

Jim Morrill Jr wins a pair of NYSS events at Monticello

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Monticello, NY---The inaugural event for 2016 New York Sire Stakes took place at Monticello Raceway on Monday (May 23). Six NYSS events were contested, 2 races for each category, the Excelsior A's, and Excelsior B's and the upper echelon Sire Stake fields. The front end ruled, as eight of the card's eleven races where won wire-to-wire.

Starting off the action in the second race was the first heat of the B division, it was almost too much action, as Sultry Susan made a nasty break in the first turn and went to her knees, scattering the entire field behind her. Dw'sblissfulhinn capitalized on the miscue and made the most of it, scoring a wire to wire win for trainer Debra Miller, and driver Jim Marohn Jr. in 2:00:1 for owner Donald La Page,

The second heat of the B class was the following race, I Got The Life, ([Roll With Joe](#)) benefited from a conservative drive by Mark Macdonald. She settled in 5th, and used the passing lane to score in a photo for a lifetime best 1:59:1. Jim Graham co owns the filly with Ronald Viola.



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Soft Idea scored wire-to-wire in 1:55.2 for trainer Linda Toscano and driver Jim Morrill Jr.

Race 4, was the first division of the open class of fillies, Jim Morrill Jr. aboard Soft Idea showed the field through fractions of 28:0, 56:4, 1:26:0 was stalked the entire mile by the Burke entry of Mother of Art and Art Critic, the filly labored in deep stretch but hung on for the win 1:55:2. She returned a \$3.60

Already with eleven starts under his belt and tight, the seasoned Erv Miller trainee Rolling Going Gone ([Roll With Joe](#)) won on the front end in 1:57:2 for driver Marcus Miller and owner Ross Bonafield.

28:2 in the afternoons final Excelsior event, the win gave Morrill a driving double on the card.

Milky Way Rae ([American Ideal](#)) was under wraps and raging with pace for driver Jim Morrill Jr, scoring well in hand in 1:55:2, pacing the fastest LQ of the day of

The final NY Bred race of the day came in race 8, Andy Miller brought his [American Ideal](#) filly, American Ivy to the fray, the tender footed filly started from Post 5, took the lead before the ¼ from Vino and Formaggio and showed the way, ranging into contention at the ¾ came Time on My Hand, but American Ivy rebuffed the challenge, prevailing in the afternoons fastest race 1:54:3, for owner Joe P Racing LLC of Delray Beach, Fl.

[American Ideal](#) had three daughters enter the winners circle, followed closely by his Blue Chip Farm stable-mate, Roll with Joe who had two winners on the afternoon.