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***Rupert Rupert* in speed spectacular at Scarborough Downs**

Scarborough, Maine (July 12, 2008) – The speed show continued at Scarborough Downs on Saturday evening as ***Rupert Rupert*** paced to a brand new lifetime mark of 1:54.2 and in the process recorded the fourth fastest race time ever registered in the 58 year history of the southern Maine raceway -- stopping the teletimer in 1:54-2/5th.

The seven-year-old son of ***Albert Albert*** made every pole a winning one in the \$7,500 Open event as he blazed around the oval setting fractions of 28.1 – 57.4 and 1:25.3 before turning for home with no one left to battle through the storied Scarborough stretch but the timer and the ghosts of great pacers past.

“The old boy might have had a few fifths left in him tonight,” said winning driver Shawn Gray following the feature race photo session. “He’s definitely at a lifetime peak right now.”

Rupert Rupert came within one-fifth of a second of equaling the track record for aged geldings which was set just the day prior by his stable-mate, ***Ideal Conditions*** who claimed top prize in ***The \$20,000 Mid Summer Classic*** at the Downs on Friday.

“I really expected that ***Rupert Rupert*** would come up big tonight,” remarked winning trainer Joseph Nelson. “He’s so sharp right now that I wouldn’t have been afraid to enter him in the big race yesterday. Obviously we’re overjoyed with the performance of both our horses this weekend.”

Both ***Rupert Rupert*** and ***Ideal Conditions*** are owned by Scott Dillon of Anson, Maine.

In other news, Kevin Switzer Jr. held the hot hand at the Downs on Saturday as he recorded four driving wins on the ten race program. It was the first grand slam effort of his young career as he paraded down victory lane with ***Son Of Arturo***, ***Do It All***, ***Arden’s Heritage*** and ***Prince Rama***.

“Kevie’s had three-win days before but never a four-bagger,” said proud mother Patricia Switzer. “His father has kidded him about it, telling him he hasn’t stepped up to the next

level yet. It was kind of ironic that it was the old man he nosed out to get that fourth win under his belt. They'll have plenty to talk about on the way back home tonight.”

Kevin Switzer, Jr. currently resides in fifth place on the Scarborough Downs Leader's Board – two spot below his father Kevin Switzer, Sr.

Scarborough Downs proudly features live harness racing every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening at 4:15 pm (EDT). The popular Sunday matinees feature a 1:30 pm post time.

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