

Gimpanzee sets track record in NYSS at Saratoga

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Saratoga Springs, NY --- There were three divisions of the New York Sire Stakes for 2-year-old colt and gelding trotters at Saratoga Casino Hotel on Tuesday evening (July 31). Each division for the freshman high-steppers went for a purse of \$54,500 and in the first division of the night, a new track record for 2-year-olds was set.



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mark set last year by My Lindy Winner (Jim Morrill Jr.). The win time also served as a new lifetime best for the freshman trotter whose previous mark was set at Tioga Downs in the start leading up to Tuesday's race.

Marcus Melander's Gimpanzee ([Chapter Seven-Steamy Windows](#)) was the public's 2-5 betting favorite in his installment of the Sire Stakes and brought a two-for-two career record into the try. Brian Sears marched the colt out to the front end as the freshman stepped away to a lead that grew to nearly five lengths in the early going. After clocking a half in :57.1, Gimpanzee appeared dominant in the final lap before stopping the timer in 1:55.4. The win time lowered the previous track record for 2-year-old trotting colts by a full second, eclipsing the

Frank Coppola Jr. piloted Horns For Three ([Credit Winner-Swoosh Hanover](#)) to a wire-to-wire score in the second division of the Sire Stakes on Tuesday. The Ed Hart trainee held off the first-over bid by the favored Our White Knight (Brian Sears) before scoring in 2:00.4. Horns For Three is now a two-time winner in the NYSS as he prevailed at Buffalo last month.

The evening's final division of the NYSS saw Thunder ([Conway Hall-CR Oh Suzanna](#)) roll to a first-over victory for Scott Zeron. The John Butenschoen trainee recorded the first win of his young career as he toughed it out overland before scoring in 1:59.2.

Live racing continues on Wednesday night at Saratoga with a first post time set for 7:05 p.m.