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## \$2.2 million Ohio Sires Stakes Championships Saturday

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The richest night in Ohio racing history will commence September 8 when eight, \$275,000 Ohio Sires Stakes Championships score behind the Scioto Downs starting gate. A total of \$2.2 million will be on the line for 2- and 3-year-old Ohio-sired, trotting and pacing colts and fillies. First race post time is 6:30 pm, ET.

The Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) spotlights youngsters and aged horses conceived in the Buckeye State by a stallion residing in the state and registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC). The resulting foals are made eligible to the OSS program via a one-time nomination payment by March 15 of their 2- or 3-year-old season and can then enter the four-leg series. Horses garner points in the series based on their finish in the legs, and the top point earners are thus given a starting berth in the rich championship.

The top five money-earning trainers from the four legs of the Ohio Sires Stakes are Brian Brown, Chris Beaver, Ronnie Burke, Kimberly Dailey and Jason McGinnis.

Brian Brown has conditioned 17 winners, 18 second-place finishers and seven third-place finishers to \$644,100 in the OSS series, from 89 starters.

The Delaware, Ohio-based Brown conditioned a trio of 3-year-old pacing fillies to two wins each in their division: **Smiley Dragon** (1:52.4, 1:52.3); **McPansy** (1:51.3, 1:52.3); and **Prsntpretyperfect** (1:52.4, 1:51.4). These three ladies sit first, third and fifth in the point earnings in their division.

Brown also conditions OSS winner **Cinnamack** (1:50.4)—who sits fifth—and seventh-place point earner **Slick Mick**, in the 3-year-old colt pacing division.

Brown has four of the top nine point earners in the 2-year-old pacing filly division, with **Carmen Ohio** (1:55.2) in second; **Final Offer**, a two-time OSS winner in third (1:55.2, 1:55); **High Reward** (1:53.1) in fifth and **Mi Nina Bronca** in the ninth slot.

Brown's top shot to capture the 2-year-old colt pacing Championship is **High On Paydaze**, a three-time OSS winner (1:53.1, 1:54.2, 1:54.1), who is tied for the top spot along with the Kimberly Dailey-trained Rose Run Ulysses. Both youngsters have earned \$64,800 in the OSS series.

Brown's other contestants in this same division are third-place point earner **Rock Candy** (1:53); fourth-place point earner **Dislocator** (1:53.3); **Smackitwithahammer** (1:52.3), eighth in points earned; and **Tony Too Tall**, ninth.

Buckeye trotting guru Chris Beaver's charges have earned \$371,350 in OSS competition this season from nine wins, eight seconds and 11 thirds in 52 starts.

Beaver has four of the top point earners in the 2-year-old filly trot division, with **Aunt Rose** (1:59.1, 1:59) third, followed by **Stone In Love** (1:59.2) fifth; **Pure Chance** (1:59.2) sixth and **Back Splash** (1:57.3) eighth. As well, Beaver's trainee **Never Say Uncle**, winner of his second OSS leg in 1:58.4, is fourth in the point standings in the 2-year-old colt trot division.

In the 3-year-old filly trot division, Beaver has the fifth, sixth and seventh top point earners in **Red Storm** (1:55.4); **California Love** (1:56.2) and **Sesame**.

Though he's garnered just three victories in OSS contests this season, North America's leading trainer Ronnie Burke has amassed \$263,500 in OSS earnings from his 58 starters who have also notched 11 second-place finishes and eight third-place finishes.

This New Jersey-based conditioner's **Wittyville**—who won leg three in 1:56.2—is the sixth-highest point earner in the 2-year-old colt trot division, while **Rose Run Uptowngal** is eighth in the 2-year-old filly pace class. Burke's charges **Seeing Eye Single** and **Rockin Motion** (1:51.1) are fourth and eighth respectively in points in the 3-year-old colt pace division, while **Baron Remy** (1:52) is fourth in points earned in the 3-year-old filly pace class and **Impinktoo** is fourth in the 3-year-old filly trot ranks.

Urbana-based conditioner Kimberly Dailey harnessed 32 starters in OSS events this season, with seven wins, two seconds and six thirds, for \$204,500 in earnings. Her top charge is the 2-year-old colt pacer **Rose Run Ulysses**, tied for first place in his division with Brown's High On Paydaze, and a winner of three OSS legs in 1:52.2, 1:54.1 and 1:52.

As well, Dailey has second-place point earners **Bad Girls Rule** (1:54.1) in the 3-year-old filly division and two-time OSS winner **Rockathon** (1:51.1, 1:51.4) in the 3-year-old colt pace class.

Last, but certainly not least is the Ontario-based conditioner Jason McGinnis, who began his foray into OSS competition this season with 20 starters, six winners, four second-place finishers and three third-place finishers earning \$179,600.

The McGinnis-trained **Yes** (1:59, 1:57) is the second highest point earner in the 2-year-old colt trot division, while stablemate **Oh So Pine** (2:01.3) is in the eighth spot. McGinnis' See You In Tuscany (1:53, 1:57.3) sits sixth in points earned in the 2-year-old colt pacing ranks, while **Twinsburg** (1:54.4) is the seventh highest point earner in the 2-year-old filly pacing ranks.



**Photo Cutline:** High On Paydaze (above-Brad Conrad Photo) battles Rose Run Ulysses (below-Jeff Zamaiko Photo) in the \$275,000 Ohio Sires Stakes 2-Year-Old Colt Pacing Championship on Sept. 8 at Scioto Downs.

