

## GRAND CIRCUIT VISITS TIOGA DOWNS THIS WEEKEND

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Tioga Downs is gearing up for another weekend of live harness racing action from Nichols, New York. This weekend will feature Grand Circuit racing action as the Tompkins-Geers Stake races come to town. The weekend will feature more than \$700,000 up for grabs in purses as the best two and three year olds in harness racing converge on Tioga.

Sir Caviar will look for his second straight Grand Circuit victory on Friday night for two year old trotting colts going for \$24,561. The 2-year old son of Sj's Caviar and driver Charlie Norris have been slated as the 5-2 morning line favorite in the night's tenth race. In the colt's first start, he won impressively in 1:57.4 in a \$20,000 division of the Reynolds Stakes at Pocono Downs. Sir Caviar is trained by Rich Gillock for owner J D Snyder Jr. of Media, Pa.

On Saturday night, Perfectionist will look to stay undefeated in the \$39,178 first division of the Tompkins-Geers for 2-year old pacing fillies. Jimmy Takter trains the daughter of Western Ideal out of the Artsplace mare Sounds Perfect, for breeders and owners Brittany Farms of Versailles, Kentucky. The filly will leave from post position seven in a field of eight with Dave Palone in the sulky. In her first and only start of her career so far, Perfectionist was sent to the front by driver Ron Pierce and never looked back as the duo drew clear and won by more than four lengths in 1:54.1 at Pocono Downs.

Tioga Downs encourages its fans to stick around immediately following live racing on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> as there will be a fantastic fireworks display for all to enjoy. Also, Tioga Downs will be hosting a free barbeque in the Tioga Tent immediately following live racing on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> for all horsemen and owners involved with Tompkins-Geers and Tioga Down.

Post time for Tioga's racing schedule is Friday and Saturday nights at 6:50 p.m., and Sunday's at 1:15 p.m. For more information on the events at Tioga Downs please visit [www.tiogadowns.com](http://www.tiogadowns.com) or call 1-888-WIN-TIOGA.