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Mission Brief trotting to a world record time of 1:50.6
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Muscle Hill filly trots world record 1:50.6

Freakish Muscle Hill two-year-old filly Mission Brief sliced 1.6 seconds off her own world record when she trotted a 1:50.6 mile in an \$80,550 division of the International Stallion Stakes on Thursday afternoon (October 2) at Lexington's famed Red Mile.

Driver Yannick Gingras had the filly under wraps at the finish line in a simply electrifying mile over the red clay. The time was two-fifths of a second off the all-age record for female trotters, set by seven-year-old mare Giant Diablo in 2007, also at The Red Mile.

"She's a super freaky filly and Yannick has done a super job with her," trainer Ron Burke said.

Leaving nothing to chance, Gingras moved his filly quickly off the gate and right to the lead. From there, it was simply a walk-over as Mission Brief cruised through easy fractions of 28, 55.2 and 1:23. After opening up five lengths going into the last turn, it was apparent no other horse would come close to the slick-gaited distaff as long as she minded her manners.

She won by 16 lengths under a hold.

Mission Brief upped her career earnings to \$313,315 with the win, the sixth of her career from nine starts.

"She is just a special filly and also makes me nervous," said co-owner Jerry Silva. "A filly with her kind of speed is just scary. She ranks right up there with some of the greats, including Muscle Hill."

A \$150,000 yearling purchase from the 2013 Lexington Selected Sale, Mission Brief is out of a mare by Varenne.

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Muscle Hill sires feature winners in two continents

Muscle Hill, the leading sire of two-year-olds in North America this year and third on the Swedish three-year-old sires' premiership, produced important race winners in USA and France in the first week of October.

In America, the two-year-old colt SS Poseidon led in a Muscle Hill quinella in the \$33,500 New Jersey Futurity at Freehold Raceway, with the filly Demons N Diamonds finishing runner-up.

The winner of the Harold Dancer Memorial and Reynolds Memorial earlier in the season, SS Poseidon boasts stake earnings of \$105,255.

Meanwhile, in France, the Muscle Hill three-year-old filly Spada Nera captured a Group 3 85,000 Euro classic at Vincennes on October 7 to become the first Muscle Hill progeny to win at the Paris headquarters' track.

Starting from post 11 in the 15-horse field, Spada Nera scored in a 1:59.3 rate over 2100 metres.

Muscle Hill's Stallions Australasia studmate Wishing Stone has been going great guns on the racetrack recently.

The champion son of Conway Hall produced fast-closing efforts to finish runner-up in the \$166,300 American-National in 1:51.6 at Balmoral Park and third in the \$173,000 Allerage Farm Open Trot in 1:51.2 at Lexington's Red Mile.

Wishing Stone, who holds a mark of 1:51.4, boasts a stakes tally of \$2,357,150.