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16 Sophomore Pacers to Battle in Ohio Sires Stakes

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Sixteen sophomore pacing colts are set to line up behind the Scioto Downs starting gate in a pair of \$50,000 Ohio Sires Stakes contests on Saturday night, June 9.

First Race post time is 6:30 pm, ET, with the two OSS events scheduled as Race Five (7:50 pm) and Race Ten (9:30 pm) in round two of the four-leg series.

OSS combatants include Leg 1 winners **Bounding Dragon** and **Rockn Motion**, who'll square off in the first division (Race 5). Hailing from the Mike Roth stable, Bounding Dragon prevailed impressively in 1:53 in his first OSS test on May 6 at Miami Valley.

The Dragon Again colt—who is owned by the Ohio partnership of Alan Keith of Johnstown and Carl & Melanie Atley of Xenia, then sped to a 1:50.4 clocking in a Hoosier Park overnight on May 25—making him one of two of the fastest colts in this division (the other is **Cinnamack**, who was fourth in OSS Leg 1, but who also won in 1:50.4 in an identical event at that same Indiana raceway).

Bounding Dragon, a winner of \$116,159 lifetime and \$44,750 this season, has drawn the rail and is reunited with his regular driver, Josh Sutton, in here.

RocknMotion, a son of Pet Rock conditioned by Kimberly Dailey, won his first OSS test with an extraordinary three-wide move around the final turn to notch the victory by three-quarters of a length over \$227,335-earner **Seeing Eye Single** (also in this same division) in 1:51.4. Ron Mersky of Paris, KY, owns and bred the bay colt, who has \$40,425 in career earnings from four wins and a second in nine lifetimes starts. He was unraced as a freshman.

In the second division (Race 10), **Slick Mick** and **Rockathon** face off—both having finished third in Leg 1. Rockathon will be harnessed by Kimberly Dailey, who owns the gelded son of Pet Rock with Carl &

Melanie Atley of Xenia. This winner of \$161,012 lifetime recorded a mark of 1:51.3 in his Scarlet & Gray triumph on April 28 at Miami Valley and has \$41,050 in his coffers this season.

Slick Mick is conditioned by Brian Brown for Milton Leeman of Columbus, OH and has \$22,500 thus far in earnings this season with a pair of wins in four starts. Lifetime, he's amassed \$92,748, with a 1:51.4 record taken at Scioto Downs on May 24. He's drawn the rail for driver Ryan Stahl, while Rockathon gets Danny Noble in the sulky once more.

Ohio Sires Stakes action continues on Monday evening, June 11 at Northfield Park, when 3-year-old trotting fillies line up behind the starting gate in Leg 2 action.

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Photo Cutline: Bounding Dragon romps to victory for driver Josh Sutton in 1:53 in Leg 1 of Ohio Sires Stakes action on May 6 at Miami Valley Raceway. The son of Dragon Again will be trying for two-in-a-row when he goes postward at Scioto Downs on June 11 in his \$50,000 Ohio Sires Stakes (Race 5).

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