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Ohio Sires Stakes Nominees vie in Scarlet & Gray Invitational

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Tonight's \$50,000 Scarlet & Gray Invitational at Miami Valley Gaming & Racing features a full field of nine 3-year-old trotting fillies—all of whom have been nominated for the 2019 Ohio Sires Stakes program.

Only Take Cash, who captured the \$275,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship for 2-year-old trotting fillies on Sept. 8, 2018 at Scioto Downs in 1:57 is making her sophomore debut tonight. The Cash Hall lass hails from the powerful Robert McIntosh stable in Canada and qualified on April 18 at Woodbine in 1:56.4 with Bob McClure at the lines. Only Take Cash was second in leg one of OSS competition last year before sweeping the next three legs of the series with ease for owners Robert McIntosh Stables of Winsor, ON; Dave Boyle of Bowermanville, ON; and Mardon Stable of Loretto, ON. She wrapped up her freshman campaign with \$272,140 in earnings.

Only Take Cash is the most prolific of six foals out of the world champion Garland Lobell mare Armbro Affair 4, 1:53.fs (\$430,997) and has half-siblings in Tough Affair (by Muscle Mass) 4, 1:59.2f (\$69,968) and A Fair Conchnito (In Conchnito) 4, 1:58.2f (\$33,866).

Bella's Rose Power, who won the \$60,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Consolation for 2-year-old trotting fillies on Oct. 13, 2018 at Northfield Park vies in her third start of the season for trainer Chris Beaver. This Triumphant Caviar lass won the OSS Consolation last year impressively in front-stepping fashion for Ohio-based partners Beaver, Jim Gallagher, Marion Beachy & Steven Zeehandelar in 1:57.2 by 6½ lengths. A winner of \$89,635 lifetime, Bella's Rose Power won a \$15,000 Hackett division in 1:55 on April 8 at Miami Valley before finishing fifth in the \$40,000 Final on April 15.

Scarlet & Gray contenders **Aunt Rose** and **See Me Sparkle** each captured two Ohio Sires Stakes legs in 2018. Aunt Rose—owned by Chris Beaver, Radnor, OH; Michael Carter, Lecanto, FL; Joe Sbrocco; Brecksville, OH; and Steven Zeehandelar, Worthington, OH—and conditioned by

Beaver, won OSS legs one (in 1:59.1) and two (in 1:59) last season. The daughter of Uncle Peter now has \$64,588 in career earnings. See Me Sparkle won OSS leg one (in 2:00.3) and leg four (in 1:57) for partners Martin Valentic, Venetia, PA; John Bednarski, Jr., Washington, PA; Kassandra Adams, Scenery Hill, PA; and James Bafia, Peoria, AZ. John Adams conditions the Broadway Hall lass, who has \$81,575 in her coffers.

Other Ohio Sires Stakes eligibles who are Scarlet & Gray contenders tonight include **Pure Chance**, **Spirit Bell** and **Back Splash**—each of whom captured one Ohio Sires Stakes leg in 2018. Scarlet & Gray contestants **Refined** and **Well I'm Fancy** are also nominated to Ohio's richest program for state-bred Standardbreds this season.

The Ohio Sires Stakes kick off leg one of the four-race series on May 3 at Miami Valley with events for 3-year-old trotting and pacing fillies, post time 6:05 pm, ET. Sophomore colt divisions will be contested on May 5 at this same venue with a 2:05 pm, ET post time.

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Only Take Cash is shown here winning the \$275,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Championship for 2-year-old trotting fillies on Sept. 8, 2018 at Scioto Downs. *Photo by Brad Conrad*