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Sophomore pacers vie in Ohio Sires Stakes tonight

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A pair of \$50,000 Ohio Sires Stakes will see 16 pacing colts and gelding line up behind the Northfield Park starting gate this evening in round three action of the 4-leg series for 3-year-olds. First race post time is 6 pm, with the Ohio Sires Stakes scheduled as the eighth and 11th races.

Bounding Dragon looks to be the one to beat in the first division (Race 8). This Dragon Again sophomore colt hails from the Mike Roth barn for owners Alan Keith and Carl & Melanie Atley.

Bred by Emerald Highlands Farm and J&T Silva Stables, Bounding Dragon captured Leg 1 of this series at Miami Valley on May 6 in 1:53, then followed that up with a 1:50.4 clocking in a Hoosier Park overnight. Most recently, he scored a 1:52 triumph in a Scioto Downs overnight on June 23, after finishing second by a head in 1:50.4 to Cinnamack in the second OSS leg.

Bounding Dragon has amassed \$136,650 in career earnings and \$65,250 in seasonal earnings with six wins, seven seconds and one third in 16 lifetime starts. He is the second and most prolific of four foals out of the Rocknroll Hanover mare Bound To Rock p, 2, 1:54.2s (\$66,265).

Kimberly Dailey and Carl & Melanie Atley's **Rockathon** is the standout in the second OSS test (Race 11). This gelded son of Pet Rock was third to Lather Up in OSS Leg 1 at Miami Valley on May 6, then captured Leg 2 on June 9 at Scioto Downs in a career best of 1:51.1.

Rockathon was bred by Ron Salcedo and sports a bankroll of \$186,012 from six wins, four seconds and a trio of thirds in 16 lifetime starts. He is the seventh of eight foals out of the broodmare Pantathlon (by The Panderosa) p, 2, 1:54.4f (\$20,221).

His half-siblings include: Pan From Nantucket (by No Pan Intended) p, 5, 1:51.3h (\$570,801); Rosemary Rose (by Foreclosure N) p, 4, 1:51f (\$320,782); Panstakingly (by No Pan Intended) p, 3,

1:54.2s (\$64,490); Nip Pan Tuck (by No Pan Intended) p, 2, 1:54.4s (\$50,899); and Holiday Romance (by Artistic Fella) p, 3, 1:56.2f (\$39,289).

Cinnamack, a McArdle colt conditioned by Brian Brown for breeder/owner Emerald Highlands Farm, finished a solid fourth in his OSS Leg 1 division at Miami Valley on May 6, then won Leg 3 on June 9 at Scioto Downs in 1:50.4. This lightly-raced sophomore has five wins, a second and a third in 12 career starts and \$72,600 in his coffers.

This venerable pacer is the sixth foal out of the Western Ideal mare Armbro Cinnamon p, 3, 1:54.4h (\$58,959), making him a half-brother to world champion Fear The Dragon (by Dragon Again) p, 3, 1:48.4s (\$1,578,547). He also has half-siblings in Cinamony (by Art Official) p, 4, 1:49.3f (\$532,404) and Cndiana Jones (by Art Major) p, 7, 1:53.1f (\$115,559) and a full brother in McSinner Man p, 4, 1:52.3s (\$54,466).

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Photo Cutline: Bounding Dragon will start from the rail in the first of two \$50,000 Ohio Sires Stakes tonight at Northfield Park. ***Photo by Brad Conrad***