower 3, 1:56.2M (\$5,725) with half-siblings in: Lightning Storm (by Donator Hanover) 4, 1:53.2 (\$344,145); Wildflower (by Muscle Hill) 3, 1:55 (\$267,487); Lightning Force (by Muscle Hill) 3, 1:53 (\$169,906); and Flower Hour (by Dejarmbro) 3, 1:57.1f (\$38,602), etc. Aunt Rose gets the services of Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., again, this time from post four.

The third Beaver-trained entrant in this OSS division, Stone In Love is a daughter by the exported Wishing Stone, who also won her last start at Scioto Downs on May 31, in an exciting nose decision, timed in 1:57. Owned by Chris Beaver, Jim Burnett and Tim Homan, Stone In Love has amassed \$107,065 in her career from three wins, five seconds and four thirds from 15 starts, with \$27,700 in seasonal earnings.

Stone In Love is the third foal out of the Cantab Hall mare Upfront Bye Bye 3, 1:56.3f (\$77,820) and is a half-sister to the Big Rigs-sired mares Chelsea's A Winner 4, 1:54.2f (\$144,787) and Party Upfront 3, 2:00.4h (\$35,886). Trace Tetrick is scheduled to take the lines from post five.

In the other \$50,000 OSS division (Race Two) Beaver bridles up **Weslynn Quest** from the rail slot for driver Aaron Merriman. This Manofmanymissions lass was unraced at two for Heather Vansickle of Southhampton, Bermuda and will be trying for her third career win—having scored a pair of overnight triumphs at Scioto Downs on May 15 and 29—the latter clocked in 1:55.3. From just six career starts she has two wins, one second and one third with \$19,750 earned.

Weslynn Quest is the second foal out of the Windsong's Legacy mare Weslynn Legacy 4, 1:56.4s (\$105,006) and is a half-sister to Weslynn Dancer (by Deweycheatumnhowe) 4, 1:54.1f (\$320,916).

Beaver's other two entrants in this same OSS division include \$109,746 winner **Pure Chance** (post six, Jason Thompson) and **Black Splash** (post seven, Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.).

From the 14 trotting fillies entered into these two OSS events, five have been sired by Triumphant Caviar, with three by Uncle Peter, two by Wishing Stone and one each sired by Cash Hall, Full Count, Manofmanymissions and Southwind Spirit.

Ohio Sires Stakes, Leg Two action continues June 14 at Scioto Downs for 3-year-old pacing fillies (Leg Two) and June 15 at Northfield Park for 3-year-old trotting colts.



Aunt Rose will be trying to notch her second straight Ohio Sires Stakes victory in Leg 2 for 3-year-old trotting fillies on Saturday night, June 8 at Northfield Park. **Photo by Brad Conrad**

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