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Consolations wrap up Ohio Sires Stakes Season

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The Ohio Sires Stakes Consolations for 2- and 3-year-old trotters and pacers of both genders will be contested this Saturday evening, Oct. 13, at Northfield Park. First race post time is 6 pm, ET.

The day features a full realm of Buckeye State racing, with Thoroughbreds spotlighted at nearby Jack Thistledown, as they break from the Cleveland gait in five \$150,000 stakes for Ohio-bred runners.

Freshmen and sophomore Standardbreds not eligible to the \$275,000 OSS Championships on Sept. 7 at Scioto Downs, have a chance to redeem themselves via these eight \$60,000 OSS Consolations. These youngsters may have captured an OSS leg during the past season but failed to garner enough points to enter the rich Championships. Thus, by virtue of their points earned, the remaining top eight horses will now vie in the final OSS contests of the 2018 season.

Bella's Rose Power is one such filly. This Chris Beaver trainee garnered checks in three of her four OSS legs for owners Beaur, Gallagher, Beachy and Zeehandelar. The Triumphant Caviar lass comes into the 2-year-old filly trot (Race 1) with \$50,135 in her coffers and a mark of 1:58 taken in an overnight score at Scioto Downs on Sept. 5.

TC's Best and **Ilooklikeanallstar** both won an OSS leg early in the season. These two are the standouts in the 2-year-old colt trot (Race 3). TC's Best won his first leg for trainer and co-owner Chris Beaver, but was less successful the remainder of the season, earning \$29,043. Ilooklikeanallstar, won his OSS second leg in 1:58.1 at Scioto in his only check-earning effort of the series for trainer Kim Dailey and owner Virginia Powell. This son of Ilooklikemymom has earnings of \$34,286 from two wins in nine starts.

Dragonfly, a Dragon Again filly, was fourth and fifth in the first two OSS legs in her division, then didn't start in the last two legs. Trained by Chris McGuire, Dragonfly comes into the 2-year-old filly pace (Race 4) with a five-race win streak intact and \$38,535 in her coffers. Likewise, **Officially My Way** is riding a four-race win streak as she paces into this consolation for trainer/owner Ron Randall.

This Art Official distaff has \$43,263 in earnings from 10 wins in 16 starts, and although she failed to win an OSS leg, did garner third, fourth and fifth-place checks in the three legs in which she participated.

Yankee Boots finished a solid second in the fourth OSS leg for 2-year-old pacing colts, then promptly won his last three events, including the \$40,000 Buckeye Stallion Series Final (BSS) one week ago. This Yankee Cruiser gelding starts from post three (Race 6) for trainer Steve Carter. He has nine wins in 14 starts and \$93,010 for owners Carter, Grubbs, Carter and Whitacre.

To Russia notched checks in all four of her OSS starts for trainer Scott Cox, and just missed getting into the Championship. However, she did win a series of Ohio Fair Stakes, earning \$66,302 this year to date. The daughter of Manofmanymissions heads up the 3-year-old filly consolation (Race 5). **Infrontandforgetit** finished third in her lone OSS start, and since captured a \$15,000 BSS division and the \$40,000 BSS Final at Northfield last week for trainer Jim Arledge, Jr. This winner of \$65,726 lifetime starts from the rail in this same event.

The 3-year-old colt and gelding trot (Race 7) appears to be a wide-open race, with the Hugh Beatty-trained and driven **Secret Bro** garnering the slight nod. This Dejarmbro gelding was unraced as a freshman and was fourth and third in his first two OSS legs before opting out of the last two contests. He scored in a \$15,000 BSS leg and was third in the BSS Final. Secret Bro is owned by Stephen Sexton and has \$38,855 in his bankroll from three wins, two seconds and four thirds in 16 starts this year.

Sweetnfamous hails from post two for trainer Virgil Morgan in the 3-year-old filly pace (Race 8). This Yankee Cruiser sophomore skipped her first OSS leg, then was third, fourth and second in the remaining legs for the Let It Ride Stables of Boca Raton, Fl. Though she's had only four wins in 17 starts this season, Sweetnfamous sports a healthy bankroll of \$87,651 for her connections.

Trainer Ronnie Burke sends out a one-two punch in the 3-year-old colt and gelding pace (Race 9) with **Super Pac Hanover** and **Dragonology**. The former gets the benefit of the rail, while the latter has drawn the six-hole. Super Pac Hanover is a \$42,550-earning gelding, while Dragonology has \$128,167 earned lifetime—both by the ill-fated Dragon Again. Another son of Dragon Again, the Kimberly Dailey-conditioned **Drew The Dragon**, also is worth watching in here. The winner of \$70,338 comes into this race fresh off a win in a Dayton overnight on Oct. 4 in 1:52.2.



TC's Best & driver Aaron Merriman

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