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**I Did It Myway, Special Way, Confederate ring up three victories in Kentucky Sire Stakes
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Lexington, KY --- On Tuesday (Sept. 6) The Red Mile conducted two non-wagering cards and one pari-mutuel event including three \$80,000 fourth round legs of the Kentucky Championship series, two \$30,000 fourth round legs of the Kentucky Commonwealth series and six \$15,000 fourth round legs of the Kentucky Golden Rod series for male and female freshman and sophomore pacers and trotters. I Did It Myway, Special Way and Confederate have annexed three legs of the Championship series in their respective divisions and seek to collect crowns in the finals on Sept. 18.

I Did It Myway (Andrew McCarthy) defeated North America victor and Kentucky champion Pebble Beach (Todd McCarthy) for the third occasion in the rescheduled \$80,000 Championship race for sophomore male pacers. The son of Captaintreacherous-Flyme To The Moon received a pocket-sitting trip behind Dancin Sancho (Trevor Smith) who clicked off fractions of :27.2, :54.3 and 1:22. Pebble Beach was in fourth position throughout most of the mile. I Did It Myway overtook Dancin Sancho in the drive to the wire with Pebble Beach in pursuit. Despite a last quarter in :25.3, Pebble Beach was unable to pass I Did It Myway, who stopped the clock in 1:48.2. Dancin Sancho held for third. Trained by Tony Alagna, I Did It Myway has now earned \$378,658 and has a record of 20-10-1-3. The colt collected his third consecutive victory.

I Did It Myway was bred by Joe Sbrocco and is owned by Country Club Acres, Sbrocco, Don Latore and Alagna and Fodera Racing. He is the first foal from his dam and his ownership group was assembled privately.

Special Way also notched her third consecutive triumph and her third in the Championship series for trainer/driver Ake Svanstedt in the Championship split for 2-year-old filly trotters. The daughter of Walner-Special Hill outfinished leader Walner Payton (Dexter Dunn) to improve her record to 5-3-1-0. Life Itself (Tim Tetrick) was third.

The filly has earned \$125,975 competing as a homebred for Brittany Farms, Marvin Katz and Al Libfield.

Special Way hit the wire in 1:53.4 with a :26.3 last quarter.

Confederate and Tetrick took the Championship division for freshman male trotters in 1:50.4. Blue Lou (A. McCarthy) and Bamboozler (Dunn) were second and third. Command assumed exactly that off the gate but after the first quarter Confederate was in control with fractions of :56, 1:24 and 1:50.4. The son of Sweet Lou-Geothermal has a record of 4-3-0-1 and has banked \$96,200.

Confederate paid his supporters at the windows \$4.44 to win.

The colt was bred and is owned by Diamond Creek Farm.

Combustion remained perfect with a 1:50.4 win in the Commonwealth series for 2-year-old male pacers. The son of Captaintreacherous-Acquavella is trained by Brett Pelling for Diamond Creek Racing, Thomas Dillon, Scott Dillon and Cooper Silva Stables. Todd McCarthy was in the bike.

The colt was purchased for \$260,000 at last year's Lexington Selected Yearling Sale. He is a half sibling to Fine Art (Bettor's Delight, \$103,785) and Heart Of Mine (Roll With Joe, \$350,565). Combustion is a full brother to Captain Ahab (\$143,309).

He paid \$2.82 to win as the favorite. Cannibal (Yannick Gingras) was second and Kaptain Karlos (David Miller) was third.

Railee Something (Dunn) rebounded after going off stride in the third leg of this series for 2-year-old trotting fillies to win her event in 1:54.2 for Chris Ryder. Caviart Gwen (A. McCarthy) was second and Moni Lisa (Gingras) was third.

Owned and bred by Ronald Mersky, the daughter of International Moni-Railee Priti has banked \$112,306 from a record of 9-5-1-1.

Railee Something paid \$4.04 to win as the favorite.

The six Golden Rod series events for freshman and sophomore trotters and pacers were won by Saffron Girl (Gingras), Summer Trader (D. Miller), Larceny (D. Miller), Grande (Gingras), Captain's Choice (Devon Tharps) and Toulouse Lautrec (Dunn).

Sire stakes action continues Sunday (Sept. 11).

First post is 1 p.m. EDT.

Cutlines:

Photo One: I Did It Myway extended his winning streak to three races after defeating Pebble Beach in leg four of the Kentucky Championship series. **Photo credit:** Amanda Stephens1

Photo Two: Special Way improved her record to 5-3-1-0 after her third consecutive triumph in sire stakes action. **Photo credit:** Amanda Stephens

Photo Three: Confederate remains perfect in four starts after winning his Championship division in 1:50.4. **Photo credit:** Amanda Stephens



