

Sand Summerfield paces fastest mile of Scioto meet

COLUMBUS, OH --- Sand Summerfield wanted to be in front in the Billy Dart Series at Scioto Downs on Saturday night and that's where driver Chris Page put him. The pair had 10 pacers pursuing them but fought hard to win in 1:52.4, fastest mile of the 2010 Scioto season.

Sand Summerfield is trained by Jim Arledge for owner Bill Sanders of Tennessee. Arledge sent an entry of three pacers into this leg of the Billy Dart Series and they finished first, second, and fourth.

As the 11 pacers went in behind the gate, track announcer Barry Vicroy said, "Fasten your seats belt. This could get wild."

Standing Tough, one of the Arledge pacers, left fast to grab the lead and pass the quarter-mile marker in 27.4. Page soon had Sand Summerfield on the move and took control passing the stands the first time. The entymates raced 1-2 for the rest of the mile with Sam's Slot Machine third in the pocket and Look Yankee trying to mount a first-over challenge for Devan Miller.

In the stretch, Sand Summerfield and Stand Tough drew away from the field with the winner having a three-quarter length edge at the wire. Sam's Slot Machine was 7-1/4 lengths back in third. Kid Cruiser, the third Arledge pacer, nipped Look Yankee for fourth money.



(Sand Summerfield edges Standing Tough in 1:52.4 in the Billy Dart Series.)

Sand Summerfield is a sophomore son of Mantacular. It was his third win in nine starts this season and his second win in a row in the Billy Dart Series.