

## **NYSS freshman male pacers to race Saturday at Batavia Downs**

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**Batavia, NY ---** The top two point leaders for New York Sires Stakes 2-year-old pacing colts and geldings will headline the 16 starters who will compete for \$111,000 in two divisions at Batavia Downs on Saturday night (Sept. 3).

In the first \$55,500 division, Miso Fast ([Roll With Joe](#)-Sakura Hanover) comes in leading all his peers with 205 NYSS points on the strength of four consecutive wins in that competition this year. In his last start at Yonkers, he got parked out the better part of the mile and ended up finishing fifth in 1:55.4. That event was on Aug. 18 and he hasn't raced since, so he comes into this race off a 16 day layoff.

This year, Miso Fast has a mark of 1:53.1 at Tioga Downs and has banked \$79,636 in earnings. Trainer Ron Burke has retained the services of Jim Morrill Jr. to do the driving and Miso Fast will leave from post three as the 9-5 morning line favorite.

Serious Major ([Art Major](#)-Seriously) will be strong competition as he moved into the NYSS level after winning three straight races at the Excelsior A level. Since making the jump he has won at Yonkers Raceway in 1:56.2 and finished second at Vernon Downs in 1:52.3 to Funknwaffles who will race in the other division here. For the year, Serious Major is five out of six in the win column.

Serious Major took a mark of 1:54.4 at Tioga Downs and has won \$78,606 in purses. Ray Fisher Jr. will pick up the lines for trainer Chris Ryder and leave from post five as the 7-2 second choice.

In the second \$55,500 split, Funknwaffles ([American Ideal](#)-Hatsoff Hanover) is a perfect six-for-six on the year, leads all his NYSS competitors in earnings and currently sits second in points with 150. He started out in Excelsior A, winning three races there before moving up to NYSS action where he won three more.

Funknwaffles just scored his lifetime mark at Vernon last week in 1:52.1 and has \$106,439 in purses for his efforts. Jim Morrill Jr. will be in the bike for trainer John Butenschoen and is listed at 9-5 from post seven.

Pointomygranson ([American Ideal](#)-Sangall) has only one NYSS win this year and would just make the final if today's points were to decide it. But he's been a solid competitor in every race he's been in. He was second at Monticello Raceway in 1:56.1, coming home in :27.3. And last week at Mohawk in the Metro eliminations, he closed sharply from seventh in :26.1 to finish fourth, beaten only 1-1/2 lengths in a 1:51.3 mile.

Pointomygranson has a mark of 1:55.1 at Saratoga and has earned \$35,479 this year. Marcus Miller will be in the house to drive for trainer Chris Ryder and drew the invisible rail at 4-1.

There are also two divisions of the Excelsior A series on the card that is slated to begin at 6:15 p.m.