

Dayson much the best in NYSS at Batavia

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Batavia, NY --- He's yet to taste defeat and judging from his performance on Wednesday (Aug. 5) at Batavia Downs, it might be quite some time before that happens.



Paul White photo

Dayson was a 1:59.1 winner for driver Jeff Gregory.

Dayson ([Conway Hall](#)-Nervey's Taurus) simply obliterated the competition in his \$55,500 leg of the New York Sire Stakes (NYSS) for 2-year-old trotting colts and geldings and set a new lifetime mark in the process.

When Dante (Ake Svanstedt) shot to the front for the early lead, Southern Palms (Marcus Miller) made a break and caused momentary confusion to the horses behind him in the first turn. Dayson, who was trotting on the outside at the time, was taken three-deep around the commotion by driver Jeff Gregory and motored to the front to take command.

At that point, for all intents and purposes, the race was over.

Dayson was a gapped leader for the rest of the contest with Dante and Reve Royale (Chris Lems) chasing, more than following. After setting fractions of :29.2, :59.4 and 1:29.3, Gregory laid the whip on his shoulder and enjoyed the ride home as Dayson opened up four and tripped the timer in 1:59.1, which was his new personal best.

"Dayson has been a pleasure to drive this year and he was very strong tonight" said Jeff Gregory after the race.

Dayson is now a perfect four-for-four in 2015 with \$91,556 in earnings for Howard Okusko and owners Margaret Butler and Amy Butler. The winner returned \$3.40.

In the second \$55,500 NYSS division, Allerage Echo ([Conway Hall](#)-Economical) took advantage of post one and a perfect trip to score his second victory of the campaign.

Chargin Cadet (Ray Schnittker) flew off the wings and crossed over to the lead before the group straightened up the backside. The rest of the field fell in line in post-position order and followed the leader past the half. But even though Schnittker set tepid fractions of :30.1, 1:01.3 and 1:32.1, the race was far from over.

Credevie (Trond Smedshammer) pulled from third to try and challenge the leader, leaving Allerage Echo (Chris Lems) sitting chilly in the garden spot. But at the top of the stretch, that bid failed and Chargin Cadet again looked solid. But Allerage Echo was relentless, digging all the way to the wire and eventually getting up for the win in 2:01.1, with a 28.3 final quarter.

"He got a very good trip. And even though they backed down the third quarter, I thought I could get up down the lane" said driver Chris Lems, who did just that.

It was the second win in four starts for Allerage Echo who paid \$10.80. The winner's share increased his earnings to \$58,381 while the time was a new lifetime mark. The gelding is trained by George Ducharme for owner Ken Jacobs.

There were also three divisions of the NYSS Excelsior A series that went for \$15,000 each.

The first went to Cashuz ([Cash Hall](#)-Sister Shuzy) and driver John Cummings Jr. in 2:00 flat. Cashuz (\$8.20) is trained by J.D. Perrin and is owned by Tessa Roland and Lesa Peters.

The second division was won by Gremlin Wilson (Sand Vic-Savannah Montana) and driver John Cummings Jr. once again in 2:03. Meghan Wilson trains Gremlin Wilson (\$9.60) for Cummings Jr. who also owns the colt.

The final leg saw Kaylon's Prayer (Prayer I Am-Kaylon) victorious for Batavia Downs leading driver, Kevin Cummings, in 2:03.4. Dennis Laterza trains Kaylon's Prayer (\$8.50) for owner Roy Dobbins.

Racing resumes at Batavia Downs on Friday (Aug. 7) with post time at 6:35 p.m.