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Selfie Queen scores in sire stakes action; Red Mile cancels after race four

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Lexington, KY --- On Monday (Sept. 5) The Red Mile canceled the remainder of its card due to inclement weather. The \$80,000 fourth round leg of the Kentucky Championship series for sophomore male pacers, featuring Pebble Beach and I Did It Myway, and two \$15,000 fourth round legs of the Golden Rod series for sophomore female and male pacers and trotters will be conducted tomorrow as non-wagering events at 11:30 a.m. Selfie Queen won the Championship division for 3-year-old filly trotters, while Taurasi and More Than Ever captured the two \$30,000 fourth round legs of the Kentucky Commonwealth series for sophomore male and female pacers and trotters.

Selfie Queen and Dexter Dunn wrested the lead from Date Night (Andy Miller) prior to the half and stopped the clock in 1:51.2 Disclosure (Tony Hall) was third in this non-wagering event. Trained by Nancy Takter, the daughter of Muscle Hill-Lady Lakewood is a Kentucky Sire Stakes champion. She improves her record to 19-7-2-2 and boosted her bankroll to \$337,150.

Bred by James Wilhite Jr., Selfie Queen won the second leg of this series on Aug. 14 in a lifetime best 1:51.1, but was fourth in the third leg on Aug. 23 to Eternal Lee. The filly was a \$170,000 2020 Lexington Selected Yearling Sale purchase by Robert Leblanc, David Anderson and Ron Fielding.

Taurasi and Devon Tharps took the first \$30,000 Commonwealth series division for 3-year-old male pacers in 1:50 for trainer Tony Alagna. Boston (Dunn) was second and Jabberwocky (David Miller) was third in the non-wagering event. The son of Racing Hill-Voluminous now sports a resume of 7-6-0-0 and has earned \$78,300 in purse money. The gelding is on a six-racing winning streak and has not lost since his career debut at Oak Grove Racing and Gaming on June 27. Taurasi did not race at 2.

The gelding competes as a homebred by M T Pockets Stables and Victoria Howard. He is the second foal out of his dam and is a half-sibling to Voluptuous (Sunshine Beach, \$123,396).

More Than Ever and Dunn defeated Wallabee (Todd McCarthy) and Rock A Bye Lindy (A. Miller) in the \$15,000 fourth round leg of the Kentucky Golden Rod series for 3-year-old trotting fillies in 1:54.1 that was on the pari-mutuel card. The daughter of Father Patrick-Anywhere With You collected her fourth consecutive win and swept all four legs of the Commonwealth series for her age, gait and sex.

Trained by Tony Alagna, More Than Ever is the fourth foal of racing age from her dam and the only one to break the \$100,000 barrier. The filly has earned \$146,171 and has a record of 17-5-4-4.

More Than Ever was bred by Brittany Farms and is owned by Brittany Farms and Riverview Racing.

She paid \$3.76 to win.

Sire stakes action continues Tuesday (Sept. 6) with the rescheduled events and the original card.

First post for the pari-mutuel card is 1 p.m. EDT.

Cutline:

Photo One: Kentucky champion Selfie Queen rebounds from a loss in the third round to capture the \$80,000 fourth round leg of the Kentucky Championship series for sophomore filly trotters in 1:51.2. **Photo credit:** Amanda Stephens

