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FAVORITES TAKE CONTROL IN MDSS

The betting favorites dominated preliminary divisions of the Maryland Sire Stakes at Rosecroft Raceway on Saturday evening, as talented three-year-old pacers took to the track to vie for purses of \$4,000.

In the first event for colts and geldings, Boss Outlaw [\$2.20, \$2.10] paced gate-to-wire in 1:53.1 with Donnie Russell at his lines. The JK Outlaw colt, owned and trained by James Coughlin, led the field through fractions of 27.2, 56.3 and 1:25.1 to win by three-quarters of a length.

Bulldoggin [\$3.00] finished second with Corey Callahan at his lines; the Nuclear High colt sat in the pocket through the mile to hit the board. Shaun Callahan trains for owner Nick Callahan. Higher Mark finished third in the trifecta, as driver Frank Milby urged the Nuclear High colt home with a 27.4 last quarter. Roger Hans trains for owner Tom Cooke.

Southern Blue [\$3.20, \$2.10] was unbeaten in the division for fillies, winning by over four lengths in 1:54.2. Driven by Brandon Givens for owner-trainer Gerald Kelly, the Nuclear High filly set the pace with fractions of 27.4, 57.0 and 1:25.4.

Second under the wire was Winsmith Brianna [\$8.40], a Brian Callahan trained daughter of Masterman. The filly came from over nine lengths off of the pace with a strong finish for owner Scott Woogen. Warden Woodie was third with Donnie Russell in the bike. The Allie's Western filly made up ground late in the mile along the rail. Manley Brown Jr. trains for owner Frederick Kessell.

Finally, Quick Thinker [\$2.10, \$2.10] showed his class in the second event for colts and geldings by winning in 1:53.3. Pacing on the front end through quarters of 28.2, 58.0 and 1:25.3 with Brandon Givens at his lines, the Glowing Tribute colt won by over eight lengths. Les Givens trains for Jim Morand and Nanticoke Racing Inc.

CJ Striker [\$3.20] scored a pocket trip for second under the guidance of Frank Milby at 11/1 odds. The Allie's Western colt, trained by Don Milby for owner Charles Johnson, stayed strong through

the mile. Best Cross held his own to the wire with a last quarter of 28.0 for driver Wayne Long. The Nuclear High colt is trained by Roger Hans for owner Tom Cooke.

ERIO HANOVER UPSETS IN MARYLAND SIRE STAKES

Off at 16/1 odds by post time, Erio Hanover [\$35.40, \$10.20, \$5.20] earned an easy win in a preliminary division of the Maryland Sire Stakes for three-year-old trotting colts and geldings at Rosecroft Raceway on Friday.

The Tejano Colt, owned by Genevieve Louk, left the gate to sit parked in second through an opening quarter of 29.3. Driver Chris Offutt dropped the horse in the pocket to follow Misterio (Frank Milby) through remaining fractions of 1:00.4 and 1:31.3. Erio Hanover ended up winning by three-quarters of a length in 2:02.1.

Red Oak's Rainbow [\$97.40, \$16.40], a Go Get Lost gelding, driven by Wayne Long for trainer Stacey Marston and owner Lawrence Marston, finished second after making up nearly seven lengths through the back half of the mile. Concertino [\$2.20], the betting choice, was third. The Tejano colt, owned by Howard Hammond, is driven and trained by Bill Long. Misterio [\$2.10] finished in a dead heat for third for the Graham Grace Stables LLC.

In the division for fillies, Jane B [\$3.40, \$4.80, \$2.80] was unstoppable, trotting gate-to-wire in fractions of 30.3, 1:02.0 and 1:32.1 to win in 2:03.2. John Wagner drove the Tejano filly for trainer Manley Brown Jr. and owner Scott Woogen.

The second division for colts and geldings brought Ornellix [\$6.40, \$4.80, \$4.00] to the winner's circle in 2:02.2. Guided through the mile by driver Wayne Long, the Tejano colt trotted first-over early in the mile to grab the lead in the stretch with a 29.4 last quarter. Gary Cameron II trains for owner Russell Williams.