

Major Moe, Funknwaffles take freshman Sire Stakes splits

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A pair of New York Sire Stakes events for 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings served as supporting events on the undercard.

Major Moe (\$5.40) worked to earn his 1:52.4 victory in the \$54,500 seventh race, making steady first-over gains on the far turn to reel in pacesetter Andy's Ideal before holding sway from Very Special Agent's late charge by half a length. Scott Zeron drove the son of [Art Major](#) and Maureen Rocks for trainer Chris Ryder.

Funknwaffles (\$2.20) did not disappoint at odds-on in the \$55,500 eighth event, keeping his undefeated record intact through six career races to date. The son of [American Ideal](#) and Hatsoff Hanover brushed to the fore before race's midpoint, evading Serious Major by two lengths in 1:52.3. Jim Morrill, Jr. drove Funknwaffles for trainer John Butenschoen.

Live racing returns to Vernon Downs on Saturday evening (Aug. 27) with first post slated for 6:45 p.m. EDT.