

Mac Port takes opening night feature at Scioto Downs

Mac Port won the featured trot on the opening night of the 50th anniversary season of Scioto Downs. He defeated seven rivals in the one-mile trot in a time of 2:02-2/5 over a wet track on a rainy and cold evening.

It was only the second win of the season in a dozen starts for the 9-year-old bay trotter owned by Norris E. Lenahan of Columbus. Kayne Kauffman trains and drives Mac Port.

In the race, Kauffman kept Mac Port tucked along the inside behind pacesetter Go Spread The Word, who took control after an early skirmish for lead. Go Spread The Word rebuffed all challengers and seemed to be an easy winner with an eighth-mile remaining in the race. Then Kauffman moved Mac Port to the inside to use the open stretch lane to knife through to victory.

C J's Cricket closed strongly to finish second while Go Spread The Word held on for third. Colonel Talbot was fourth.

Scioto Downs is celebrating "50 Years of Fun" during its 2008 season with 50 days of giveaways.

Racing resumes on Saturday evening with a 12-race program starting at 6:30 p.m.