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Battle Royale in Ohio Sires Stakes last leg

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A battle royale between **Stanford Court** and **Elver Hanover** erupted in the \$60,000 fourth leg of the Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old pacing colts on Saturday night, Aug. 22 at Northfield Park.

In a dramatic photo finish, it was determined that Elver Hanover (Chris Page), the 5-2 choice, bested 1-5 favorite Stanford Court (Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.) by a whisker at the wire in a seasonal mark of 1:49.4.



Elver Hanover

Trained by Ronnie Burke for Burke Racing, B. Jablonsky, J. Milillo and J&T Silva-Purnel&Libby, Elver Hanover had also captured OSS Leg Two in 1:51. The gelded son of Yankee Cruiser now has \$455,200 in his career coffers from 11 wins in 15 starts. He recorded a top mark of 1:48.3 last season as a 2-year-old at Lexington's Red Mile.

Can B Perfect was third at 13-1 for driver Tyler Smith, with 30-1 **Worthabuck** (Ryan Stahl) fourth and 70-1 **Rock Smart** (Greg Grismore) fifth.

The top nine point earners from each of the 2- and 3-year-old divisions are now eligible to compete in the \$300,000 Championships on Super Night, Saturday, Sept. 5 at Scioto Downs.