

The Rumble at Trumbull

Cortland, Ohio – A fine group of Home Talent Colt Stakes 2 and 3-year-old colts and fillies competed in a split 16 race card on Monday (July 6th) starting at 12:30 p.m. Although the scenic Trumbull County half-mile oval in the northeast corner of Ohio had lay dormant for close to year there were some pretty impressive miles by the young trotters and pacers.

In the HTCS \$3,952 first division Susan Offenberger of Beverly, Ohio's pacer Cruzin Susan made her initial appearance on a racetrack a winning one as the Eric Nesselroad-trained 2-year-old filly by Well Said – a \$7,000 yearling purchase at the Ohio Select Sale – driven by Q/F driver Brady Clemens bested the Kurt Sugg teamed Racingdownadream – who had just taken a tab of 2:00.2h in a qualifier at Northfield - by a neck in 2:05.3h.

The HTCS 2-year-old pacing filly 3rd division was grabbed by the Cory Deyermant-conditioned/Kurt Sugg driven Forever Missy as the McArdle miss posted her first lifetime win in 2:02.4h with a final panel of :29.2 as she drew away from the field by 10 open lengths.

The afternoon's finale saw Kurt Sugg, last year's winningest driver on the Ohio Fair circuit, earn his fourth victory on the day when the 50-year-old native of Deshler, Ohio got the seat on Big Dog Racing's Don't Ask Logan and piloted the Pamela Young-trained McArdle 5-year-old to a gutsy come-from-behind triumph by a long length over of Blue Spanx and Keith Kash Jr. The time for the mile... 1:59.4h.

The evening's 5:30 p.m. program of HTCS colts and geldings was highlighted by more neck and head finishes and produced many a comment of "*that* was a horse race!"

Keith Kash Jr, aboard the Matt Rowe-owned/Mark Rowe-trained 3-year-old Bigrisk gelding Risky Millions, was "all in" as he kept Big Bad Whamo and Daren Harvey hangin' out to dry as the pair went eye-to-eye, nose-to-nose with some pretty torrid fractions and would draw of by 10 to take the win.

The entire afternoon of racing was broadcast live on the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association Facebook page as well as on YouTube. Due to the COVID situation OHHA has stepped up and is presenting 72 different race day events of HTCS, OFRC, OCRA, and SVCC home-grown Ohio fair racing live for the Summer for the enjoyment of harness racing fans throughout Ohio, North America, and the world.