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## **Freedoms Call marches to victory at Scarborough**

**Scarborough, Maine (May 23, 2009)** – Freedoms Call repelled all challengers on Saturday (May 23) to claim top honors in the \$6000 Memorial Day weekend feature at Scarborough Downs and thereby serve notice to the local Open-level combatants that a new force to be reckoned with had arrived with authority at the southern Maine oval.

Driver Kevin Switzer, Jr. deftly secured an early spot at the rail behind post time favorites Ideal Conditions and Mr Nice Guy but was quick to pounce to the outer rim just past the 3/8<sup>th</sup> mile marker pressing onward to engage the pacesetters through a torrid 57-second back-half.

When the dust had settled Freedoms Call had preserved through a gut-checking overland mile paced in a seasonal best 1:55.2 -- equaling the fastest clocking of the 2009 state of Maine harness season.

Owned by Michael Pease of Appleton, Maine, the five-year-old son of Yankee Cam headlined a speed show spectacular at Scarborough on Saturday which saw 5 consecutive miles paced in 1:57.2 or better, including a 1:55.4 showing from Rupert Rupert (Shawn Gray) in the back-up class to the Open, marking the first time in the 59-year-old history of the Downs that sub-1:56 miles were recorded on the same program.

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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