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3-Year-Old Colts Smoke in Ohio Sires Stakes

Sophomores on fire at Northfield Park

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by Kimberly Rinker, Ohio Standardbred Development Administrator

Yanks Dugout took a front-end journey to capture the first of two \$50,000 Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) for 3-year-old trotting sires on Saturday evening, June 13 at Northfield Park. Driven by Kurt Sugg, the dark brown gelded son of Triumphant Caviar was much the best as the 6-5 choice and recorded a new life mark of 1:54.1 with his seventh career victories in as many tries this year.

Trained by Edward Miller, Yanks Dugout upped his career earnings to \$46,333 for owners Ivan & Duke Sugg of Dreshler, Ohio, who also bred the gelding. **Wading Boots** (Chris Page) was second best at 7-5, one and a quarter lengths behind the winner, with 5-1 **Expect The Sweep** third for Aaron Merriman.



Yanks Dougout & Kurt Sugg

Yanks Dougout is the fourth foal out of the prolific Muscles Yankee mare Yansky 3, 1:57f (\$122,127) and has half-siblings in Yanks Ball Girl (by Majestic Son) 4, 1:57f (\$60,722); Fashion Can Do It (by Cantab Hall) 3, 1:58.1f (\$30,030); and Yanks DJ (by Dejarmbro) 2,Q2:04.3f (\$5,509).

In the second \$50,000 OSS division for trotters **Action Uncle** set a new Northfield Park track record for 3-year-old trotters of 1:53.2 with a perfect steer from driver Brett Miller. Trained by Virgil Morgan, Jr., the son of Uncle Peter left the gate at 1-2 odds and upped his career earnings to \$256,075 for owners Carl Howard, Joyce McClelland and Larry Wills. Action Uncle finished well ahead of second-place finisher 9-5 **It's Academic** (Chris Page) with **Buxton** (Danny Noble) putting in a game performance to be third. Bred by Kenneth Sommer, Action Uncle is the first foal out of the Broadway Hall mare Action-Broadway 4, 1:52.3 (\$1,102,073).



Action Uncle & Brett Miller

Haggard got up in the final strides for driver Ryan Stahl and trainer Scott Cox to capture the first \$50,000 OSS test for 3-year-old pacers in a new career clocking of 1:53. The large black gelding by Big Bad John was bred by Spring Haven Farm and is owned by Parent Racing Stable of Whitehouse, OH. Haggard, who finished half a length in front of 2-1 **Mr Wiggle It** (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.), left the gate at 5-1 odds, while 16-1 **longshot Epic Ace** (Danny Noble) got up for third.



Haggard & Ryan Stahl

Haggard now has \$36,475 in his coffers from four wins in six career starts. He is the eighth foal out of the unraced Dragon Again mare Tura Hanover and is a full brother to Angry Shelby p, 3, 1:54.1f (\$62,530) and a half-brother to: Town Temptress (by Artiscape) p, 5, 1:51.3 (\$305,008); All Turain (by Tell All) p, 4, 1:52.2h (\$127,138); and Tural Lural Lural (by The Panderosa) p,4, 1:53.1f (\$124,259), etc.

Sandra Burnett's homebred bay gelding **Ocean Rock** demolished his competition in 1:50.2 in the second \$50,000 OSS contest for sophomore sidewinders. Driven by Danny Noble for trainer Christi Noble, the son of Rockin Amadeus cruised to victory after leading at every pole as the 1-2 choice. **Standford Court** (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.) was second at 7-2 with 4-1 **Can Be Perfect** (Tyler Smith) getting up for third. Ocean Rock now sports a bankroll of \$187,377 lifetime. He is the first foal out of the On The Attack mare Ocean Pearl p,5,1:53.2f (\$143,637).



Ocean Rock & Danny Noble

Three-year-old colts return to battle in OSS Leg 2 on June 26 at Scioto Downs.

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