

NY Bred Maestro Blue Chip and Wiggle It Jiggleit, impress in Graduate along with NYSS 3YO Pacing Filly winners Angels Rockin Pink and Time On My Hands

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Nichols, NY.-- Reigning Horse of the Year Wiggle It Jiggleit (\$2.60) proved too much for his ten 4-year-old pacing rivals in Sunday afternoon's (June 12) \$75,000 Graduate preliminary at Tioga Downs, drawing clear authoritatively after setting a strong pace.



The 4-year-old [Mr Wiggles](#) gelding not only endured early pressure from Rockin Ron (Yannick Gingras) through a :25.4 first quarter, but also a broken buxton in the initial stages of the race. Nonetheless, he dictated all the terms, rating a :55.3 middle half before edging clear of first-over challenger In The Arsenal (Brett Miller) on the far turn. Now a 30-time winner, Wiggle It Jiggleit amassed 5-1/2 lengths clearance over the others in the end and his 1:48.1 mile equaled Rockeyed Optimist's track record for 4-year-old pacing geldings.

In the Arsenal held second, Rockin In Heaven (David Miller) rallied mildly to save third off a tracking trip, and Rockin Ron faded to fourth after forcing the early pace.

Fred Brown photo Clyde Francis trains Wiggle It Jiggleit for owners George Teague, Jr., and the Teague Racing Partnership.

Wiggle It Jiggleit dominates the competition yet again.

In the \$75,000 Graduate Trot, Maestro Blue Chip (\$13.40) lasted on the lead, parrying a stern first-over threat from Musical Rhythm (John Campbell) through the middle half and just holding sway from a surging Whataworkout (Scott Zeron) for a 1:53.4 victory. Tim Tetrick drove the 4-year-old [Credit Winner](#) stallion for owner Richard Poillucci and trainer Jo Ann Looney-King.

Pinkman (Gingras), the 2015 Hambletonian winner, could not escape the pocket and was narrowly beaten for third by Crazshana (David Miller) while lacking for racing room the entirety of the stretch.

The afternoon's two \$62,400 New York Sire Stakes events for 3-year-old pacing fillies saw Angels Rockn Pink (\$15.20) and Time on My Hands (\$4.10) work to the fore early and never look back. Angels Rockin Pink, a daughter of [Rock N Roll Heaven](#) and Miss Liz, turned aside a first-over push from Dime a Dance for a 1:52.1 win under Mark MacDonald for trainer Chris Oakes.

Time on My Hands also repelled a third-quarter challenge, but later would have to outlast a late push from American Ivy (Andy Miller), who vacated the pocket in upper stretch. Jason Bartlett drove the daughter of [American Ideal](#) and Bewitching Jewell to a 1:53.2 victory for trainer Chris Ryder.

The annual Tioga Downs Scholarship Race, a non-wagering exhibition sponsored by the Harness Horse Breeders of New York State and the Southern Tier Harness Horsemen's

Association, went to the Tompkins Cortland Community College-bound Alexis Eaton, teaming up with trainer Mike Deters in a two-seated jog cart behind Prairie Jaguar in the 5/8-mile race.

Live racing returns to Tioga Downs on Friday evening ,(June 17) with post time slated for 6:30 p.m. Eastern