

Atlanta headlines NYSS action on Vernon's Thursday card

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Vernon, NY --- Vernon Downs will host two divisions of the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) for 3-year-old trotting fillies on Thursday (July 19). Atlanta, a track record-holder, will headline the evening card at the Miracle Mile.



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Atlanta returns to action in NYSS company at Vernon Downs on Thursday evening.

Atlanta (Scott Zeron) will compete in the second division of the NYSS (\$61,300) and is installed as the 2-1 morning line favorite. The last time the [Chapter Seven](#) filly took to the track at Vernon she won the \$238,613 Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) final. She trotted the fastest mile ever at Vernon Downs in a time of 1:50.3, easily beating Plunge Blue Chip (Muscle Mass) by 4-1/2 lengths.

This is significant as Plunge Blue Chip just posted a world record time of 1:49.4 for 3-year-old trotters of either sex at the Meadowlands on Saturday (July 14) in the second of two Del Miller Memorial divisions (\$128,500).

Atlanta, who is trained by Rick Zeron for owners Holland Racing Stable, Howard Taylor and Brad Grant, is four-for-four as a sophomore. Her last time out she won a leg of the NYSS (\$40,600) at Tioga Downs where she once again easily beat Plunge Blue Chip, setting the track record for 3-year-old fillies in 1:52.2.

Her toughest competitor will be 3-1 morning line second choice, Lucky Ava (Ake Svanstedt). She is part of the Svanstedt-trained entry along with Fury Road (Dan Dube). Lucky Ava ([Lucky Chucky](#)) is owned by Svanstedt, Little E LLC. and Van Camp Trotting Corp. he has four wins in seven starts so far this season. She has won NYSS races at Yonkers Raceway (\$42,975), Monticello Raceway (\$30,450) and Buffalo Raceway (\$29,250).

In the first division of the NYSS (\$60,200), the morning line favorite is Lima Novelty (Scott Zeron) at 2-1. A filly by [Chapter Seven](#), she is owned by Ken Jacobs and trained by Linda Toscano. She has three wins in 2018. She has won the Mary Reynolds Stakes (\$66,200) at the Meadowlands and a NYSS race at Buffalo Raceway (\$30,450).

The second morning line choice in the second division is Ciao Dolce (Svanstedt) at 3-1. She is by [Credit Winner](#) and is owned by Kjell Anderson and trained by Svanstedt. She has won NYSS races at Monticello Raceway (\$29,850) and Buffalo Raceway (\$29,850).

The nine-race card starts at Venon Downs starts on Thursday (July 19) at 6:10 p.m.

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