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Freshmen trotters spar in Ohio Sires Stakes fourth leg

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Freshman trotting colts and fillies are set to wage war in five Ohio Sires Stakes divisions on Friday night, August 21 at Scioto Downs. First race post time is 6:30 pm, ET.

Ohio-registered stallions represented in these five divisions include seven by Uncle Peter, six each by My MVP and Triumphant Caviar and four by Cash Hall. Break The Bank K, Coraggioso, Deep Chip and Southwind Spirit are each represented by two foals each while the stallions And Away We Go, Broadway Hall, Dontyouforgetit, Full Count, Southwind Spirit, Spring Goal, Stormin Normand, Winning Fireworks and Wishing Stone are all represented by one foal each. A total of 39 trotters will vie in OSS events; 23 trotting fillies and 16 trotting colts.



Herculisa

The trio of \$40,000 races for 2-year-old trotting fillies includes OSS divisional leader **Herculisa**, who captured all three previous OSS legs in 1:58.1, 1:56.2 and 1:56.1 for the Jesmeral Stable and trainer Virgil Morgan, Jr. This undefeated, four-time winning daughter of My MVP with earnings of \$61,812 leaves from post four in Race Two with Brett Miller at the lines.

Merry Ann, a daughter of My MVP, leaves from post five in Race 11 for driver Chris Page and trainer Ronnie Burke. Merry Ann, who is second in the OSS standings, captured OSS Legs Two and Three in 1:57.4 and 1:56 for owners Burke Racing, Knox Services and Weaver Brusceci. This homebred has \$75,200 in earnings from three wins and two seconds in five starts.

Third in the OSS standings, **Swizzle Hanover**, starts from post five in Race One for driver Mike Wilder and trainer-owner Randy Bendis and co-owner Reed Broadway. The daughter of Uncle Peter captured Legs One and Two in 1:57.1 and 1:57.4 and has career earnings of \$51,575 from two wins and a second in four tries.

Celebrate With Me, fourth in the standings, starts from post six in Race One with Kurt Sugg driving for trainer Marty Wollam and co-owner Toni Dean. The Full Count filly, who was bred by Marvin Raber, captured Leg Two in 1:56.4 and sports a bankroll of \$58,622 from two wins, a second and two thirds in five starts.



A Doll Face

A Doll Face, fifth in the standings, starts from post seven in Race Two for driver-trainer Kayne Kauffman and owner Doug Millard. Bred by Spring haven Farm, the Dontyouforgetit distaff captured Leg One in 1:59.4 and has \$33,704 in earnings from four starts, with a win and a second to her credit.

Sitting sixth in the standings is **My Jazz**, who captured Leg Three in 1:57.1. for trainer Jason McGinnis and Thestable My Jazz Group. The bay daughter by My MVP has \$50,300 in lifetime earnings from two wins and a third in five starts and leaves from post six in Race 11 for driver Anthony McDonald.

More Spirit, eighth in the standings, has Danny Noble driving from post eight in Race 11 for trainer Charlie Myrick. Owned by the Second Chance Stable, More Spirit is a bay lass by Southwind Spirit who took Leg One in 1:59.3. Bred by Dublin Valley Farm, this filly has amassed \$24,800 thus far in her career.

In the two \$50,000 OSS divisions for trotting colts, **Fire Cross**, second in the standings, vies from post six in Race Six for driver Chris Lems and trainer Ryan Miller. This gelded son of Triumphant Caviar captured Leg Three in 1:58.1 for owners Miller, Horseplay Racing, Hayes and Darmofal and has \$43,480 in his coffers.

Street Gossip, third in the standings, took Leg Two in 1:57 for Carl Howard and the Jesmeral Stable. Trained by Virgil Morgan, Jr., the Cash Hall gelding has posted two wins, a second and two thirds in five starts with \$44,714 in earnings and leaves from post seven in Race Ten with Brett Miller at the controls.

Panzano, fourth in the OSS standings, notched his OSS victory in Leg Three, timed in 1:58.3 for the Spaaartners and trainer Chris Beaver. Ronnie Wrenn, Jr., drives the Coraggioso youngster from post seven in Race Six. Panzano has career earnings of \$42,520.

Trainer Chris Beaver harnesses **Winning Ticket** from post five in Race Six for owners Beaver, Zeehandelar, Homan and Burnett. This Triumphant Caviar colt captured Leg Two in 1:57.1 and has \$43,000 in earnings from two wins in four starts. Aaron Merriman is slated to drive Winning Ticket, who is sixth in the OSS standings.

Shouldaknownbetter, seventh in the standings, leaves from post eight in Race Six for driver Brett Miller and trainer Brett Davis. Owned by Shane Arsenaault, the gelded son of Deep Chip took Leg One in 1:58.2 and has \$26,398 in earnings from two wins and a second in six starts.