

Brittney Ohol named outrider for Batavia meet

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Batavia, NY --- Batavia Downs Gaming is pleased to announce that Brittney Ohol will go to post as the new parade marshal for the upcoming summer-fall meet.

Ohol grew up around harness racing while being raised by her grandparents (Mike and Brenda Ohol) who both competed on the western New York circuit for more than 30 years. The 21-year-old Lockport (NY) High School graduate attended Medaille College for vet tech before deciding to return to harness racing as a full-time career.

After getting her trainer's and qualifying driver's licenses, Ohol started her own stable and now owns and races three horses. Besides conventional competition, she has also been involved with racing under saddle in New York State.

Ohol started to learn the art of outriding from Wendy Ross at Tioga Downs in 2011 and has now worked with her on and off for more than four years. In 2014, Ohol took the position full time at Rosecroft Raceway in Maryland. But after the meet ended there, she returned home because it was too far away from family.

When the job at Batavia Downs came available this year, the call went out to Brittney Ohol because she was a natural fit and the timing was right for her as well.

"I love having the opportunity to take this position at Batavia Downs. It's close to my family and my home base where I know everybody so it makes it so much easier. I want to remain in the business as long as harness racing is around," said Ohol. "I have two good horses named Paco and Cody and they allow me to do my job as well as I can. I am really looking forward to the upcoming meet to get started."

"Brittney Ohol has a harness racing pedigree and has been a part of the racing community here at the Downs since she was a child," said Todd Haight, Director/General Manager of Live Racing at Batavia Downs. "Her abilities as a horsewoman, combined with her passion for the sport, makes her the perfect fit for this job and ensures high-quality assistance to all the horsemen who race here every night. We are very happy to have her on board."

The 69th season of live harness racing at America's oldest lighted harness track begins on Monday (July 27) with a 6:35 p.m. post time.



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Brittney Ohol (pictured here with Paco) will be the parade marshal for the upcoming summer-fall meet at Batavia.