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Sassa Hanover Wins \$120,000 Courageous Lady At Northfield Park

A festive and well-attended evening was made even better for the Burke Racing Stable, Panhellenic Stable, Weaver Brusce mi and Lawrence Karr, when their horse Sassa Hanover won the \$120,000 Courageous Lady at Northfield Park.

Trained by Ron Burke and driven by North America's leading money-winning driver, Yannick Gingras, Sassa Hanover prevailed in 1:52.1, a stake and track record performance for three-year-old filly pacers.



After blasting off the gate and pressing to get the lead through a :26 opening quarter on a sloppy track, Sassa Hanover led unchallenged through middle fractions of :55 and 1:23.2. Turning for home Gingras enjoyed a 2-1/2 length lead but hung on by only a head over hard-charging Bettor N Better (Tim Tetrick).

“I thought she (Bettor N Better) got me in the last step,” said Gingras. “Sassa had to work very hard to get on top. She was tired but did everything she could to find the wire a winner.”

Sassa Hanover (Rock N Roll Heaven – Sayo Hanover – Allamerican Native) now has 16 wins in 34 lifetime starts. Friday's victory increased her career bankroll to \$1,008,469. She went to post as the bettors' choice and returned \$3.60 to win.

Completing the field were Bettor N Better, Southwind Roulette, Somewhere Sweet, Purrfect Bags, Luck Be A Lindy, Triple V Hanover and Band Of Angels.