

# Buckeye Stallion Series Clashes Dominate Miami Valley's Saturday Card

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B Like Cruiser scored an impressive 1:52.3 tally in his first lifetime start during B.S.S. action on Saturday. (Conrad photo)

LEBANON, OH – A total of eleven \$17,500 divisions of sophomore pacing and trotting colts went postward in Buckeye Stallion Series action on Saturday night (May 4) at Miami Valley Raceway. A multitude of different owners, trainers and drivers shared in the total purses of \$192,500 allocated to the first leg of the popular series. Ten different drivers won one of the eleven heats, with Jeremy Smith notching the only double. On the training side, ten different stable were victorious, with the only double belonging to Steve Carter.

Pacing winners were Sweet Cruiser (driver Chris Page, 1:54.2, \$4.40 win mutuel), Shamma Lamma (Peter Wrenn, 1:52.3, \$3.40), B Like Cruiser (Brett Miller, 1:52.3, \$2.80), Yankee Boots (Dan Noble, 1:53.3, \$3.20) and Rock N Randy V (Jeremy Smith, 1:52.3, \$3.00).

Squaregaiters who reached the winner's circle were More Than Miles (Jeremy Smith, 1:58.1, \$18.60), Forget It Im Crazy (Kayne Kauffman, 1:57.4, \$6.00), TC's Best (Ronnie Wrenn Jr., 1:56.3, \$4.20), Homer Hall (Jason Brewer, 1:57.2, \$2.80), Peter's Express (Sandy Beatty, 1:58.2, \$83.40) and Colonel Sam (Kyle Ater, 1:57.2, \$4.20).

The final Saturday night \$25,000 Open I Handicap Pace of the meet was also staged with Dancin Yankee (Page) topping My Hero Ron (Noble) and Mykindachip (Mike Wilder) in 1:51. It was the 74<sup>th</sup> career win for the 11-year-old son of Yankee Cruiser who continues to inch closer to the \$2 million overall earnings plateau with every start. Dancin Yankee, a multiple past winner of Ohio Horse Of The Year honors is owned by the Burke Racing Stable LLC.

Closing day (May 6) should be quite special as Miami Valley presents a pair of \$100,000 Grand Circuit events headlined by Atlanta, last year's Hambletonian winner, making her first seasonal start in the Miami Valley Distaff; and Shartin N returning to the Ohio five-eighths mile oval as defending champion of the Sam 'Chip' Noble Memorial, in which she established a distaff track record of 1:49.3 in the 2018 edition.



TC's Best clocked the quickest victory (1:56.3) in the Buckeye Stallion series trotting splits. (Conrad photo)



Dancin Yankee captured the final \$25,000 Open Pace of the Miami Valley season in 1:51. (Conrad photo)