

## Dude's the Man overpowers top Vernon pacers by James Witherite

Vernon, NY---Commencing his move upon exiting the far turn, M & L of Delaware and Victoria Dickinson's Dude's The Man (\$4.30) worked to the fore in mid-stretch to capture the Memorial Day (May 30) feature at Vernon Downs, a \$10,000 Open/Preferred Pace.



A stakes contender at three, the 4-year-old [American Ideal](#) entry kept well off the early pace, better than only the well-detached Damon Blue Chip through splits of :26.1 and :54.2 dictated by JK Panache (Truman Gale). As JK Panache left pocket rival Rock On Me (Dan Daley) behind on the far turn, Chris Lems angled Dude's The Man off the pegs, gearing up off the far turn into a :27 third quarter.

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**2015 Adios winner Dude's The Man scored in the Vernon feature in 1:49.4.**

Dude's The Man ultimately collared JK Panache in mid-stretch, holding off a late bid from 21-1 outsider Memory Game (Jimmy Whittemore) to prevail in 1:49.4 by three-quarters of a length. JK Panache faded to

third upon giving way.

Jessica Okusko trains Dude's The Man, now a six-time winner.

Lems led all drivers with four wins on the 12-race card.

The 50¢ Pick 5 sequence stymied the Monday punters, chiefly on account of Western Toro's 16-1 upset in the eighth race. The carryover to Thursday (June 2) evening's Pick 5 is \$552.54. Post time for the first of nine races on Thursday at the Miracle Mile is set for 6:45 p.m. Eastern.