Dayson remains undefeated in NYSS

by James Witherite, Tioga Downs racing media

Nichols, NY --- Now a six-time winner, Margaret and Amy Butler's Dayson (\$2.10) drew clear at will for a 1:56 triumph in his \$53,500 New York Sire Stakes event for freshman trotting males on Saturday (Sept. 5) evening at Tioga Downs.



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Dayson (Jeff Gregory up) remained undefeated in his \$53,500 New York Sire Stakes event for 2-year-old trotting colts and geldings. Jeff Gregory settled the 2-year-old gelded son of Conway Hall and Nervey's Taurus at the back of the main body of the field early on, better than just the far detached Neymar (Harry Landy), who faltered at the start.

Dayson sat well off a :27.1 initial quarter before vacating the pegs at race's midpoint, working to within three lengths of 28-1 leader Credevie (Jim Marohn Jr.) through a :57 half.

On the backstretch, the Howard Okusko trainee found cover in the form of the first-over Crown Point

(Dan Daley), drafting to advance easily through a 1:26.3 three-quarter split before he was left uncovered on the far turn. Just as Crown Point cleared a tiring Credevie, Dayson found another gear, sprinting off through the stretch and ultimately defeating midpack stalkers Southern Palms (Mike Simons) and Chargin Cadet (Ray Schnittker) by 10 lengths to remain undefeated.

The other \$53,500 New York Sire Stakes event on the evening's program saw Dog Gone Lucky (\$9.40) recover from a mild shuffle on the backstretch, rallying off the far turn to defeat odds-on pacesetter Allerage Echo (Chris Lems) by 1-1/4 lengths in 1:55.3. Jim Meittinis drove the son of <u>Lucky Chucky</u> and Ebbtide Hall for owners Amy Stoltzfus and Charles Stansley as well as trainer Chuck Sylvester.

Live racing returns to Tioga Downs on Monday (Sept. 7) afternoon, with a \$40,000 Miss Versatility preliminary event headlining the card. Post time is 1:30 p.m. (EDT).