

'Old Ladies' and 'Young Men' lead Yonkers' weekend

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Yonkers, NY --- Yonkers Raceway's weekend finds another visit from the statebreds and a glimpse -- perhaps -- at the stars of the future.

Friday night's (July 15) \$167,874 New York Sire Stakes Art Watson Pace showcases the 3-year-old fillies in a pair of divisions, going as races six and 11.

The opener, worth \$83,937, offers up a three-headed, Ron Burke-trained monster in Dime A Dance (Matt Kakaley, post two), Mother Of Art (Joe Bongiorno, post three) and Art Critic (George Brennan, post eight). Dime A Dance, a [Roll With Joe](#) lass, was third in the \$100,000 Lismore Pace here in late May.

Seafood Linda (Brian Sears, post one), with a pair of Excelsior wins, and Soft Idea (Jason Bartlett, post six), a sire stakes winner at Monticello, loom as main adversaries.

Friday's second NYSS events includes Time On My Hands (Bartlett, post four), thrice a winner in six seasonal starts. The daughter of [American Ideal](#) makes her first purse try in 23 days and her first money start since adding Lasix.

American Ivy (Andy Miller, post six) also makes her first 'real' start in the time frame and she tries for a third sire stakes win of the season.

Saturday night's (July 16) \$100,000 Lawrence B. Sheppard Pace, the Raceway's premier open event for frosh colts and geldings, goes as the sixth race.

If the lads knew what they sold for, Humboldt (Mark MacDonald, post three) might have an attitude problem. The \$130,000 (as I'm Really Special) [American Ideal](#) colt cost more than the rest of his rivals put together.

Humboldt makes his pari-mutuel debut for owner Brixton Medical and trainer Jimmy Takter. He's partnered in the wagering with Southwind Diablo (Brennan, post one).

Summer Side (Ray Schnittker, post six) was a solid second in a PA Sire Stake event, while Chip Walther (Bartlett, post five) won a Landmark event at Goshen. The latter is coupled with Rollin' About (Brent Holland, post two).

Note that the Empire Terrace dining room is open Saturday night, featuring a limited a la carte menu, with seatings available from 6-9:30 p.m. Reservations (914.457.2457) are suggested.