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Western Victory in Track Record Performance at Scarborough

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Scarborough, Maine (Saturday, May 28, 2011) – **Western Victory**, in a sterling prep for his upcoming New York Sire Stakes engagements, blazed to a brand-new track record at Scarborough Downs on Saturday completing the course timed in 155.3. The 3-year-old son of **Western Terror** now holds bragging rights as the fastest colt of his age bracket ever to parade victorious at the Southern Maine harness venue.

Driver/trainer Jimmy Hardy quickly hustled **Western Victory** to the lead and never looked back as the precocious sophomore extended further on to the lead with each and every stride, pacing a crystal back half of 57.3, en route to a 12-length margin of victory.

“He got a little lazy just past the half,” said driver Hardy. “He thought the race was over, but he went a strong second half for us. We talked about it earlier in the week and we all agreed that if he felt good, we’d take a shot and go for the record today.”

Western Victory’s performance supplanted the previous standard held by **Katahdin Boy** in 1:56 set last summer in a Maine Sire Stake event.

Owned by Joel Wheeler of Pepperell, Massachusetts, **Western Victory** now heads to the Empire State for an upcoming New York Sire Stakes engagement on June 9th at Monticello Raceway. Saturday’s speedy half-mile track record performance at Scarborough should certainly stand the colt in good stead as he heads west and hopefully to victory, at the half-mile Catskill oval.

Live racing returns to Scarborough Downs on Sunday with a 1:05 pm post time.

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