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Jam-packed Ohio Sires Stakes weekend

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Twelve divisions of Ohio Sires Stakes will be contested this weekend in the Buckeye State, with two \$50,000 events for 3-year-old trotting fillies on Friday night (July 10) at Northfield Park. As well, four \$40,000 OSS contests each for 2-year-old pacing colts and 2-year-old pacing fillies and two \$50,000 divisions of 3-year-old trotting colts vie at Scioto Downs on Saturday (July 11).

Sixteen trotting fillies will line up behind the Northfield Park starting gate in third-leg OSS action in races Two and Four on Friday. Guinevere Hall, the current OSS leader in her division, has won both of the previous legs handily with Peter Wrenn driving for trainer Melanie Wrenn. The daughter of Cash Hall is owned by the M T Pockets Stable and Dave McDuffey and has \$174,181 in career earnings.



Kikimora & driver Aaron Merriman

Kikimora heads up the second OSS division for trainer and co-owner Chris Beaver and breeder/co-owner Sandra Burnett. The daughter of Triumphant Caviar has also won both of her previous OSS battles and sports a bankroll of \$251,516 lifetime. The only concern here is the outside post but driver Aaron Merriman knows this talented filly well.

On Saturday, 11 sophomore trotting colts battle in leg three action in races Four and Ten at Scioto Downs. Returning OSS winners include Yanks Dugout from post five in the first division for driver Kurt Sugg and owners Duke & Ivan Sugg, while the Virgil Morgan, Jr.-trained Action Uncle and Ronnie Burke-conditioned Wading Boots spar in the second division.



Yanks Dugout

A total of 34 freshman pacing colts make their debut in OSS contests in races One, Six, 11 and 13. Ohio-registered stallions represented by progeny in these events include eight by Pet Rock; four by Racing Hill; and three each by McArdle, Well Said and Yankee Cruiser. The stallions Art Official and The Panderosa each have two foals competing, while Art Official, Cheyenne Rei, Domethatagain, Manhardt, Mr Apples, Rockin Amadeus, Western Terror, Western Vintage and Woodstock are all represented by one foal each.

Likewise, 35 pacing fillies battle in their first OSS tests in races Three, Eight, 12 and 14. Ohio-based stallions represented by these female sidewinders include six each by Racing Hill and Well Said; four each by McArdle and Pet Rock; and three by Yankee Cruiser. The stallions Domethatagain and Nob Hill High both have two foals racing, while Arthur Blue Chip, Big Bad John, Manhardt, The Panderosa, Western Terror, Western Vintage and We Will See are all represented by one foal each.