

Lucky McTrucky, Shady City don't fool around at Buffalo Raceway

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Hamburg, NY --- It was April Fool's Day at Buffalo Raceway on Saturday night (April 1) but it was Lucky McTrucky and Shady City who didn't fool around in the \$8,600 co-featured pacing events.

Taking off for the lead from the start, Lucky McTrucky (\$7.10) made his Buffalo Raceway debut an impressive one with a diminishing half-length victory over China Dream in 1:57.3 over the good track. In the other co-feature, Shady City (Larry Stalbaum) used his patented late kick to gun down the field in a seasonal best 1:55.1.



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After competing at Yonkers Raceway and The Downs at Mohegan Sun Pocono earlier this season, Lucky McTrucky (Ray Fisher Jr.) arrived at the Hamburg half-mile oval sniffing for his first win of 2017.

Going right to the top, Lucky McTrucky put off fractions of :29.1, :59.1 and 1:28.4. Things appeared in order for Lucky McTrucky down the stretch but a late surge by China Dream (Shawn Gray) made the race close in the end. Lucky King (Ron Beback Jr.) took the show position.

In the second feature, Shady City (\$6.60), starting on the outside, took advantage of the breaking pace-setter Flying Cowboy to wrangle the victory. Southwind Torque (Shawn Gray) took second but was 2-1/2 lengths back while Dodger Hanover (John Cummings Jr.) was third.

Owned by Stalbaum and trained by Kim Asher, it was the third victory in 10 tries for Shady City (Metropolitan-Made In Shade). The 7-year-old gelding has now put \$17,236 in the bank this season and \$248,813 in his career.

Fisher Jr. finished the evening with four wins while Drew Monti added a double. JD Perrin, Kimberly Asher and Sabrina Clevenger all had two training victories.

Racing will resume on Wednesday night (April 5) at 5 p.m. with an 11-race program scheduled.

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