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Midway through 2019 Ohio Sires Stakes Season~part II

Top Point-Garnering 3-Year-Olds

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After July 27, all three legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) for sophomore trotting and pacing colts and fillies will have been completed. Only one month of OSS action then remains in the four-leg series leading up to Ohio Super Night on Sept. 1 at Northfield Park, which hosts eight \$300,000 Championships.

Foals are eligible to the OSS based on their sire being registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC) during year of conception. Owners then nominate their foals to the OSS via a payment of \$500 by March 15 of that youngster's 2- or 3-year-old season.

Horses accumulate points in the four OSS legs based on where they finish: 51 points for first; 26 points for second; 13 points for third; nine points for fourth; six points for fifth and one point for a sixth through tenth-place finish.



Lane Of Stone & driver Jeff Nisonger

Both **Lane Of Stone** and **Patti's Main Man** have won two of the three legs of OSS competition for 3-year-old trotting colts and are tied in first place with 103 points and \$45,000 in OSS earnings each. The Mark Winters, Sr., -trained Lane Of Stone won leg one in 1:53.1 and leg three in 1:54, while the Michael Sowers-conditioned Patti's Main Man won leg one in 1:55.1 and leg three in 1:56.3. Both trotters finished out of the money in leg two.

Wittyville sits comfortably in third place in the standings with 70 points earned via his 1:54.3 finish in the first leg, his third-place finish in leg two and his fifth-place finish in leg three. He's amassed \$28,500 in OSS earnings for owners Burke Racing, Knox Services and Weaver Brusceci.

Fourth in the standings with 61 points is **ELO Hanover**, a Virgil Morgan, Jr., trainee who has been second, fourth and second in the first three legs, with \$36,500 earned for the partnership of Donovan, McClelland and Sbrocco.

Otsego sits fifth in the standings with 57 points earned from a fifth-place finish in leg one and a 1:55.3 victory in leg two for owners Beaver, Yoder, Zeehandelar and VIP Internet. This Chris Beaver-conditioned trotter was a late scratch in leg three and has \$27,000 in his OSS coffers.

Never Say Uncle, another Beaver trainee, had a lone win in leg two, timed in 1:56.1, for owners Beaver, Beaver, Carter and McLoughlin and did not start in the other two rounds of OSS action, earning \$25,000 in the series with 51 points.

Leg Four for 3-year-old trotting colts and geldings—of which there were 118 nominees—will be raced on August 10 at Northfield Park. First race post time is 6 pm, ET.



Pure Chance & Jason Thompson

From 84 nominated 3-year-old trotting fillies, four have won at least one of the two divisions contested, with **Aunt Rose** and **Pure Chance**—both hailing from Chris Beaver's barn, topping the list with 77 points and \$37,500 in earnings each. Aunt Rose sports a mark of 1:54 taken in leg one with a second-place finish in leg two for owners Beaver, Carter, Sbrocco and Zeehandelar, while Pure Chance was second in leg one and captured leg two in 1:54.2 for Beaver and partner Steven Zeehandelar.

Sitting third in the standings with 64 points is the Robert McIntosh filly **Only Take Cash**—last season's OSS 2-Year-Old Championship winner—who was third in leg one and captured leg two with a 1:54.1 clocking. Owned by the McIntosh Stables, Boyle and Mardon Stables, Only Take Cash has amassed \$31,000 in OSS earnings.

Trainer Chris Beaver also conditions the fourth and fifth-place point-earning fillies in this division: **Bella's Rose Power** and **Stone In Love**. The former has 52 points and \$25,000 in OSS earnings, via her 1:54.4 win in leg one for owner Beaver, Gallagher, Beachy & Zeehandelar. The latter was second in leg one and fourth in leg two, with 35 points and \$18,500 in earnings for partners Beaver, Jim Burnett and Tim Homan.

The third OSS leg for 3-year-old filly trotters will be contested on Friday night, July 26 at Scioto Downs. First race post time is 6:30 pm, ET, with a pair of \$50,000 contests going postward.



Rock Candy & Ronnie Wrenn, Jr.

In the sophomore colt pacing division, **Rock Candy** heads up the list of 96 nominees, with victories in the first two legs, both timed in 1:50.3 for trainer Brian Brown and owners Country Club Acres, Joe Sbrocco and Richard Lombardo. The venerable son of Pet Rock-Cotton Candy has 102 points and \$50,000 in OSS earnings.

Sitting second with 77 points and \$37,500 in OSS monies is **Cross Country**, who was second in leg one and captured leg two with a 1:50.4 score. Trainer Luke Ebersole co-owns this speedy sophomore son of Palone Ranger in partnership with Logan C. Ebersole.

Seattle Hanover is in third place via his 1:50.3 win in leg one and fifth-place finish in leg two. Trained by Ronnie Burke for Burke Racing, Karr, J&T Silva-Purnel&Libby and Weaver Bruscelli, Seattle Hanover has 57 points and \$27,500 in OSS earnings.

The third OSS leg for 3-year-old pacing colts will be contested Saturday, July 27 at Scioto Downs with two \$50,000 divisions, set as races one and third, with a first race post time of 6:30 pm, ET.



Rylee Roo & Aaron Merriman

Both Rylee Roo and **Rose Run Uptowngal** captured their respective OSS second legs after grabbing show honors in OSS leg one. From 72 nominees, both fillies have 77 points and \$37,500 in OSS earnings and are tied for first in the standings. Rylee Roo's mile was a 1:52 score for owner Steven Price and trainer Steve Carter, while Rose Run Uptowngal was clocked in 1:52.2 for trainer Ronnie Burke and owners Burke Racing, Collura, J&T Silva-Purnel-Libby and Weaver Brussemi.

Avaline Hanover—who sits third in the standings with 57 points and \$27,500—captured leg one in 1:52.1 for owners Burke Racing, Collura, J&T Silva-Purnel-Libby and Weaver Brussemi. Trained by Ronnie Burke, she was fifth in leg two.

Frank Chick's **Queen Of The Pride** is fourth with 52 points after winning leg one in 1:51.4 and finishing out of the money in leg two. Kevin Lare trains the filly, who has \$25,000 in OSS earnings. Queen Of The Pride was last season's OSS 2-Year-Old Filly Pace Champion.

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