Race 1 – STONEBRIDGE REX stepped right around LOORIM LAKE A then opened a seat for DP REALORDEAL behind him, faced no real pressure to the final turn then opened a clear lead into the stretch, winning for the 5th time this year (and quickly shaking off last week’s uncharacteristic miscue)! QUALITY BID got away 4th, was up into 3rd entering the stretch, angled clear and easily ralied up into 2nd – easy trip, but still a sharp try. DP REALORDEAL easily found the two hole behind the winner, weakened to the head of the lane and was fortunate just to hang on for 3rd – definitely not his best effort tonight. CAVIART SARGENT sat the cones from 6th and avoided final turn trouble, pacing home well to almost grab the show spot from a tiring rival (helped by others being wiped out). TUFFENUTOWEARPINK was out 2nd over off turn three, but was wiped out on the final turn when LOORIM LAKE A went off stride. POINTOMYGRANSON was also wiped out by that breaker (was 3rd over at the time). LOORIM LAKE A was outleft and away in 3rd, pulled first over from turn three but could only challenge for 2nd to 3/4s, stalled out on the final bend then went off stride, bothering a couple of others

Race 2 – JIVE DANCING A was fast off the car and right to the top, cut a pretty hot :55.3 half, definitely a little tired at the end but able to safely hang on for the victory. NO WIN NO FEED A sat pocketed from early on, had her chance in the lane but couldn’t find quite enough to get by the vulnerable winner. PARADISE ROCK L came out first over from 4th on the back side, challenged for 2nd on the final bend and held together very well for 3rd in a solid try. NUTTINBUTHEBEST sat 3rd all the way, a no threat 4th to the wire. WHATINEEDISAMAN came out from last (5th) on the final turn to be a loose 2nd over, pacing home evenly at the back

Race 3 – SAUBLE DELIGHTFUL made the top off turn one then let PRINCESS ARONA got to the quarter, popped out of the pocket at the 5/8ths and paced on by the leader to 3/4s, opened a big lead to the top of the lane and annihilated these – another impressive score for possibly the hottest barn in the Northeast these days! TERACITA was outleft and had to find a spot to drop in 4th, pulled first over un ever turn three then gained (then lost) cover from the winner, worked hard to take over 2nd from a tiring PRINCESS ARONA to the top of the lane and was able to dig in enough to hold the place spot…though well off the dominant winner. CALLMEQUEENBEE A came out 4th over from the back to 3/4s, angled from 6th into the lane and charged home full of pace late, grabbing 3rd while not far off 2nd – continues to race well every week. JUST ROSAS LUCK yielded off turn one and ended up sitting 3rd, was behind the tiring pacesetter to the top of the lane, finally found room into the stretch and finished mildly to grab 4th. CORAL BELLA ended up 3rd over on the back side, was up to be 2nd over on the final turn but hung badly in the lane with a chance for a piece, if sharper. PLEASURE SEEKER came out from last on the final turn after being shuffled back, pacing home evenly from a no chance spot. COALFORDSNSHINE GB sat in and found herself behind a wall of horses entering the stretch, did appear to have pace but no real chance to ever show it. PRINCESS ARONA was caught wide briefly after leaving from Post 8 and eventually made her way to the top, got outfutbrushed by the winner to 3/4s and ran out of gas completely by the time they turned for home – gave it a shot for her new barn, but wasn’t up for the tough trip

Race 4 – LOUS SWEETREVENGE floated out at the start but lacked speed and had to drop in 5th, came out 2nd over on the back side but was hurt by poor cover on the final turn, swung wide with a lot of work to do but found another gear once into the homestretch and absolutely flew home to get up near the wire! KINGSVILLE avoided being looped by GREG THE LEG, made the top off turn one then let GREG THE LEG go before the quarter, popped back out to retake command on turn two then started to extend his lead to 3/4s, still had a clear advantage as they turned for home and looked like a winner…but just wasn’t able to hold off the flying winner at the wire, settling for 2nd in a very tough beat! GREG THE LEG couldn’t quite throw a loop from Post 8 and was caught 4 wide into the first turn, was able to make the top before the quarter then yielded back to a retake on turn two, started to gap a bit in the pocket to 3/4s but Holland was able to get him re-motivated, staying on gamely for 3rd despite a pretty tough tip! YOROKOBI N yielded off turn one and got away 3rd, pacing home evenly in the lane to take home 4th. SOUTHBEAACH HANOVER saved ground from 6th, pacing home evenly while no threat. SPLASH BROTHER ended up sitting 4th and gapped a bit to the half, came out first over with 3/8ths to pace but offered only a weak bid, stalling badly by the final turn. DUVAL STREET sat the cones in the back, never getting in play this week. UNDRTHSOUTHRSNSUN N came out from last to 3/4s, never getting close to the action

