

## Fourth Dimension sets track record in NYSS action at Monticello

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**Monticello, NY---**The New York Sire Stakes calendar was kind to the freshman trotting colts, as their first NYSS competition was at Tioga Downs. For today's contest at Monticello Raceway (July 31) it was many of the young trotters first start on a half-mile oval. 72 colts comprised 11 of the cards 13 races.

The aptly named The Veteran minded his manners in the first NYSS \$27,250 contest on the card, Brian Sears carefully floated the son of [Muscle Mass](#) - Tequila Summer off the gait and let the field settle into the first turn, down the backside, Sear's tipped his mount to the outside and was parked at the quarter in an even 30 panel, once on the lead, The Veteran carved out fractions of 1:00.4, 1:32 and coasted home an easy two-length winner in 2:02.1 for his second consecutive win.

The \$32,000 Lexington purchase is trained by part owner George Ducharme along with W. Donovan, Michaels's and Winske. Seven Knights was second and Chasin Dreams finished third.



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**Don scored an easy three-length victory in 1:58.3.**

The second heat saw Andy Miller leave the gate hard from post position 7 and take the garden spot while Cruising In Style showed the way to the quarter, Miller was on the move with Don and had the lead passed the quarter pole in a brisk 29.2, from this point he controlled the tempo to score in 1:58.3, an easy three length victory.

The son of [Credit Winner](#)-Angosture trotted his last quarter in 29.3, he is owned by Andy Miller Stable and Little E LLC and paid \$14.20, the time of 1:58.3 was just a tick off from the track record.

On the program, it looked like the 7 hole would thwart Purpose Blue Chips effort to get away uncathed and look for a good trip, but the outside post did not deter the son of [Chapter Seven](#), as the now healed and almost healthy Dan Daley charged off the gate and went for the lead and showed the field through fractions of 28.4, 59.3, 1:29.0. In the paddock turn, Purpose Blue Chip looked to be any easy winner, Rich Uncle who was third the entire mile, uncorked a 29.1 last stanza to put away Purpose Blue Chip by a length.



**Fourth Dimension established a new track record for 2-year-old trotters, winning in 1:58.**

The [Credit Winner](#) - Royal Assets colt is owned by William Donovan, it was his second winner of the day. Purpose Blue Chip was second, followed by Ronnie Goldstein.

Clive Bigsby came into the race looking to keep his three-race win streak intact, but the betting public was betting that he would fail, and sent him off at odd of 6-1. Ake Svanstedt sent Six Pack to the lead and controlled the tempo with splits of 29.2, 59.2 and 1:29.2. Fourth Dimension was lurking in the three-hole for the duration, made his move at the 5/8

marker, at the top of the lane it was a cavalry charge with 3 horses across the track between him, Tito and Six Pack. But Fourth Dimension was not to be denied, tripping the timer in track record of 1:58, eclipsing the former record held by Fashion Blizzard.

The \$200,000 yearling purchase is owned by Courant Stable of Delray Beach, Florida, he is trained by Marcus Melander and was driven to victory by Brian Sears. Clive Bigsby finished second and trotted home the fastest last quarter of the day in 28.0.

The most unusual race of the day came in the first heat of the Excelsior A, Crackback Jack made a nasty break going into the first turn and lost a ton of ground for Andy Miller, while he was regaining his composure after the miscue, On The Ropes showed the field to the quarter in 30.3, while approaching the half, On The Ropes made a break and Babylons Bridge inherited the lead.

Going down the backstretch for the final time, Crackback Jack was still hustling to make up ground and was 3rd at the half. Chapter Ruth showed the freshman field to the three-quarter mile maker in 1:32, Crackback Jack was now second first over and On The Ropes, was back in the hunt going three-wide in the last turn and trotted away from the rest of them to win in in 2:01.1 by three lengths, trotting his last quarter in 28.4.

[Muscle Mass](#) lead the sire brigade with four winners on the card. The next Sire Stakes action comes on August 21, when two-year-old trotting fillies come to town.