

**NEWLY-MINTED MILLIONAIRE WILL TAKE CHARGE,**  
**MICKY GEE N WIN SATURDAY NIGHT 44G CO-FEATURES**  
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YONKERS, NY, Saturday, June 22, 2019—Hared-knocking Will Take Charge (Jordan Stratton, \$3.20) did not have to work that hard Saturday night (June 22<sup>st</sup>), winning Yonkers Raceway's \$44,000 co-featured Open Handicap Trot...becoming a career millionaire along the way.

Winning the 3-thru-6 draw among the half-dozen, the odds-on number strolled around the surroundings (:28, 57.3, 1:26, 1:54), the mile matching a season's-best effort. Pole-assigned In Secret (George Brennan) could not match strides from the pocket, beaten a length-and-a-quarter. A ground-saving Smalltownthrowdown (Jim Marohn Jr.) was third, with a returning Melady's Monet (Eric Goodell) and Chasin' Dreams (Jason Bartlett) picking off the lesser loot.

Trotting Grace (Brent Holland) was outrun.

For Will Take Charge, a 6-year-old Kadabra gelding co-owned by (trainer) Jeff Gillis and Mac Nichol, it was his third win in nine seasonal starts (life 24-for-85, \$1,006,228). The exacta (two wagering choices) paid \$6.70, the triple returned \$33.80 and the superfecta paid \$91.50.

Stratton then doubled his pleasure in the \$44,000 Open Handicap Pace, overcoming losing the 4-thru-8 getaway with a third-up Micky Gee N (\$20).

With no choice but to spectate early, Micky Gee N saw 3-2 choice Rock Diamonds N (Ron Cushing) lead through spiffy intervals of :25.4, 55 seconds flat and 1:22.2. Getting numbers to 'run at,' Micky Gee N closed crisply, getting the better of Classy Dragon (Joe Bongiorno) late. That one attacked the favorite, eventually winning the battle but losing the war.

Micky Gee N prevailed by three-quarters of a length in 1:50.4, with 45-1 rank outsider Proven Desire (Marohn Jr.) third. Dr. J Hanover (Brent Holland) and Toatsmygoats (Brennan) came away with the remainder, while Rock Diamonds N tired to seventh among the octet.

For fifth choice Micky Gee N, a 6-year-old Down Under Bettor's Delight gelding owned by William Hartt and trained Lance Hudson, it was his fifth win in a dozen '19 tries. The exacta paid \$159.50, the triple returned \$1,153 and the superfecta paid \$5,546.

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