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Gray and Campbell ring in the New Year on top

Scarborough, Maine (January 4, 2009) – Shawn Gray continues to match Drew Campbell step for step through the early portion of the 2009 harness racing season with both top-rated teamsters deadlocked atop the Scarborough Downs leader board with seven driving apiece at the conclusion of the opening weekend of action at the southern Maine oval.

The logjam at the top was created as Gray manufactured a sterling four-win performance on Sunday (January 4) – a feat which matched Campbell's four-bagger from Saturday's Opening Day program.

Gray dominated the closing portion of the Sunday card as he began his prolific performance with an aggressive wiring of the sixth race field behind the classy 13-year-old Life Sign gelding, Mystical Sign.

The 35-year-old state of Maine native never wavered from the front-end strategy through the remainder of the program as he piked another 13-year-old, Tonros Prince A, to the fastest clocking of the young Scarborough meet (1:59.1).

Thirteen was apparently Shawn Gray's lucky number on Sunday as he wasted precious little time in securing another convincing gate-to-wire win with a member of the geriatric set, steering the 13-year-old Par One to an open-lengths jiggy-jog to claim victory in the afternoon's featured trotting event.

He closed out the program playing catch-me-if-you-can with a relative youngster as the 8-year-old Vas Vixen N held off a stiff challenge from Lost The Flip (Drew Campbell) in the afternoon's finale.

Gray and Campbell will continue their battle for supremacy next weekend as the current Scarborough Downs meeting concludes. Live action returns Saturday and Sunday at Maine's Showplace of harness racing with first post at 12:00 noon (EST).

Downs Doings ... In a rarity in this age of deference to youth, four 13-year-olds reigned supreme at Scarborough Downs on Sunday (January 4) as Prince Rama A and driver Rob

Dinning joined Shawn Gray's senior citizen hat trick performance. In fact, during one portion of the program, thirteen-year-olds won three consecutive races (races 8, 9 and 10).

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