

Laser Larry trots to 1:55.4 win at Scioto

Laser Larry, a 5-year-old trotter owned by James F. Morris of Chillicothe, trotted the fastest mile of the season at Scioto Downs in winning on Friday night in a mile time of 1:55.4.

He led all the way and won by five lengths over Flowing James and Sizzling Lavec. Jeremy Smith drove and Laser Larry performed up to the expectations of the crowd, which made him a heavy favorite in the betting.

Laser Larry had won his last start at Scioto Downs on May 23, but then shipped to Hoosier Park in Indiana where he finished a well-beaten eighth. His victory on Friday night was his second in five starts this year. He broke his own time record of 1:56-2/5, which had been the fastest trotting mile at Scioto Downs this season.

The 3-year-old Western Hanover filly Danika Hanover won her second straight race on Friday night at Scioto for owner Kimberly S. Edwards of Newark. The filly is trained and driven by Newark native Kenny Kidd and scored in 1:53.4.

In Friday's race, Danika Hanover went off at odds of 4-1, third choice in the betting in the field of ten horses. Kidd positioned her smartly behind the favored Perfect M Forever and then paced past the leader in the stretch to win by a half-length.

On Saturday, Scioto Downs hosts a Belmont Patio Party to allow patrons the chance to watch and wager on the Belmont Stakes in which Big Brown will try to complete the Triple Crown. Post time for live racing is 5:30 p.m.