

By Dustin Ross

Andover America flaunted his class on Saturday night at Tioga Downs by capturing the \$15,000 Open Handicap Trot. Trainer-Driver Bruce Ranger sat fourth through the mile with Andover America as Baseball Express (Howard Parker) trotted through fractions of 27.3, 56.2, and 1:25.1. Ranger moved Andover America to the outside past the three quarter pole and quickly trotted into second as the field turned for home with Ranger surging by Baseball



Express stopping the timer in 1:56.2. It was the eighth win in twenty starts for the 5-year old son of Andover Hall-Armbro Array, and with the victory is now less that \$2,000 away from the \$200,000 plateau. Baseball Express (Howard Parker) hung on for second, while The Windsurfer A (Darren Hancock) captured third.

Just as Andover America captured victory on Saturday night, all signs point to Bruce Ranger capturing the spot for Tioga Downs' leading money winning driver as he passed Jim Morrill Jr. for the lead on Saturday. Going into the final day (July 25th) the standings are Bruce Ranger: \$301,502, Jim Morrill Jr.: \$296,085, and Corey Braden: \$284,181.

Tioga Downs continues racing on Sunday, July 25th with a post time of 1:30 pm featuring a \$6,000 guaranteed pick six in races four through nine for "Pick Six Sundays" at Tioga Downs. For more information please visit us online at www.tiogadowns.com.

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