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Dream season continues for *Neutral Court*

Scarborough, Maine (September 6, 2009) – Fresh off a stakes record performance at the Windsor Fair last weekend *Neutral Court* continued along his meteoric rise toward superstar status at Scarborough Downs on Sunday (September 6) as the three-year-old Maine-bred secured his 9th seasonal win to remain undefeated on the year.

Pacing the mile timed in 1:56.3 (just 2/5th a second off Scarborough's track record for three-year-olds) the outcome appeared never in doubt with driver Mike Graffam controlling the tempo from the get-go in the \$9,785 Maine Breeders Stakes split. The win was the 2nd stakes victory of the day for the Graffam roster as *Neutral Court* joined his impressive stable-mate *Sign The Page* (1:57.1) in winner's circle sessions at the seaside harness venue.

It may well be déjà vu all over again shortly for the Graffam Stable as a much-anticipated showdown between the two powerhouse sophomore pacers should occur on October 18th as Scarborough Downs hosts the finals of the Maine Breeders Stakes program. The race will be similar in nature to last season's final which pitted two Graffam trainees against each other as *Maniac Matt* and *Terry's Star Dragon* dueled each other every step of that epic mile.

"It should be a very interesting race," said an understated Mike Graffam. "Just like last year, two stable-mates and two very nice colts. On the training side they're both fairly equal."

When pressed to assess both colts' individually Graffam offered perhaps just a bit of reluctant insight.

"I'll be driving *Neutral Court* in the final and I do believe he's a little stronger than *Sign The Paige*. He's built a little stronger but it's all going to depend on the whole field that day. I just wish the best for everyone and hopefully my luck will continue."

In other news, driver Drew Campbell continued along the torrid path on Sunday securing five winners from the ten race program. Campbell, the meet's leading driver at Scarborough, helped cement his standing atop the leader's board with eleven trips down victory lane during this week's action.

“I’m in a good place right now,” Campbell remarked. “I’ve got the right horses to drive and I’m working with a little bit of luck. I’m hoping to keep sharp for the \$75,000 Bert Beckwith Memorial at Plainridge on Labor Day. I just hope I’m driving like this tomorrow!”

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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