

Robin J wins the \$110,200 NYSS at Batavia Downs

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Batavia, NY---A heavy early rain dampened the track, but not the enthusiasm shown by the eight 2-year-old pacing fillies competing for one of the largest single purses ever offered at Batavia Downs on Saturday (Aug. 20) night. And when the all the moves were made, Robin J ([Roll With Joe](#)-Mommy Robin Q) saved her best one for last and captured the victory in the New York Sire Stake event.



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Robin J collects her fifth win in six career starts in NYSS action at Batavia Downs.

Artrageous (Jim Morrill Jr.) left sharply for the lead and Robin J (Jim Marohn Jr.) settled in behind her as the field moved to the quarter in :28.3. Shortly after they passed that marker the outer flow set up with American Cheer (Billy Davis Jr.) coming first over and Pleasant Roll (Chris Lems) and Roaring To go (Kevin Cummings) following right behind.

At the three-quarter pole they fanned four across the track when Pleasant Roll tipped three-wide and Roaring To Go went four abreast. Pleasant Roll took the lead from Artrageous by a half-length in the last turn, but Artrageous dug in and took it back before they hit the stretch. As they headed down the lane Artrageous was in the middle of the track trying to fight off Pleasant Roll when Marohn moved Robin J into the passing lane and powered by them both to take the win in 1:56.

"She was real good tonight, but I couldn't have asked for a better trip. The way it set up and the way the race went, it was all about the trip" said Marohn after the race.

It was the fifth win in six lifetime starts for Robin J (\$4.50) and the purse enhance her lifetime total to \$131,605 for owner Ken Jacobs. Robin J is trained by Linda Toscano.

There were also four \$15,000 divisions of the Excelsior A series on the program.

The first division was won by Megyn K ([American Ideal](#)-Fantasy Jet) in 1:58 for driver Jim Morrill Jr. and trainer Jean Drolet. Megyn K (\$2.90) is owned by Stephen Schneider, William Siegel, Jay Lieberman and Karen Munk.

The second division went to Bullvillestephanie ([Roll With Joe](#)-Bullville Ana) in 1:57.4 for driver Ray Schnittker and trainer Steve Crevani. Bullvillestephanie (\$11.40) is owned by Crevani Farms.

The third leg was won by Ann Hill ([Rock N Roll Heaven](#)-Taxi Fare Hanover) in 1:57.1 for driver Chris Lems and trainer Tony Alagna. Ann Hill (\$3.30) is owned by Tom Hill.

The final split was taken by Pirinea's Princess ([Roll With Joe](#)-Chant-a-nuka) in 1:59.1 for driver Jim Morrill Jr. and trainer Dennis Laterza. Pirinea's Princess (\$3.00) is owned by Latz A Luck Stable.

Jim Morrill Jr. scored four driving wins on the card that included three in stake action and one in the overnight featured \$10,500 Open pace with Ron Burke's multi-million dollar winner, Clear Vision (Western Hanover-Artistic Vision) winning in 1:53.4, wire-to-wire.

Racing resumes at Batavia Downs on Sunday (Aug. 21) afternoon with post time set at 1:15 p.m.