

## Yonkers hosts NYSS Cyde Hirt Pace

by Frank Drucker, publicity director, Empire City at Yonkers Raceway

**Yonkers, NY** --- "Young Ladies on Parade" was the theme Monday night (July 20), with Yonkers Raceway hosting the \$147,723 New York Sire Stakes Clyde Hirt Pace for 2-year-old fillies.

Three divisions, at \$48,941 per, comprised the event.

Soft Idea (Jim Morrill Jr.) couldn't even wait for the wagering to begin, winning both the draw and the non-betting event. The daughter of [American Ideal](#)-Walk Softly sat patiently pocketed, then ducked inside. She whipped pace-setting American Ivy (Brian Sears) by 1-3/4 lengths in a life-best 1:56.2. Dime A Dance (George Brennan) was third.



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For Soft Idea, trained by Linda Toscano for co-owners The Bay's Stable, Radio Racing Stable, Little E LLC and South Mountain Stables, it was her second NYSS win in three tries.

The second sire stakes event saw odds-on Vino And Formaggio (Jason Bartlett) stuff Killing Em Softly (Brennan, \$6.40) in behind early, only to watch her ease past late. The second choice, from post position No. 4 after an inside scratch, whipped the favorite by a length in 1:57.3. Rockin Date (Matt Kakaley) was third.

**Soft Idea was a 1:56.2 winner for driver Jim Morrill Jr.**

For Killing Em Softly, an [American Ideal](#)-Apere Hanover miss trained by Casie Coleman for co-owners Andrew Harris and West Wins Stable, it was her second NYSS win in as many starts. The exacta paid \$11.60, with triple wagering cancelled due to a short five-horse field.

The evening's final statebred event saw No Clouds Bluechip (Sears, \$12.60) try to leave, take back, then go first-up to first home in maiden-breaking/night's-fastest 1:56. From post No. 3, she went over a tiring Wishy Washy Girl (Bartlett), then widened to win by 2-1/4 lengths. Mother Of Art (Kakaley) was second, with Penpal (Pat Lachance) third. Wishy Washy Girl tired to fourth, while 9-10 favorite Freeze Out (Marcus Miller) was a non-factor sixth.

Fourth choice No Clouds Bluechip, a daughter of Roll With Joe-B J's Sunshine trained by John Berger for co-owners Barbara Berger and Richard and Farrell Carney, is now one-for-four to begin her career. The exacta paid \$71, with the triple returning \$361.

The Raceway's live season continues Tuesday afternoon (first post 1 p.m.), then Thursday through Saturday (post time 7:10 p.m.). Evening simulcasting accompanies all night programs, with afternoon simulcasting available daily.