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## Hypnotic AM and Love A Good Story Breeze by Competition as New York Sire Stakes Returns for First Races of 2020

**SCHENECTADY, N.Y. –** The New York Sire Stakes returned for its first events of 2020 with two divisions for 3-year-old trotting fillies at Tioga Downs Casino and Resort on Sunday (June 21). Hypnotic AM and Love A Good Story both returned to action to score in their first starts after stand-out sophomore campaigns.

Last year's defending NYSS champion Hypnotic AM was undefeated in NYSS action as a freshman and won her 3year-old debut to take one of two \$55,000 divisions of the NYSS in 1:54.2. Hypnotic AM is a daughter of Chapter Seven. It was her eighth career victory in 10 starts.

Hypnotic AM, who is owned by Courant Inc. and trained by Marcus Melander, was steered to victory by regular driver Brian Sears. Reba Blue Chip (Verlin Yoder) was second. Munster (Andrew McCarthy) finished third.

Love A Good Story and Andy Miller breezed to an easy win in the other \$55,000 Sire Stakes division. She cut the mile as the heavy favorite and never looked back on the way to her 1:53 victory. No Mas Drama (Joe Bongiorno) tried to run her down but had to settle for second best. Without A Warning (Scott Zeron) was third.

Love A Good Story is by Chapter Seven. She is trained by Julie Miller for owners Pinske Stable, Kentuckiana Racing Stable, and Daniel Plouffe. She now has eight career wins and more than \$260,000 in earnings.



Up next, 3-year-old colt trotters take to the track for their first leg of the Sire Stakes and Excelsior Series at Vernon Downs on Wednesday (June 24). To see the full 2020 New York Sire Stakes and Excelsior Schedule, click <u>here.</u>

## About the Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund:

The Agriculture & NYS Horse Breeding Development Fund is a public benefit corporation established in 1965 by the Laverne Law (Laws of New York, Chapter 567 of the Laws of 1965). The mission of the fund is to promote agriculture through the breeding of Standardbred horses and the conduct of equine research within the state. To carry out its legislative mission, the Fund administers the New York Sire Stakes races, Excelsior/State Fair Series races, and County Fair Races.

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