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### The Circle is complete at Circleville

By Thom Pye

The Pickaway County Fair hosted the Ohio Colt Racing Association from Saturday June 16th through Monday June 18th and there were some surprisingly fast miles to start the three-day event.

Trackmen kept the 72-year-oval in good shape over the winter and the very first race on Saturday (June 16), a \$2,667 division OCRA for 2-year-old pacing colts, introduced fans to the Clarence Foulk-owned/bred/trained Black Hole (Mr Apples-Feel The Thunder) as Brendan Johnson took the colt to victory with a mile in 2:03.1h, last quarter in :29.1 over a surface listed as "good."

Jeremy Smith piloted trainer/owner Jim Arledge Jr and Sharon Edelman's 3-year-old gelding Cinder Lane Holden to a new tab of 2:01.2h in a \$2,850 OCRA division as the 3-year-old gelding threw a last panel of :29.4 to hold off Will Of Fortune (Trevor Smith) and Ken Holliday aboard Uber Hanover.

Roger Hughes Jr. unleashed another 2-year-old trotter as he won by 6 with his gelding Rockys Wedding (Dontyouforgetit) in the \$2,798 OCRA division clipping off a mile of 2:06.4h.

Kayne Kauffman made the 19-mile trip south from Scioto Downs and scored the first of his three diving wins with Mike Guest's United Bi in the 1st division of the Macs Classic Open Trot. Macs Classic was a beloved equine resident of the Pickaway County Fairground who held court in Circleville for 18 of his 26 years teaching many a youngster "the ropes" in caring and driving a horse.

The day's 6th race, a \$2,850 OCRA division for 3-year-old colts, saw Dan Noble deftly team the Jim Pollock Jr-conditioned Reagan's Avenger over Dancing Dragon (Jason Brewer) and Pacin To Paydaze (Jeff Nissonger) as the Mark Ford-owned altered son of Dragon Again paced in a very quick 1:59.3h.

There were 15 well-contested races on a warm and enjoyable afternoon at Circleville.

It was a great day of racing, fun, and prizes on Sunday (June 17th) as the Circleville oval offered a 9-race card including 7 Ohio Colt Racing Association stake races for young trotters and pacers.

The first division of the Bill Mayhugh Memorial conditioned pace was won by the 10-year-old Redbud as owner/trainer/driver Nick Turley of Columbus guided the gelding to a time of 2:01.3h over Miss Meeko and Gorgeous Jimmy.

Bryan Weaver drove his pupil Missions Delight to victory in the \$3,487 OCRA division for 3-year-old trotting fillies as the daughter of Manyofmanymissions went a mile in 2:06.2h for owner Donna Anderson of Stoutsville.

The 2nd division of the Mayhugh was taken by the Scott Mc Quinn trained and driven Arringos as he won easily with the Keven Mc Quinn of Lebanon-owned gelding in 2:02 flat.

It started out as another fun day at the races for lifelong Circleville resident Tom May. May had been coming to the fairgrounds as a member of 4H, competing and showing, for years and one of his aspirations was to be in the Winners Circle.

When his name was announced to "come on over... you are going to be Racing with The Stars!" he was the first to arrive at the tent. As the 7 participants randomly drew their number to be matched with their horse for the race May was undeterred when he pulled out the 6.

And when owner/driver Kato Young of Chillicothe shook loose from the rest of the 3-year-old OCRA trotters and stopped the timer in 2:04.4h with his gelding by Break The Bank, #6 Heavy Duty K, it was May that gave the loudest "whoop" in the grandstand.

As May's wish came true and he posed with the other smiling well-wishers in the Pickaway Fairgrounds winner circle, it is he that is the happiest of all.

Because for Tom May from Circleville, the Stars truly came out that day.

The Pickaway County Fair wrapped up its 2018 racing season as Sean Mayhugh with fellow speed committee members Sherri Fisher and Tami Hartman put together another enjoyable card of Ohio Colt Racing Association's youngsters including a classically-fought Ohio Ladies Pace Series and a very competitive \$8,500 Steamin Demon Pace on Monday (June 17).

In the first \$2,986 OCRA two-year-old filly pace Dan Noble took Vin Conte's daughter of Pet Rock-Belle, Marie Adorabella, into the Winners Circle by sizzling the half-mile oval in 2:02.3h over Martys Dream Girl and Rose Run Ultimate for her very first stake win.

Noble would take the 2nd half of the double with Lisa Gosselin of Eaton, Ohio's Christina One (Dragon Again) in the \$3,468 OCRA filly pace as well when the Pat Melloy Jr-trained 3-year-old added a new tab 2:01.2h over I'm Flying Free and Dragon Me Down.

David Swaney took his own and trained Big Bad John 3-year-old filly Milly B Gone and was gone in her \$3,468 OCRA division as she took a new lifetime mark over Grays Slick (Noble) and Bad Tigress(Bothman) in 2:02.3h over the Centerville oval.

The Mark Winters Sr.-conditioned How About Murph (Allamerican Native) and Jeff Nissonger took her 2-year-old \$2,986 OCRA pace with a time of 2:03.4h.

The Ohio Ladies Series produced another battle when veteran Emily Hay sent the team of owner Luke Hanner and trainer Alicia Hanner's Light Up The Sky wire-to-wire and held off an "upstart" first-time driver Amy Eubank and Art Degree in a scorcher of a mile in 2:02.1h. The 12-year-old Four Starzz Shark-Far Ahead Hanover by Abercromie gelding boasted a lifetime mark of 1:49.4f and had a tailor-made trip yet nobody bet him to win... *WELL, I WAS TOO BUSY!!!*

The Racing With The Stars contest brought another new face into the Winners Circle when participant "Feel Good" Phil Good enjoyed the win when the Jim Arledge Jr-trained Woodyoucolorwithme (Woodstock-Color My World) took her \$2,986 OCRA 2-year-old filly division in 2:05.1h. Jeremy Smith did the driving honors aboard the novice pacer.

In the Season's finale, the \$8,500 Steamin Demon Pace, Scioto Downs' leading driver Dan Noble put Chance I Might right on the front and cut a rugged mile of 1:59.2h but Shawn Barker II staged a rockin' and a rollin' rally to get them in a photo.

Entertainment abounded with The Pickaway County High School Harness Challenge as four schools sent out

their most-courageous teachers - along with a most-professional driver for support - and produced a closely-fought contest.

And although it was an uncharted race for the annual Pickaway County 4H Outhouse Race in the 11th, it was a mad dash to the wire and quite the relief when it was over.

Lots of fun that we'll always remember.