

## Zero Tolerance wins final 2018 Sire Stakes at Monticello Raceway

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**Monticello, NY** --- The final leg of the 2018 New York Sire Stakes at Monticello Raceway took place on a rainy, cold Monday (Sept. 10). Only seven freshman pacing fillies were entered in the event and the short but talented field raced for a purse of \$108,300.



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In the middle of the first turn St Somewhere (Matt Kakaley) made a break, with Zero Tolerance (David Miller) inheriting the pocket behind Ladybeluckytonite (James Devaux). The leader peeled off fractions of :29.1, :58.4, and 1:28.1. At the head of the lane Zero Tolerance bypassed the passing lane and went to the outside to clear pacesetter Ladybeluckytonite to win in 1:58. So Awesome (Jim Morrill Jr.) was second and Ladybeluckytonite garnered the show spot after cutting the mile.

**Zero Tolerance cleared pacesetter Ladybeluckytonite to win in 1:58.**

Zero Tolerance is a bay filly by [Heston Blue Chip](#)-Feelinglikastar. She is trained by Joe Holloway and is owned by Val D'Or Farms and Ted Gewertz. Zero Tolerance picked up her second Sire Stakes event of the year. She has also won divisions of the Reynolds Stake and Tompkins-Geers Stakes at Tioga Downs. With the victory her earnings are now at \$144,191. Her next stop will be the Night of Champions at Yonkers Raceway on Sept. 22.

In the first \$15,000 Excelsior A dash, James Devaux was first away from the gate and cut the fractions with Major Frost. The 1-5 favorite Boogie Roll (Tyler Buter) pulled first-over at the three-quarter marker but could not pass the stubborn Major Frost in the stretch. Major Force scored a wire-to-wire win in 2:00.2. The homebred son of [Art Major](#)-Permafrost is owned by co-breeder Jeffery Ruch and is trained by Mark Harder. Heavens Challenge was second, followed by Chase You.

The second division of the Excelsior As saw Sun Visor work hard to get the lead after being parked three-wide down the backstretch going to the quarter. Once on top the 10-1 longshot coasted home for David Miller, giving him a driving double in Sire Stakes action. The [Heston Blue Chip](#)-Beach Bonnet filly is trained by Scott DiDomenico for owners Triple D Stables. She picked up her third Excelsior A win of the season. Time for the mile was 2:00.4.

The lone \$6,800 Excelsior B saw Jason Bartlett lead from start to finish with Justabitofcharm to score a tight win over Irish Art (Kyle DiBenedetto) in 2:02.1. Eos N Rock was third. Kelly Hastings did everything but drive her filly this afternoon as she is the breeder, owner and trainer of Justabitofcharm. The [Heston Blue Chip](#)-Jovial Charm filly picked up her sixth Excelsior B win of the season and upped her seasonal tally to \$21,630 in purses.

On the card James Devaux won three races. Bruce Aldrich Jr. along with David Miller each scored a driving double. Sire [Heston Blue Chip](#) had a banner day, as three of his offspring were winners on the card.