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# Sophomore Colts & Geldings Battle in Ohio Sires Stakes

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**Lightning Onmyfeet** was just that on Tuesday afternoon at Miami Valley Raceway, as he scored the fastest of seven \$40,000 Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old colts and geldings, pacing to victory in 1:53.1 for driver Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

The McArdle colt is conditioned by Brian Brown for owners Erv Miller Stable, D. Robinson, J&T Silva Stables and Stable 45 and was bred by Iowa's John Carver.

"This colt sustained an injury as a 2-year-old," said Brown. "But he's got a world of talent and just continues to get stronger with each start."

Lightning Onmyfeet, a compact dark bay with a huge stride, upped his career earnings to \$29,450 for his connections in his third lifetime victory from five starts. Parked out briefly to the :56.2 half, Lightning Onmyfeet then drew off from his rivals before sweeping under the wire a length and a half in front of **McLucky** (Aaron Merriman), while **Big Bad Bruce** (Chris Page) was 7¼ lengths back in third.

Brown also harnessed Hackett winner **McRaven**, another son of McArdle, to win the first OSS pacing division in 1:54.2 with Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. driving. Owned by Country Club Acres and L&H Management Services of Findlay, OH, it was the second straight victory for McRaven and the fourth of his career in five starts.

Bred by the Parent Racing Stable, McRaven pushed his lifetime earnings to \$81,500 as he defeated stablemate **White Jet** (Chris Page) by half a length, and third-place finisher **Pace Car** (Wilder) by three-quarters of a length with his wire-to-wire score.

Trainer Chris Beaver had a pair of OSS winners as well; the trotting colt **Fraser Ridge** and the pacing gelding **Heracer**. Fraser Ridge, a son of Triumphant Caviar, won the first OSS test for trotters with a gutsy whisker victory over **Goldfinger** (Ryan Stahl) in 1:56.2. Bred by Steve Stewart and owned by the Ohio trio of D. Robinson, R. Mondillo, Beaver and RBH Ventures of New York, NY, the leggy sophomore now has career earnings of \$138,031 after winning his 2017 debut with Aaron Merriman in the sulky.

Merriman then steered the winning Art Official gelding Heracer to capture the fourth \$40,000 OSS division for pacers in 1:54.1. Owned by Beaver, Synerco Ventures, Ontario; J. S. Burnett, OH; and T. S. Homan, OH, Heracer held off **McThriller** (Chris Page) in the stretch, prevailing by a head at the wire, with longshot **Sunny's Bro** (Greg Grismore) getting up for third. Bred by Michael Parisi, Heracer now has \$46,589 in career earnings.

The Wollam family and driver Mike Wilder dominated the second and third OSS trotting divisions, with Miles Wollam conditioning **Full Surge** to win in 1:57.1 and Marty Wollam harnessing **Lord Of The Reigns** to his first career triumph in 1:57.3.

Full Surge is a bay son of Full Count, making his ninth lifetime start for the Ohio quartet of trainer Wollam, AN Fusco, RR Wollam, and RR Roll. A mild 13-1 longshot, Full Surge won by a neck over **Dekeyser** (Aaron Merriman) with **Stormy Kromer** (Peter Wrenn) nearly four lengths back in third. Bred by Mahlon Miller, Full Surge upped his career bankroll to \$63,501.

Lord Of The Reigns, a 23-1 longshot, used a :30.4 late stretch brush to nab **Jailhouse Sam** (Sandy Beatty) at the wire. It was the homebred trotter's first career victory in his seasonal debut for Ohio-based owners James Beluscake and Bob Carson. The son of Dejarmbro—Mariko Hanover—Cantab Hall now has \$41,716 in his career coffers.

Mark Ford's **Drunk On Your Love** paced to a sobering 1:54 in the third OSS division for driver Danny Noble and trainer Jim Pollock, Jr. The Foreclosure N gelding—who was bred by the Bauder family of Ohio—picked up his fifth career win in eight starts and added the winner's share of \$20,000 to his bankroll of \$76,250. The speedy bay gelding made a three-wide move down the backside to draw off impressively from his nine rivals, with **Gotta Go B B** (Josh Sutton) finishing second, 4½ lengths back, while **Mr McDreamy** was nearly eight lengths back in third.

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**Photo Cutline:** Lightning Onmyfeet strides to victory for driver Ronnie Wrenn, Jr. in one of four \$40,000 Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old pacing colts and geldings on Tuesday afternoon (May 2) at Miami Valley Raceway *Photo by Brad Conrad*

**Photo Cutline:** Full Surge and driver Mike Wilder capture one of three \$40,000 Ohio Sires Stakes for 3-year-old trotting colts and geldings on Tuesday afternoon (May 2) at Miami Valley Raceway *Photo by Brad Conrad*