

GOLDEN TRICKS, TRILLIONS HANOVER WIN HUDSON FILLY, LADY MAUD
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, August 31, 2019—Golden Tricks (Andy Miller, \$17.20) inherited the pocket, then snapped 9-10 favorite Quincy Blue Chip (Jim Morrill Jr.) at the wire Saturday night, winning Yonkers Raceway's \$124,334 Hudson Filly Trot for 3-year-olds.

A race later, odds-on Trillions Hanover (George Brennan, \$2.80) whipped four rivals first-up from last in the \$122,224 Lady Maud for 3-year-old pacing fillies.

Golden Tricks, from post position No. 3, was actually the first leader before yielding to Starita (Dexter Dunn). The latter jumped it off in the second turn after a :28.2 opening quarter-mile.

While Starita was misbehaving, Quincy Blue Chip was out and moving, making the lead before a 57-second intermission. It was a seemingly-sensible 1:27.3 three-quarters after minimal grief from 70-1 Magical Beliefs (Brian Sears).

Quincy Blue Chip had a comfortable length-and-a-half lead into the lane, but Golden Tricks methodically wore her down. Golden Tricks stuck her tongue out of the money in 1:56. Starita was a recovering third, with Magical Beliefs hanging around for fourth.

For third choice Golden Tricks, daughter of Trixton owned by Brixton Medical and trained by Ake Svanstedt, it was her fourth win in 10 seasonal starts. The exacta paid \$60.50, the triple returned \$91 and the superfecta paid \$489.

"I tried to keep her quiet," Miller said after his first drive behind Golden Tricks. The lass had made a Zweig (Vernon) break in her last start. Ake (Svanstedt) said she warmed up good and she felt very good

As for Trillions Hanover, who has been knocking hooves with the best in her division all season, a first career half-mile oval appearance wasn't pretty, but it was effective.

From post No. 4, she was unhurried, beating no one early in the field that was reduced to a quintet. Bestseller Hanover (Jason Bartlett) made the lead and put up subsections of :27.3; :57.1; and 1:24.4. The speedy third quarter was when Trillions Hanover came to visit.

The latter went by early in the lane, defeating a pocketed JK American Beauty (Jordan Stratton) by a length. Bestseller Hanover did hold off a second-over Blue Ivy (Tyler Buter) for third.

For Trillions Hanover, a Somebeachsomewhere miss trained by Tom Fanning for co-owners VIP Internet Stable, Falcon Racing & Paul Lang, it was her third win in a dozen '19 tries. The exacta paid \$10, with triple and superfecta wagering scrapped due to the abbreviated assemblage.

“She tries hard, which is something I can’t always say about the fillies,” Fanning said. “I was worried about the turns, but she hung in there.”

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