Race 5 – PINK RUBY was outleft by ITTY BITTY but found a spot to drop in 4th, pulled first over to turn three and was up to challenge for 2nd to 3/4s, kept coming into the lane and eventually was able to collar the leader at the wire,
delivering a nice “one and done” win for this week’s connections. FLIP THE SCRIPT retook from longshot ITTY BITTY to the quarter, enjoyed things pretty much her own way for 3/4s, felt the winner getting closer on the final turn and did fight hard to the wire before giving way late. ALWAYS B MIMI came out from 6th to the half and eventually gained cover from the winner, was briefly blindsswitched to 3/4s, gapped cover to the top of the lane and could find only mild pace in the lane when more was needed. SUNSET SOPH saved ground from 3rd, had room between horses in the stretch and almost was able to grab the show spot (was inside a couple of cones on the first turn, but no action was taken). ITTY BITTY left fast from Post 8 and made the top, allowed a retake and sat the two hole trip, started to weaken on the final turn and continued to tire a bit more in the final 1/8th of a mile. Both TUGGINGONCREDIT and CLEAR THE WAY were shuffled back inside, unable to rally in the lane then finishing in a DH for 6th. AINTNOHOLLABACKGRL was out 3rd over from turn three, tried a three wide move to 3/4s but already flattened out by the final bend.

Race 6 – RENAISSANCE DEO retook from FANTOME EN JOIE to the quarter, cut an honest half then felt the plugs come out before 3/4s, was roused into the stretch and was able to draw away at the end, easily picking up his 3rd straight Hiltop score. FANTOME EN JOIE made the lead off turn one then allowed the winner to reclaim command, chased all the way and was safely 2nd best, while no late threat to the top one, TWO FACED dropped nicely in 3rd off turn one, faced some traffic into the stretch but finished with good pace when clear to the wire – solid at both ends of the mile. BETTER OFF SINGLE got away 4th, saved ground and paced evenly to the end – was no threat, but definitely raced better tonight. PINE BUSH ITALIANO pulled first over from 5th at the 5/8ths, was up to 3rd on the final turn, leveled off from there but probably raced better than in many of his previous tries. CAHOOTS sat in the back with no chance but did hit the wire with good energy in an encouraging mile. RAYRAY came out 2nd over from 6th before 3/4s, failing to fire at all into the lane. KNOCKIN OUT sat in the back, then got steppy/on a line into the final turn

Race 7 – SKIFROMTHETOP IR got away 3rd, came out first over to 3/4s and was soon all over the leader, collared that one at the top of the lane and was able to dig in gamely from there, holding off SNAP COUNT to grab his 2nd victory of the year. SNAP COUNT (well backed for his 2nd local try) was able to improve up into 4th off turn one, followed the winner’s move to 3/4s, was right there with dead aim entering the stretch but just never found the gear he needed to go by, settling for a somewhat disappointing 2nd. YANKEE CLOUT left nicely this week and found himself a pocket tuck, was behind a tiring leader at the top of the lane but maneuvered free into the stretch, had plenty of pace finishing and wasn’t far off 2nd at the wire…and not too far behind the winner! SURFRIDER went right to the top and seated YANKEE CLOUT behind him, cut a quick half then felt big heat from the winner on the final turn, gave way at the top of the lane and was clearly outfinished by the top trio…but easily bested the others – raced ok. EURO STEP got away 5th, gapped at times and barely held on for the final paycheck. HANK THE HUNK got away 6th and was never in play tonight. LEVI SONIC came out from last to 3/4s, never able to get anywhere near the action. VILLAGE BLUE CHIP really struggled – may need (much) easier

Race 8 – HUNTERS HERO yielded readily and got away 4th, was a bit indecisive on the back side before settling on coming out 3rd over to 3/4s, launched wide on the final turn then slingshotted right on by the tiring leaders into the lane, safely holding off his only late challenger to pick up his first Yonkers victory. SINBAD N got away 5th and followed the winner all the way, had plenty of late pace of his own but had to settle for 2nd best, easily clear of the others – solid try. DARIUS held the lead briefly before ending up in the 3 hole, came out behind a challenging PEETIE to 3/4s, went by that one in the lane but was no match for the sharp top pair – still, very nice 3YO return mile. VICI took off the gate and got away 6th, ended up in the back of the outer flow following the top pair, lost some momentum when wide on the final bend and could only manage a 4th tonight. PEETIE made the top off turn one then let GRETZKY THE GREAT take over, gapped a bit into the sizzling :55.1 half but alertly popped out on the back side, finally got by the tired leader on the final turn but was already pretty spent himself, fortunate just to last for a 5th place check. COUNTER OFFER gapped in the back into the hot 3/4s and was no factor tonight. GRETZKY THE GREAT was kept wide through the first turn before finally reaching the lead, had a big lead at the half but paid a BIG price (:55.1) to do that, met with pressure from the pocket sitter to 3/4s and gave way on the final bend after fighting all he could

