

# Dayson sets track record in Tioga NYSS

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**Nichols, NY** --- Fast miles were the rule on Sunday (May 29) at Tioga Downs, as all nine races resulted in lifetime marks over the Jason Bluhm-conditioned five-eighths-mile course. Among those lifetime marks was a track record effort from Dayson (\$3.40), who sprinted away from a collapsing pace in his \$62,400 New York Sire Stakes event.



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**Dayson scored in a track record time of 1:52.2.**

trip. Joyful (Mike Simons) gained late into third from well off the pace, while a softened Dante faded to fourth.

Dayson, a 3-year-old Conway Hall gelding, sat second-over off dueling leaders Dante (Oskar Florhed) and Free Willy Hanover (Trond Smedshammer) through fractions of :28, :56 and 1:24. As Free Willy Hanover's valiant first-over attempt started to fade on the far turn, Jim Morrill Jr. angled Dayson three-wide and the response was instant.

Dayson vaulted clear to an 8-1/2 length victory over Allerage Echo (Jim Marohn Jr.), who rallied into his runner-up position from a third-over

Dayson's 1:52.2 triumph was his ninth in 11 career starts and shaved four-fifths of a second off Datsyuk's prior track record for 3-year-old trotting geldings. Burke Racing Stable, Our Horse Cents Stables, J&T Silva Stables, and Rossie Smith own Dayson.

In the other New York Sire Stakes event, Sir Royson (\$4.10) brushed to the fore with a circuit to go, turning aside pocket rival Smalltownthrowdown (Dan Daley) and holding off a late charge from 69-1 outsider The Royal Harry (Florhed) for a 1:54 victory, the fifth of his career. Linda Toscano trains the 3-year-old Crazed colt for R-and-I Farms, LLC.

For driver Jim Marohn Jr. the win with Sir Royson was one of five on the night. "The Mighty Mite Part Two" also teamed up with Dee's Rocketman (\$4.60, 1:52.1), Just For Today (\$12.00, 1:56.2), Katch Kanna (\$6.30, 1:57.1) and Moneydontbuyulove (\$8.40, 1:56.4).

The night's sub-featured \$25,200 Nichols True Value late closing series final saw Erv Miller trainee Fresh Cut (\$5.90) pounce from second-over off a contested pace, dueling on the far turn with the first-over Century Chancellor (Simons) to just prevail in 1:53.1. Morrill was aboard the 3-year-old American Ideal colt for the Bay Pond Racing Stable.