

## Hilliard Recap

By Thom Pye

Cameron McCown guided her through an awesome last 3/4's in 1:28.4 as she just lived on the outside. Who-waa!

The Ohio Ladies Pace Series put together two "wicked good" miles when Mandy Jones and Alwaysagoodthing pried the first division away in 2:00.1 from Jamie Coffy aboard Pow Chicka Pow Pow and Amy Eubank's Art Degree.

In the 2nd battle it was Amy Wengerd make her debut with Moreland Flash and she sent the 12-year-old gelding down the road in his 313th lifetime start to grab the W in 1:58.2 over an intense pursuit by Insane In Spain (Ulrika Karlsson) and Sharp Shuttle with Mary Birkhold.

The \$5,065 HTCS 1st division for 3-year-old pacing fillies had Jeff Nisoner steering co-owner Ken Roebuck's and trainer Brian Roebuck's Check On The Way (by Believeinbruiser) to a mile in 1:59 as Anotherprettyface and Trevor Smith. Luke Ebersole and Dazzlin Dragon garnered 3rd. It was also the Racing With The Stars fan contest which produced the youngest winner yet after 3-year-old Selina M. drew "Checkers" and the rail.

As a proud papa accompanied her to the Winners Circle he smiled and said proudly "she knows how to pick `em, don't she?"

For added entertainment the track personnel put together a unique Bouncy Pony contest as it was held in two divisions of four-member relay teams that were comprised of very game Fair Board directors, 4 H members, and Fair Royalty. Before the determined and eager participants began as they sat bouncing playfully on the ponies, one princess was advised that she'd "better tighten her tiara ...it's not as easy as it looks."

Lots of laughs, cheers, and applause before the champions were finally crowned.

On Monday (July 16th) the track responded to the constant care and manicuring as 5 out of the 9 races beat two minutes.

Cameron McCown had the 1st of his 4 winning mounts when he drew off by 8 1/4 with Lisa Snyder's colt Deena's Little John (by Big Bad John) in the \$5,099 HTCS 2-year-old pace 1st division.

The 2nd division was grabbed by Hunter Myers aboard the Ron Steck-trained Me And Mrs Jones (by Pet Rock) who came a good last half off the pacesetter's slow early fractions.

Levan Stable & driver Harrison Levan's Manny L (by Manodmanymissions) won the \$5,032 HTCS division for 3-year-old trotting colts in 1:59.3 while James Shipley's Twighlight Twist (by Dejambro) and Ryan Holton aired by 18 for trainer Doug Rine in 1:59.4.

Mcharry L (McArdle-Just Say So) with Harrison Levan upset favorite Adios Man and Trevor Smith in the 1st \$5,032 HTCS 3-year-old colt pace in 1:59 as Uber Hanover (Ken Holliday) took 3rd.

The second HTCS had all the whistles and bells going full steam when trainer/co-owner Bret Schwartz, Stephen Sexton, and Ada Jacobs' Cass Delight Rock (Pet Rock-Amber Delight) ground it out against the front-ending Ohio Prince and Ken Holliday before taking the mile in 1:56.4. Hunter Myers and Drinka Beer was a close 3rd.

A fine and exciting program at Hilliard.

And we'll see you next time at the Station... Hilliard's Station... throw that train whistle in for effect, Bobby Jo.