

## **Final Yonkers NYSS leg in Friday's Lew Barasch Trot**

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**Yonkers, NY** --- On Friday night (Sept. 14), Yonkers Raceway hosts its 16th and final leg of New York Sire Stakes competition with the \$156,200 Lew Barasch Trot for 2-year-old colts and geldings.

Of course, this is the final chance to electrify the electorate before the \$1.8 million New York Night of Champions, also at Yonkers, a week from Saturday (Sept. 22).

Friday's event once again honors the memory of 'Tootie,' the sport's quintessential PR man and unsung hero behind the huge, back-in-the-day success of the International Trot.

The \$77,400 first grouping goes as the fifth race, with Thunder (Jason Bartlett, post two) and Chip Chip Conway (Jim Taggart Jr., post four) again opposing one another. The pair finished 1-2 at Vernon late last month, the former's third sire stakes win in his last four starts.

Thunder, a son of [Conway Hall](#), is trained by John Butenschoen for co-owners Crawford Racing, VIP Internet Stables and Jeremy Day. The frosh's bankroll of \$113,121 dwarfs that of his rivals, though his previously-mentioned nemesis has put away \$73,119.

Chip Chip Conway has a win, three seconds and a third in five (NYSS) tries adding the straps. The [Conway Hall](#) gelding is co-owned by trainer Gary Messenger and Kenneth Weckstein.

The evening's \$78,800 second state-bred sojourn sees divisional beast Gimpanzee (Brian Sears, post six) display his perfect five-for-five (\$126,958) record.

They haven't come within sniffing range of Gimpanzee, whose slimmest margin in the five wins — all in NYSS completion — has been 2-3/4 lengths. He aired here from the eight-hole last month in 1:57.3 and returns off a life-best 1:54.3 number at Vernon. The son of [Chapter Seven](#) is trained by Marcus Melander for Delray Beach, Fla. co-owners Courant Inc. and S R F Stable.

Chapter Fashion (Bartlett, post four) also won a state-bred event here and has hit the board in all but one of his six tries.

Post time for the 12-race card is the evening standard of 6:50 p.m.