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Charlize: Top Mare at the Downs

Scarborough, Maine (Friday, May 7, 2010) *Charlize* confidently claimed victory in the \$8,000 Free-For-All class at Scarborough Downs on Friday (5/7), two starts removed from competing as a \$10,000 claimer. The reigning Queen of the Upper Class Set now boasts 2 consecutive wins at the Downs, the track upon which she has showcased her finest moments.

The five-year-old daughter of *Defies Logic* took full advantage of uncharacteristic missteps from post-time favorites *Kerogen* and *Tsarina*, both of whom were heavily favored to contend for the lion's share of the \$8,000 purse.

Driver **Russell Lanpher III** angled his mare three-wide off the final turn before gliding over Scarborough's storied stretch to seal the in-hand victory timed in 2:01.2

Charlize returned \$34.80 to win, typifying the Friday afternoon payoffs at Scarborough Downs as long shots reined supreme; 4 of the 10 winners paying in excess of \$30, keying telephone numbers in the exotics.

Live racing resumes Saturday afternoon at Scarborough with a 4 pm post time. Featured on the twelve-race card is the State of Maine debut of world-champion pacer, *Cactus Creek*, who will be stabled under the care of repatriated trainer, **Jamie Gerard**, who has brought his twelve-horse string to the Seaside Oval for the summer season.

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