

What's Goin On stuns field in NYSS at Buffalo Raceway

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Hamburg, NY --- What's Goin On probably had the fans asking that exact question as he shocked the field in his \$36,567 division of the New York Sire Stakes for the 2-year-old colt and gelding pacers at Buffalo Raceway on Wednesday night (July 20).

In covering the mile in 1:56.4, the fastest of the three divisions, What's Goin On (Mark MacDonald) paid a handsome \$37.60 to his faithful backers.



Steve Roth photos

What's Goin On shocked the field with a \$37.60 win in NYSS Wednesday at Buffalo Raceway.

In other Sire Stakes action, driver Jody Jamieson took Windsong Napoleon straight to the lead and never looked back in registering an easy 6-1/4 length triumph over Twin B Cowboy (Jim Morrill Jr.) in 1:57.2 while the heavily-favored Miso Fast (Matt Kakaley) avoided disaster down the backstretch and was able to track down the pace-setting Americanfirewater (Jamieson) in 1:57.3.

The winners were short of the track records of He's Watching (1:55.4) set for the colts in 2013 and Roadside Delight (1:56.3) established in 2010 for the geldings.

In the most shocking result of the night, What's Goin On led from the start and put up respectable splits of 29.4, 59.4 and 1:29.1. The Mark Harder-trainee had plenty left in the tank for the last quarter mile as he paced home in 27.3 to hold off any late threats. This Is My Song (Jamieson) finished in second while Offdahook Bluechip (Kakaley) finished in third.

Owned by Rick Phillips, the VIP Internet Stable, Deanna Frost and Mark Harder, it was the first victory for What's Goin On ([Roll With Joe](#)-Shipp's Xclamation).

In the first leg, Windsong Napoleon was able to set fractions of 29.4, 59.3 and 1:29.1 and used a final panel of 28.1 in going gate-to-wire in disposing of Twin B Cowboy and third place finisher America's Fleet (Mark MacDonald).

Owned by trainer Carl Jamieson, Thomas Kyron and Douglas Good, Windsong Napoleon ([Art Major](#)-Bunny Dearest) now has two victories in four career tries, earning \$26,879.

In the other bracket, Miso Fast (\$2.30) was fortunate to avoid trouble heading to the three-quarter pole and used a 27.4 last split to collar Americanfirewater in 1:57.3. Willie Joe Hall (Pat Lachance) took the show position.

Going first-over down the backstretch, Miso Fast and a heads up Kakaley were able to swing wide and avoid the pocket-sitting Outkast Blue Chip who broke stride and scattered the field.

In the home stretch, Americanfirewater could feel the pressure being applied by Miso Fast in the lane and could do nothing but helplessly watch.

Miso Fast ([Roll With Joe](#)-Sakura Hanover) is trained by Ron Burke and is owned by the Burke Racing Stable, Our Horse Cents Stable and the J&T Silva Stable. It was his second straight Sire Stakes victory, now a winner of \$39,896 in just two lifetime appearances.



Morrill Jr. took a pair of \$15,000 Excelsior A Series events. He guided Funknwaffles (\$2.50) to a 1:57.4 victory and Serious Major (\$2.70) to a 1:59.1 decision. In the other leg, Percy's Z Tam (\$4.60) found the winner's circle with a 2:00 score with Lachance in the bike.

Sargeant Reckless was a popular \$4.20 winner in the \$6,500 Excelsior B Series as Morrill Jr. steered him to a 2:01 victory. Watch Me Fly (\$5.00) took the other division in 2:01.3 with Kevin Cummings aboard.

Windsong Napoleon romped to 6-1/4 length victory in 1:57.2.

There were two divisions of the Claiming Championship Series contested with Fresh Squeezed (\$4.50) posting a 1:56.1 victory for Kakaley in the \$14,800 finale for (\$8,000-\$12,500).

In the \$10,000 championship event for the distaff pacers (\$4,000-\$7,000), Mystical Danica (\$3.20) cruised to a 1:57.2 victory under the guidance of Cummings.

Princess Katie (Ray Fisher Jr.) toured the Buffalo Raceway half-mile oval in 1:55.2 to capture the \$9,500 Open Pace for the filly and mares. She returned \$4.20 for the victory.

The final week of racing will continue on Friday night at Buffalo Raceway with 10 races going to the post at 5 p.m.