Race 9 – BIG GULP pulled first over from 4th to turn three and was up to press the leader by 3/4s, paced on by to the top of the lane, swelled up and easily held off the 1/20 favorite that was chasing him, delivering his best mile (by far) since arriving on the scene…at 25-1! CHIMICHURRI N dropped in 5th early on, followed the winner 2nd over off turn three, was right there as they turned for home but simply no match in the lane, unable to deliver as the (wildly
overbet!) 1/20 favorite! BURNHAM BOY yielded for the pocket off turn one, was behind the tiring leader to the top of the lane, found room into the stretch and finished well to get there for the show spot – another sharp try, but just a bit unlucky. CADILLAC BAYAMA followed the top pair 3rd over on the back side, gapped cover a bit to the top of the lane then finished mildly in the lane, just missing out on 3rd. SOUTHWIND PETYR had to back off to last at the start, ended up 4th over to 3/4s and did kick home strongly from an impossible spot. TWIN B HEART THROB sat the cones in 7th with no chance, pacing ok at the end. WINDSUN RICKY got away 3rd, was shuffled back inside on the final bend and had no chance at all. FORTIFY made the top off turn one, grabbed a breather to the half, met with intense pressure from the winner at 3/4s then gave way to the top of the lane, tiring badly.

Race 10 – BADDITUDE went right to the top, was asked for more at 3/4s as IRON MISTRESS got closer, fought that one off to the top of the lane and proved a very easy winner from there. YS SENSATIONALCITY moved int 3rd off turn one then inherited the pocket when TWIN B ALLURE went offstride, was no match at all for the winner in the lane but stayed on well for an easy 2nd best. IRON MISTRESS pulled first over on the back side and was up to test the winner at 3/4s, got turned back to the top of the lane and weakened, though able to hang around for 3rd. LOVE THAT SMILE saved ground and picked up 4th off the easy trip. IDEALINFUN came out to be a loose 3rd over to ¾, finding some mild pace after the fact. DREAM DANCING came out 2nd over to 3/4s but came up empty despite the live trip – disappoints off the most recent claim. TWIN B ALLURE left under urging to a nice pocket seat…then broke to the quarter!

Race 11 – IT’S A ME MARIO got away 4th the n pulled behind a parked HAZEVILLE to the half, swung wide to 3/4s and was soon up to challenge uncovered on the final turn, rolling on by confidently in the lane – now 6 for 7 this year, with the lone loss coming by a head! KOMODO BEACH elected to roll on and park HAZEVILLE, dismissed that one before 3/4s but was then quickly tested by the winner, proved no match once into the lane but was still an excellent 2nd, bringing one of his good efforts tonight. NAUTICAL HANOVER saved ground from 6th, shook free from 4th at the top of the lane and finished full of pace for the show spot. ROCKIN JUKEBOX saved ground from last, was clear in the stretch and kicked home very strong, even if helped by the inside trip. ALL ALONE sat the pocket from the start but just came up totally empty, with no visible excuses. ULTIMAROCA came out 3rd over to the half (behind the winner), tried to follow wide to 3/4s but just never fired at all this week – one of his duds (it’s been a while). HAZEVILLE was left out by an aggressive KOMODO BEACH, hit fate sealed early tonight (lasted for almost 3/4s before calling it a night).

Race 12 – EVAS SPORTS CZECH was out 2nd over off turn three, angled for the drive home and was able to get there to make it 2 in a row – one of several from the barn that have gone from “never winning” to “winning regularly” since the beginning of April! MISS MAYCEE took command off turn one then grabbed an easy half, picked things up to 3/4s then felt heat building to the top of the lane, did hold off MARATHON MARY to the wire but couldn’t hold off the “new” EVAS SPORTS CZECH! MARATHON MARY got away 4th then pulled first over at the half, was out into the quickest part of the mile but was still able to gain and turn up the heat to the top of the lane, kept trying hard to the wire but was outmuscled by the top pair at the end – good try. SHEIKH YABOOTY N yielded for the two hole trip but just had no pop in the lane, despite the beautiful journey. ACEFORTYFOUR ALEX saved ground all the way, had room in the lane and offered some mild pace finishing. ROLL WITH SHORTY found the early pocket but was soon sitting 3rd, faced traffic into the stretch and it’s hard to say what she had left in the tank. LARJON LEAH was out 4th over to the final turn, angled widest at the top of the lane but was unable to have any impact tonight. TUAEPEKA JESSIE N got away 6th, came out 3rd over off turn three, tipped wide to the top of the lane but came up with another one of her terrible stretch “hang jobs”