

Sassa Hanover leads NYSS winners at Yonkers

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Yonkers, NY---Yonkers Raceway bid adieu to August Monday night (Aug. 31), hosting \$165,375 New York Sire Stakes Bruce Hamilton Pace for 3-year-old pacing fillies.

The event, neatly divided into a trio of \$55,125 divisions, honored the memory of a certified mover and shaker (as well as a fairly decent soul) in the state's racing and breeding program. Bruce's family was on hand for winner's circle presentations, which were dutifully given to:



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Sassa Hanover won her NYSS division in 1:52.1 for driver Yannick Gingras.

good win for her."

First division: Devil Child (Jimmy Whittemore, \$8.60), from post position No. 6, rallied from sixth turning for home to pick off sire-stakes-debuting Hey Kobe (Mark MacDonald) by a head in 1:54.2. Bossers Joy (Jason Bartlett) finished third, beaten a neck.

For third choice Devil Child, a daughter of [American Ideal](#) co-owned by trainer Homer Hochstetler, James Michaels and South of the Tracks Racing, it was her fourth win in 15 seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$109, with the triple returning \$680.

"She's had a tough season, bad posts and some bad luck," Whittemore said of Devil Child. "This was a

Second division: Odds-on Sassa Hanover (Yannick Gingras, \$2.70) methodically disposed of her six foes, essentially going the distance—from post No. 5—in 1:52.1. The margin was a length-and-a-half, with Luck Be A Lindy (Scott Zeron) second and Heart Major (Brian Sears) third.

For Sassa Hanover, a daughter of [Rock N Roll Heaven](#) co-owned (as Burke Racing) by trainer Ron Burke, Weaver Bruscemi, Panhellenic Stable and Larry Karr, she's now 4-for-12 this season. The exacta (two wagering favorites) paid \$4.90, with the triple returning \$14.60.

"Much better the last couple of starts," was Gingras' assessment of career winner of more than \$700,000.

Third division: Pole-sitting Bedroomconfessions (Sears, \$13.80) was gifted with the passing lane, and she passed, whipping pace-setting Band Of Angels (Gingras) by three-quarters of a length in 1:52.1. Divine Caroline (Dave Miller), as the 6-5 choice, was another who pulled pocket and flattened, settling for third. Second choice Mosquito Blue Chip (Morrill Jr.) broke leaving.



Bedroomconfessions was a 1:52.1 winner for Brian Sears in her NYSS split.

For Bedroomconfessions, an [American Ideal](#) lass co-owned (as Alagna Racing) by trainer Tony Alagna and Riverview Racing, it was her third win in 12 seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$72, with the triple returning \$169.