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On A Tear equals track record at Scarborough Downs

Scarborough, Maine (July 11, 2009) – Speed came to the forefront on Saturday (July 11) as *On A Tear* delivered a track record performance in the \$25,000 Mid Summer Classic at Scarborough Downs. The pacer toured the oval timed in a blistering 1:54 with driver Shawn Gray calling all the shots to equal one of the oldest standards still on the books at the southern Maine harness venue as the six-year-old son of *Bettor's Delight* joins the venerable *Prince Ebony* (Ron Pierce) who has held the gold standard for aged stallions at the Downs since the 1990 edition of The Presidents Pace.

“We acquired *On A Tear* about two weeks ago,” owner Scott Dillon remarked, “I work with a broker who told me I should consider this horse. He’s a great horse – A *great horse!*”

“It’s great to win a race like this in front of the hometown fans,” Dillon continued. “Even though I race horses at other tracks where the purses are much higher than this, it’s wonderful to be competing on your home turf.”

“All the people in the winner’s circle with me, they are all from Maine, all these guys, and being here with everyone from Maine – That’s what it’s all about. That’s what makes winning this race so special.”

One of the top owners in the state of Maine, Dillon has now won Scarborough’s marquee pacing event in back-to-back years -- last season with *Ideal Conditions* -- and both victories resulted in track record equaling performances.

“He’ll get a week off now before heading up to Bangor for the Paul Bunyon so he’ll be in Maine for a couple more weeks but then it’s back to New York,” Dillon concluded. “I always want to participate in these big events in Maine. I’m thankful for the good fortune I’ve had these past two years.”

Scarborough Downs proudly features live harness racing every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening at 4:30 pm (EDT). The popular Sunday matinees feature a 1:30 pm post time.

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