

NYSS sophomore filly pacers at Batavia Downs Saturday

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Batavia, NY --- The seventh of eight sessions of the New York Sires Stakes (NYSS) stops at Batavia Downs on Saturday night (Sept. 10) and this week it will be the 3-year-old pacing fillies who will participate in two divisions, going for \$119,300 in available purses. This will be the last stop for the second-year distaff side-wheelers who are trying to position themselves for the NYSS Night of Champions finals at Yonkers Raceway on Saturday (Sept. 24).



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No Clouds Bluechip seeks her fifth victory of the season in NYSS action at Batavia Downs.

Trainer John Berger has tabbed Batavia's leading driver, Kevin Cummings, to steer and she has been named the 2-1 morning line favorite from post two.

The race's second choice, Dime A Dance ([Roll With Joe](#)-Hat Dance Hanover) raced at Batavia Downs on one other occasion. Just short of a year ago, the filly scorched the Genesee County oval in 1:52.4 and set a new track and world record for 2-year-old pacing fillies over a half-mile track.

This year, Dime A Dance has matched her wins from 2015, but not her mark or earnings. Most recently she won two straight NYSS events before qualifying for the EBC final at Tioga. Unfortunately in that race, she drew post nine and made an untimely break at the quarter and was never in contention after that.

Dime A Dance has four wins on the year and \$166,210 in the bank. She is also the atop the point standings in her division and therefore, is a lock for the NYSS final.

She drew post five and has been made 7-2 on the early line. Trainer Ron Burke has called upon Drew Monti to sit in the bike for this event.

In the second \$59,100 split, Time On My Hands ([American Ideal](#)-Bewitching Jewell) looks like the one to beat on the strength of her body of work. She's a three-time NYSS winner and took her lifetime mark of 1:53.2 in a leg at Saratoga Raceway.

Her most recent outing was in the \$109,050 Lady Maud at Yonkers where she got away last and was chasing a :56.2 closing half. She did finish fifth and paced home in a snappy :27.4 final quarter.

The first \$60,200 division features No Clouds Bluechip ([Roll With Joe](#)-B J's Sunshine) who comes in fresh off a big win in the \$239,225 Empire Breeders Classic (EBC) at Tioga Downs. After winning her elimination in 1:53 wire-to-wire, No Clouds Bluechip came from off the pace in the final to annihilate her competition, winning in 1:50.1 by five lengths.

No Clouds Bluechip is a four-time winner this year and has amassed \$233,208 in earnings for her efforts and currently sits sixth in points for the final.

In 2016, Time On My Hands has four wins and \$146,893 in assets. She is currently second in points and has qualified for the final as well. She has drawn post one and will team with Ray Fisher Jr. for trainer Chris Ryder.

Wishy Washy Girl ([Roll With Joe](#)-Wish All You Want) cut blazing fractions in the EBC but paid the price in the end. She finished sixth, but it was not unexpected with a 1:21.3 three-quarters. Prior to that under more moderate rating, she has been a handy filly since entering the Brainard stable.

Although her lifetime mark is 1:54.1 at Pocono Downs, she just missed going wire-to-wire in 1:51.3 in the EBC elimination two starts back where she finished third by a half-length.

Wishy Washy Girl has won two races this year but neither were in Sire Stakes action.

Jim Morrill Jr. picks up the lines for the fourth straight time behind Wishy Washy Girl as assigned by trainer Tracy Brainard and the pair will depart from post five listed at 7-2.

There are also two divisions of the \$15,000 Excelsior Series A races on the card that will go postward at 6:15 p.m.