

Team Orange Crush colts favored in NYSS at Batavia Downs

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Batavia, NY --- As the 2-year-old trotting colts and geldings mark the final New York Sire Stakes stop of the year at Batavia Downs on Wednesday night (Sept. 14), some of the entrants will be looking to solidify their spot in the \$1.8 million Night of Champions at Yonkers Raceway on Saturday (Sept. 24). But stablemates Devious Man and Money Macintosh from the Julie Miller stable have already advanced as the top two point-earners in the series and can concentrate solely on the \$107,000 in purse money available this week.



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Devious Man has banked \$140,983 in his career.

Devious Man ([Credit Winner](#)-Miss Garland) has won three consecutive NYSS events after making a break in the \$294,450 Peter Haughton Memorial at the Meadowlands on Aug. 6. He won in the mud at both Yonkers Raceway and Tioga Downs, the latter setting his lifetime mark of 1:55.3. And then the following week he won again back at Yonkers in 1:58.3. He's a very handy horse, winning from both the front end and from behind.

In all, Devious Man has four wins this year, all in NYSS action, and \$140,983 in earnings. Some \$125,397 of that total was made in the NYSS and makes him the highest money earner for his age, gait and gender. He is also the second highest point-earner (237) for his category.

Andy Miller will make an infrequent stop at the Genesee County oval to drive Devious Man for his wife Julie Miller from post six and has been made the prohibitive morning line favorite at 1-1 in the first \$53,500 division.

Stick With Me Kid ([Deweycheatumnhowe](#)-Chelsea Hall) has only one win to his credit this year, but it was an impressive outing in the NYSS at Vernon Downs on July 21. He pulled from off the pace and trotted away to victory in 1:56.2, which was his career best. Chris Lems sat behind him for that start and trainer George Ducharme has him up again here.

Looking to add to his \$64,051 in earnings and points to his total for the final, Stick With Me Kid has drawn post one, is the second choice at 7-2 and looks to be the stiffest competition for the favorite.

In the second \$53,500 split, Julie Miller's Money Macintosh ([Credit Winner](#)-Apple Plush) is almost a mirror image of Devious Man. He is coming in off two straight wins at Tioga and Yonkers and has four victories on the year, all in NYSS races. His lifetime mark of 1:56.2 was taken at Tioga Downs and he hasn't missed the board all year.

Money Macintosh has won \$122,829 in 2016, all of which was made in NYSS races. That puts him second in that category behind Devious Man, although he tops the list for points earned (262) in his category.

Andy Miller will also team Money Macintosh from post six and has been made the early choice at 2-1.

Such An Angel ([Credit Winner](#)-Michelle's Angel) sits third in points for the final and will no doubt use this start as a tune up. After winning three straight NYSS events at Vernon

Downs, Saratoga Raceway and Yonkers, Such An Angel encountered some road trouble in his last two and finished off the board. With an inside draw and his gate speed, this is a good spot for the colt to rebound.

Trainer Paul Kelley again has the services of Hall of Fame driver John Campbell and will see Such An Angel depart from post three at 5-2.

Zack's Zoomer ([Deweycheatumnhowe](#)-Passageway) currently sits seventh in points and needs a good outing to seal the deal. Although he has only won one NYSS event this year, he has finished a solid second in his last two outings from post four and looks to be rounding into form at just the right time.

Marcus Miller will steer Zack's Zoomer for trainer Erv Miller and leave from post one at 3-1.

There are also three \$15,000 divisions of the Excelsior A series on the card that is slated to begin at 6:15 p.m.