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Running Aces Continues The Success

Bluebird Corvette, purchased by Jodi Siamis of Marion, Iowa, just prior to the start of the four-week-long Running Aces Claim To Fame series for \$5000 claiming mares, proved a great investment when she captured the \$9000 final in wire-to-wire fashion Tuesday night. Driver J. D. Perrin took no prisoners using his rail post position to best advantage through fractions of :28, :57.3 and 1:26.4 enroute to a 1:56.3 triumph over Fun For Eva Mo (Joey Mapes) and Better Hustle (Evan Coblentz). It was the second late-closing series championship for owner Siamis, trainer Curtis Carey and driver Perrin as the trio also captured the \$8000 championship male counterpart \$5000 claiming series with Silver D Moon on July 10.

Love This Place, the most impressive of all Minnesota-sired horses at Running Aces thus far, returned to her winning ways in the \$9000 state-restricted pace. With Dean Magee at the reins of the Chris Banks trained four-year-old mare, Love This Place swept from last at the half to nip Dandy Di (Tom Tetrick) by a neck in 1:54.4. Cheese Plumper (John DeLong) finished third as three dis-taffers beat up on the best boys Minnesota has to offer again.

The weekly \$7500 Open Pace was also offered on the Tuesday night program and ML Jackhammer (Dan Maier) worked out a perfect trip to beat Arizona Liar (Mark King) and Who Am I (DeLong) in 1:55.3.

The program was delayed by about an hour between the third and fourth races by a severe thunder and lightning storm with accompanying tornado warnings. Thankfully, no touchdowns transpired and track superintendent John Betts and his crew did yeoman work to get the racing surface back into "fast" condition in a timely fashion that enabled Running Aces to resume and finish the race card.

Running Aces is located on Interstate 35 and Highway 97/County Road 23 (Exit 129) in Columbus, Minnesota near Forest Lake.
For more information, visit www.runningacesharness.com or call 651-925-4600 or 1-877-RUN ACES (786-2237).

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