

Sears wins six in NYSS at Monticello

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Monticello, NY---As the day started on Tuesday (Aug. 11), the track was listed as fast with sunny skies with a slight headwind in the stretch as the first group of 2-year-old pacing fillies went to post.

After a deluge during the seventh race, the judges called for a rain delay, and the track was then downgraded to sloppy. Three races later after the sun came out again, the track was upgraded to good.



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No Clouds Bluechip won the first race--the first NYSS division--in 1:56.3 for driver Brian Sears.

In spite of the adverse weather conditions, Brian Sears went on to have a stellar afternoon, winning six of the card's 13 races. Local trainer Ed Hart also harnessed three winners on the afternoon.

The Sears win parade started in the first race, as they often do, in the first division of the New York Sire Stakes, going for a purse of \$35,166.

The initial small field of six was whittled down to five as Amazon Ideal was scratched. American Ivy was first out from the gate. In the middle of the first turn she made a break, but driver Mark MacDonald quickly got her back on stride to take the lead past the quarter in 28.4 and the half in 58.4.

No Clouds Bluechip grabbed the lead down the backstretch and took her contemporaries to the three-quarters in 1:28.3. American Ivy was tiring and Dime A Dance was charging hard, but Sears and No Clouds Bluechip scored a measured win in 1:56.3, the fastest mile of the afternoon, giving trainer John Berger a special birthday present. The daughter of Roll With Joe - B J's Sunshine garnered her second win of her young career.

After winning the first two races, Sears scored with the 1-5 favorite Time On My Hands (Post No. 1) in race five. Soft Idea had the lead at the quarter, with Time On My Hands parked. She then cleared and stayed there the rest of the mile, tripping the timer at 29, 58.1, 1:28.2 to win in 1:57.2 for trainer Chris Ryder. The daughter of [American Ideal](#) - Bewitched Jewell gave Sears his third win of the card. Soft Ideal was a fast-closing second for Jim Morrill Jr. The winner returned \$3.50 for win for owners Robinson, Mondillo, Cheatham and the BFJ Stable.

Prior to the eighth race, the judges called for a rain delay and the track was downgraded to sloppy. VINO And Formaggio took the lead as the gate sprung. Killing Em Softly also left hard, but was rough-gaited. Jim Morrill settled her down and she dropped in the three hole. VINO And Formaggio was in control and showed the lead with fractions of 29 and 59. At the five-eighths pole, Morrill came first-over with the now-composed Killing Em Softly to range into contention. As the pair sweep past the three-quarters in 1:29.



VINO And Formaggio won her NYSS split for Sears in 1:57.1.

VINO And Formaggio was not to be denied as the [Art Major](#)- Pasta Lavista filly scored his first pari-mutuel win in 1:57.1 over a sloppy track. Sears garnered his sixth win of the afternoon, winning by 4-3/4 lengths, giving Hart a hat trick. The filly is co-owned by Randy Bendis, Reed Broadway and Thomas Pollack.