

NEWS UPDATE



Muscle Hill

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Resolve sets track record in \$170,000 Crawford Farms

Champion **MUSCLE HILL** entire **Resolve** established a new track record of 1:51.8 when he outsprinted his opposition in the \$170,000 Crawford Farms Trot at Tioga Downs, New York on August 27.

After settling down in fourth position, **Resolve** moved up to sit parked at the end of the 56.2 opening half.

Joining the leader on the home turn, the classy six-year-old quickly asserted his superiority to score by 1-1/2 lengths.

RESOLVE (ex Credit winner mare) has now won 18 races and a hefty \$2,618,824 in stakes.

The **MUSCLE HILL** trio **Ariana G**, **You Know You Do** and **Night Rhythm** stole the show at Mohawk Racetrack, Canada on Friday (September 1).

Ariana G, the richest and fastest three-year-old trotting filly in North America this year, captured the \$166,872 Simcoe Stakes in 1:53, while **You Know You Do** (1:55.2) and **Night Rhythm** (1:57.4) won their respective \$93,880 divisions of the Champlain Stakes for two-year-old trotting colts.

Night Rhythm, who gave his rivals a tidy start, edged out the **LUCKY CHUCKY** colt **Kinda Lucky Lindy** by a head.

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Trixton

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Trixton yearling sets sale record in Norway

A yearling colt sired by the 2014 Hambletonian champion **TRIXTON** sold for a new Norwegian record of \$122,500 at the recent Derby Sale.

The yearling, **Te Amo Corazon** is out of Chocolatique, a Chocolatier mare who took a mark of 1:57.1 and won the Norwegian Trotting Oaks. This is her second foal.

First-crop sire **WISHING STONE** has vaulted to the top of the USA two-year-old Sires' list based on average earnings per foal. **WISHING STONE** has produced 12 starters from 16 foals and his progeny has amassed \$283,612, an average of \$17,726 per foal.

U Need Stones, a two-year-old colt by **WISHING STONE** and his richest progeny with \$82,000, captured a division of the Kindergarten Classic at The Meadowlands on September 8 in a career-best 1:55.

MUSCLE HILL, the leading trotting sire in every category this year, sired both divisional winners of the \$252,000 Pennsylvania Sire Stakes Championships, run at Pocono Downs on September 4, in the two-year-old filly **Manchego**, who tied the stake record in 1:54.4, and the two-year-old colt **Fashionwoodchopper** (1:57.2).

Ariana G And **Dream Together**, a pair of **MUSCLE HILL** three-year-old fillies, won both \$35,000 eliminations of the Elegantimage at Mohawk Racetrack, Canada in 1:53.4 and 1:53.6 respectively.

Manchego (\$335,898) is the richest two-year-old trotter in North America this year, while **Ariana G** (\$625,190) is clearly the highest stakes-winning three-year-old filly.

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Muscle Hill progeny win big at Mohawk

The **MUSCLE HILL** sired **What The Hill** and **Ariana G** swept both major three-year-old trotting classics at Mohawk, Canada on Saturday night (September 16).

What The Hill, who enjoyed a pocket trip, captured the \$684,000 Canadian Trotting Classic, a race won by his sire eight years earlier, in a stakes record 1:51.8. It was his fifth win this year and eighth lifetime and lifted his overall stakes tally to \$719,612.

Long Tom (by **MUSCLE HILL**), who led, ran third.

Ariana G established a stakes, track and Canadian record with a brilliant 1:51.8 win in the \$385,000 Eleganimage. The filly led for the last half to score by 4-1/4 lengths from another **MUSCLE HILL** miss, **Dream Together**, finished runner-up.

It was the filly's 18th win from 22 starts and increased her lifetime bankroll to \$1.6 million, while her seasonal tally of \$625,190 makes her the richest three-year-old filly in North America in 2017.

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Wishing Stone

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Wishing Stone leading average earnings sire

Exciting first-crop sire **WISHING STONE** continues to lead the North American 2YO Trotting Sires premiership based on average earnings per live foal.

The performance of the week was the highly rated filly **Wish I Was There** winning at Mohawk in 1:55.8. The filly led out from gate 6 and then slipped home far too quickly for her rivals.

Victories also to the colt **Shoshie Deo** and the filly **Diamondstone Us**, now with seasonal earnings currently of \$63,490 and \$43,107 respectively ensure **WISHING STONE's** position at the top of the table.

WISHING STONE's leading 2YO is the 1:55 and \$89,750 winning **U Need Stones**.

LUCKY CHUCKY's bonny 2YO filly **Lucky Ava** captured the \$52,000 New York Sire Stakes division in 1:59.4 at Yonkers to advance her earnings to \$77,246.

Manchego, a 2YO **MUSCLE HILLY** filly, became the fastest and richest of her age, gait and sex in America this year with a stakes record 1:52.8 win in the \$375,000 Peaceful Way at Mohawk. She boasts earnings of \$538,398. Meanwhile, **Fly On** and **Yes Mickey**, a pair of **MUSCLE HILL** 3YO geldings, won \$30,000 divisions of the Simpson Memorial in 1:53.2 and 1:53.6 at Harrah's Philadelphia.

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