

Divine Caroline remains hot with Breeders Crown victory

- by Perry Lefko, for the Breeders Crown

Toronto, ON --- Divine Caroline found her form at the right time. After displaying some ability early in the season, the sophomore daughter of [Rock N Roll Heaven](#) added to her late-season surge, posting her fourth consecutive victory in the \$500,000 Breeders Crown 3-year-old filly pace Saturday night (Oct. 24) at Woodbine Racetrack.



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Divine Caroline won the Breeders Crown 3-year-old filly pace.

Owned by Val D'or Farms, Theodore Gewertz, Rojan Stables and Michael Ouriel, Divine Caroline became the fourth favorite in the first four Breeders Crown races to win.

Divine Caroline is trained by Joe Holloway, who came into the 2015 Breeders Crown 12th in all-time winnings with more than \$2.7 million. He had six previous winners, but had not found the winner's circle since 2000.

Divine Caroline and Bettor Be Steppin raced in last year's Breeders Crown 2-year-old filly pace. Bettor Be Steppin finished third, followed by Divine Caroline. But it's been a tale of two horses this year for the fillies. Bettor Be Steppin did well in the middle part of the season when Divine Caroline started to tail off. But it's been a different scenario in the fall.

Both horses were in the race, but purely on current form Divine Caroline looked the better of the two. Divine Caroline began her streak with a win in a division of the Bluegrass at The Red Mile and has kept rolling.

Driven as usual by David Miller, who began the night with a win with D'One in the Mare Trot, Divine Caroline sat far behind the early pace, which saw The Show Returns, an 86-1 outsider, and Southwind Roulette, 32-1, slug it out for the opening quarter-mile. It was The Show Returns who prevailed, setting a Breeders Crown opening quarter-mile record in a blistering :25.3.

Bettor Be Steppin, driven by Corey Callahan, had the lead after a half in :55. Miller had Divine Caroline fifth by six lengths at that point and was following cover. Three-quarters into the race, Sassa Hanover had the lead by 1-3/4 lengths in 1:23 2. Miller had his horse moving well at the point, and took over halfway down the stretch and crossed the line first by 1-3/4 lengths in 1:51. Bettor Be Steppin finished a distant eighth.

"Last year she showed high, high speed, but it took time for her to mature," Holloway said. "Even through the beginning of the year, she was close but never winning. She's finally turned it around and become a top-notch filly."

He liked the way the race unfolded.

"That's what you hope for, a good, clean trip," Holloway said. "Caroline was in a good spot and she showed she could do it."

Divine Caroline went postward at just under 7-10 odds. She won her seventh race in 20 starts this season, surpassing \$570,000 in earnings. In her career, she has totaled almost \$720,000.

She paid \$3.30, \$2.80, \$2.30. Sassa Hanover paid \$12.50, \$6.60. Bedroomconfessions paid \$3.70. The exacta paid \$60.80. The trifecta \$224.90.