

Planet Rock presses, parries two in Tioga NYSS

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Nichols, NY --- Just over a month removed from her 5-1/2 length win in the Tompkins-Geers Stakes, Kenneth Jacobs's Planet Rock (\$13.80) proved victorious again at Tioga Downs, sustaining first-over progress and parrying two late-charging 2-year-old pacing fillies in a \$110,200 New York Sire Stakes event on Friday evening (Sept. 16).



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Planet Rock is kept to task in the late stages of her 1:52.3 victory in the \$110,200 New York Sire Stakes for 2-year-old pacing fillies on Friday at Tioga Downs.

The daughter of [Rock N Roll Heaven](#) and Villa Hanover was forced to abort a leave attempt as Artrageous (Jim Morrill, Jr.) led a :26.2 stampede through the first quarter. John Campbell would put Planet Rock in play with a circuit to go, advancing first-over to the clubhouse turn while 3-10 favorite Tequila Monday (David Miller) slipstreamed live cover through middle splits of :57 and 1:24.3. Planet Rock would succeed in dueling down Artrageous off the far turn, but she wasn't home free upon cornering.

Tequila Monday—who drifted to the four-path after fanning off cover—quickly righted the ship and charged boldly, as did Robin J (Mike Simons) after finding room to vacate the pocket. Still, Planet Rock ultimately prevailed, driven out to hold sway by a

neck in 1:52.3. Tequila Monday and Robin J finished second and third respectively, while Roaring To Go (Brett Miller) stayed on for fourth.

Linda Toscano trains Planet Rock, who earned her seventh career win in just eight starts.

In the sub-featured \$13,500 Open 1 Trot, Dragin the Wagon (\$8.10) made every yard a winning one en route to a 1:53.3 triumph. The 6-year-old [Angus Hall](#) gelding sprinted to the fore to evade a host of leavers to the first turn, and held clear of a belated rally from Prairie Fortune (Jim Meittinis), who emerged off third-over cover to take second. Aaron Byron drove the 31-time winner for owner James Cantelon and trainer Jeff Byron.

An 11-race closing night card awaits on Saturday (Sept. 17); first post is slated for 6:30 p.m., with full coverage on the Tioga Downs Racing Network to commence at 6:05 p.m.