

Yonkers hosts \$161,500 NYSS Mike Cipriani Trot

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Yonkers, NY — It was the 16th and final downstate New York Sire Stakes visit of the season on Thursday night (Sept. 5), when Yonkers Raceway hosted the \$161,500 Mike Cipriani Trot for 3-year-old fillies. Ten lasses entered, so a pair of \$80,750 quintets comprised the event.



Sensibility (#1) parried a late challenge from Stella Jane in New York Sire Stakes action on Thursday at Yonkers Raceway.

The opener immediately had a different look when 1-10 favorite Quincy Blue Chip (Jim Morrill Jr.) jumped it off. That left pole-sitting Sensibility (Scott Zeron, \$11.60) to her own devices, and she finished what she started, posting splits of :28.4, :58.2, 1:27.2 and 1:56.2. Stella Jane (Jason Bartlett) chased around the oval, missing a neck, with Pilgrims Lass (Jim Marohn Jr.) third.

For Sensibility, a daughter of [Muscle Mass](#) co-owned by trainer George Ducharme with William Donovan, Joe Sbrocco and Jim Winske, it was her second win in 11 seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$54.50.



Winndevie proved a dominant 1:55 winner in her New York Sire Stakes division. Mike Lizzi photos.

The second Sire Stakes event saw Winndevie (Bartlett, \$2.30) get stung early by Sweet Chapter (Matt Kakaley) before making the lead and drawing out.

From post five, she had no issues through splits of :28.1, :58, 1:26.2 and 1:55, and the final margin was 4-1/2 lengths. Runner-up Sweet Chapter finished more than seven lengths ahead of Gobi Princess (Jordan Stratton).

For Winndevie, a [Credit Winner](#) filly owned by Purple Haze Stables and trained by Trond Smedshammer, it was her fourth win in 10 seasonal tries. The exacta — comprised of the two favorites — paid \$4.40.