

NYSS freshman pacing fillies, baseball talent at Tioga Friday

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Nichols, NY --- Friday (Sept. 16) evening's harness racing program at Tioga Downs will feature a probable preview of the \$225,000 New York Sire Stakes final for 2-year-old pacing fillies, as eight precocious distaffers will square off in a lone \$110,200 Sire Stakes event as the centerpiece of a 15-race card.

Susan Oakes and Chuck Pompey's Tequila Monday will look to remain undefeated after a pair of dominant wins at Harrah's Philadelphia and an 8-3/4 length domination in her lone Sire Stakes effort at Yonkers last week. David Miller retains the driving duties on the daughter of [American Ideal](#) and Margarita Monday, and the pair will start from post seven for trainer Chris Oakes as the 3-1 morning line second choice.

Among the seven fillies looking to hand Tequila Monday her first career defeat are six-time winners Planet Rock and Robin J, both from the Linda Toscano stable. Planet Rock, the 5-2 morning line favorite from post six, began her career with six straight wins, including a 1:53.1 victory in her Tompkins-Geers stakes division at Tioga on Aug. 12. John Campbell assumes the lines on the daughter of [Rock N Roll Heaven](#) and Villa Hanover.

Planet Rock's stablemate Robin J was a no-match second to Tequila Monday at Yonkers last week, but won six of seven prior events including, like Planet Rock, a Tompkins-Geers stakes division over the local oval. Mike Simons is slated to drive the daughter of [Roll With Joe](#) and Mommy Robin Q from post three as the 4-1 third choice.

In addition to top New York-sired 2-year-old pacing fillies, Tioga Downs will play host to the Maine-Endwell (NY) Little League baseball team, as they will be honored at the races for their Little League World Series title in a special ceremony following the evening's third race. Post time for the penultimate card of the 2016 season is 6:30 p.m. (EDT).