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Brighten Up produces Second Fastest Trot Ever at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs

Fancy Filly, Feeling You and Ruffle's Kiss won James M. Lynch Memorial Stake elimination races Saturday (May 29) at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs but Brighten Up stole the show by producing the second fastest mile trot in the history of the Northeastern Pennsylvania racetrack.

Driven, trained and owned by Joe Pavia Jr., Brighten Up stopped the timer in 1:52.1 to establish a new aged mare trotting record for the five-eighths mile oval. The time was just a tick off equaling the fastest trot ever of Macho Lindy (Larry Stalbaum) and set June 23 of 2008.

The five-year-old trotting mare, also owned by Paul Molter of Westport, CT, was on the front end for the entire mile, leaving from the six hole in the six horse field and getting to opening split in 27.3, half in 55.3 and three-quarters in 1:23.2. The race was for \$25,000-\$30,000 claiming trotters.

Brighten Up went off stride a short distance from the wire but had a several length lead at the time. The mare survived an inquiry.

"I wasn't concerned with any records and I grabbed her near the wire and she broke," said Pavia Jr. after the race. "I probably could have gone faster."

Field of nine is set for the \$250,000 Lynch finals next Saturday.

It will include Fancy Filly, Feeling You, Ruffle's Kiss, Sammy's Magic Girl, A And GS Princess, Native Doll, No Bad Luck, Sand Windsor and All Heart Gal.

Feeling You, a Lynch supplemental entry of \$15,000, won her sixth straight race with a 1:51.1 time, beating Native Doll by a length and three-quarters. She's undefeated at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs and is now four for four here. She was driven by Jim Morrill Jr. and is trained by George Berkner.

Fancy Filly, trained by George Teague Jr. and driven by Brian Sears, also won in 1:51.1 and is two-for-two in 2010.

Ruffle's Kiss, trained and driven by Pavia Jr., was a Lynch elimination winner with a time of 1:51.4. She's now won two straight on the season.