

## Yonkers hosts NYSS Jim Crawford Pace

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**Yonkers, NY** --- Yonkers Raceway on Tuesday night (Aug. 19) hosted the \$202,599 New York Sire Stakes Jim Crawford Pace for 2-year-old colts and geldings. Three divisions -- at \$67,933, \$67,933 and \$66,933 -- comprised the competition.

As was the case Monday night, driver Yannick Gingras won two of the evening's three sire stakes events.



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**Cartoon Daddy was a 1:54.4 winner for driver Yannick Gingras.**

making a second move.

In the second division, he went the distance -- from post position No. 4 -- with Cartoon Daddy (\$4.90), holding off some unwanted advances from 32-1 proposition American Crossroad (Scott Zeron). The former kept the latter at bay, winning by three-quarters of a length in 1:54.4. Berkley (George Brennan), at 78-1, was third, with 51-1 Ultimate G (Eric Carlson) fourth.

Cartoon Daddy's job was made much easier when 7-10 fave The Spy (Tim Tetrick) broke in the first turn and division points leader coming into the night, Americanprimetime (Tyler Buter), misbehaved while

For second choice Cartoon Daddy, a son of [Art Major](#)-Ask Alice co-owned (as Burke Racing) by trainer Ron Burke and Joe DiScala Jr., it was his fourth win in a half-dozen seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$53.50, the triple returned \$887 and the superfecta paid \$6,937.

"The best thing about him is his gait," DiScala said. "We wanted a horse who could get around the small tracks, and he's been very impressive."

Gingras and Bet You (\$2.80) won the final statebred grouping, moving to the lead (from post No. 2) before the half and closing it out in 1:55.1. The final margin was a wrapped-up 1-3/4 lengths over 25-1 Yippity Hanover (Tetrick), with 42-1 Betting Exchange (Jim Morrill Jr.) third. A breaking K Ryan Bluechip eliminated himself as the second choice.

Bet You, a son of [Bettor's Delight](#)-Armbro Amoretto trained by Jimmy Takter for co-owners Christina Takter, Jim and John Fielding and Joyce McClelland, is now two-for-five in '14, with both wins coming here. The exacta paid \$44.40, with the triple returning \$390.

"Ideally, you'd like to race these 2-year-olds out of a hole, but the way the races shaped up, I had no choice but to put them on the lead," Gingras said. "Cartoon Daddy tends to wait on other horses a bit, but he dug in when he had to."

The evening's first division saw a formful favorite in Southwind Masimo (Pat Lachance, \$2.60) roll off cover to run his record to four wins in as many starts. From post No. 5, he tracked Azorean Art (Larry Stalbaum), then blew past that one to widen out by 2-1/4 lengths in 1:55.1. Dee's Rocketman (Brian Sears) was third.

Southwind Masimo, a [Bettor's Delight](#)-Max's Leading Lady colt trained by his driver for co-owners Hudson Standardbred Stable and Conrad Leber, took over the points lead in this division. The exacta paid \$12.60, with the triple returning \$66.50.