

AUSTRALIAN STOCK WIRES FIELD IN OPEN TROT!

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The early season trotting sensation Australian Stock, a five-year-old Angus Hall gelding out of the American Winner mare Katya Hanover, went wire-to-wire in 1:59.1, and won the \$9,000 Featured Open Handicap Trot for owner David J. Slyman, here at Buffalo Raceway Friday night. (July 3).

Driven by reinsman Kevin Cummings, Australian Stock, (\$10.80) leaving from the pylons in the field of seven, made every pole a winning one beating six rivals for his fifth win of the 2009 campaign.

Setting fractions of 29.3, :59.3 and 1:29.2 to the three-quarter mark, Australian Stock and Cummings beat second place finishers Jack Sparrow and driver Jim McNeight by two lengths. Cade Callihan (Ray Fisher, Jr.) came in the show spot.

Trained by D. J. Millner, the \$4,500 share of the winning purse put Australian Stock's season bankroll at \$29,699 and \$265,842 lifetime.

It was the second win for Cummings, who had three on the night. Kevin also scored with Thomas Be Quick (\$5.20) and Ima Cricket Also (\$32.00)

In the \$9,000 Filly and Mares Open Handicap Pace, reinsman Ken Holliday guided Jezzabell Hotspur (\$4.60) to her ninth win of the season for owner Betty Tauber, hitting the teletimer in 1:57.1.

"She's just a pretty good old mare", said Holliday. "She shows up every week to do her job".



Racing will resume on Saturday July 4, with first post scheduled for 6:30 PM.