

Soul Patrol surges to win Scioto feature

Driver Jack Daily sent Soul Patrol three wide in the final turn and passed a tiring Gerald N Sam in the stretch to win the \$7,000 Open II Handicap Pace at Scioto Downs on Saturday night.

The victory with the 7-year-old black son of The Panderosa gave trainer Tom Smith a training triple for the evening. Soul Patrol paced his mile in 1:54.4 in winning his second straight race for owner Billie Jo Raleigh of Eubank, Kentucky.

His margin was a head over the fast-closing Sam's Gift with He's Determined finishing third.

Maybeitwasmemphis, a 4-year-old pacer owned by Larry W. Roberts, won the first leg of the Billy Dart Pacing Series on Saturday night. The winner was driven by Darin Mouser for Roberts, who also trains the horse.

Mouser moved Maybeitwasmemphis to the outside after the first half-mile of the race and attacked the pacesetter Isa Devil. The pacer passed the leader in the third quarter and opened up an impressive lead entering the homestretch.

Bundle Spell, the first horse to grab the lead at the start of the race, rallied wide around the final turn and closed rapidly, but Mouser drove his pacer confidently to victory in a time of 1:57.1 for the mile.

The second division was dominated by Real Town Guy, a sophomore son of Towner's Big Guy. He was sent to the front immediately by Bob Harper and he never looked back. In the final quarter, he opened up to win by a wide margin in 1:55.

Southern Comfort closed from well back to overtake Newbegining to grab the place position.

Virgil Morgan, Jr. trains the winner for Yvette Prudenzano and Basil Louis Kellis, both of Maine. Real Town Guy scored his first win in two starts this season.

The first race of the evening was taken in an impressive performance by Handsome Prince, a 3-year-old son of Grinfromeartoear, who broke his maiden with a 1:54.2 victory for trainer-driver Kenny Kidd.

Racing continues at Scioto Downs next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.