

## Big Bad TJ a neck best at Scioto

COLUMBUS, OH – Driver Tyler Rush kept Big Bad TJ glued to the back of pacesetting Northern Smoke Out until the homestretch, then shot up the inside to victory in the Saturday night feature. The mile was timed in 1:55.2.

Jack Dailey sent Northern Smoke Out to the front from post eight and reached the quarter in :27.4 and then eased the second with a :29.3 quarter. Favored Spartan Pride came calling on the outside in the third quarter with Casino Advantage following in the second-over position. Driver Charles Neff moved his pacer Dandy Dick three wide in the final turn to attack the leader. While all this action was unfolding outside the leader, Big Bad TJ was snug behind the leader on the inside.

Once he had room to pace, Big Bad TJ finished with a head of stem to hit the wire a neck in front of Northern Smoke Out. Dandy Dick was third.



(Tyler Rush brings Big Bad TJ back to the winner's circle after his 1:55.2 win.)

It was the seventh win of the season in 27 starts for the 5-year-old son of Western Ideal from the Artsplace mare Volunteer Hanover. The winner is owned and trained by Terry Tackett of Marion, Ohio.

Adam Beatty, 26, scored his first driving victory in the evening's third race when he piloted He's All Art to a half-length victory in 1:55.