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## **Pilgrims Toner at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs equals World Record of 1:48.2**

Pilgrims Toner, trained by Frank Catalfamo and driven by Brian Sears, equaled the world record of 1:48.2 in winning the \$24,000 open handicap pace Saturday (May 29) at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

The 1:48.2 clocking also equaled the fastest mile ever paced at the Northeastern Pennsylvania five-eighths mile track. Shadow Play, at the time a three-year-old colt, won an Adios elimination race at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on August 8, 2008 with David Miller in the bike. Shadow Play and Miller also won the Adios a week later at the track that hosted the event while construction of a new racino was taking place at the Meadows.

Pilgrims Toner tied the world aged pacing gelding mark on a five-eighths mile track owned by Fake Denario N with Tony Morgan in the bike and set in 2008 at Harrah's Chester Downs.

OK Braveheart, driven by Jim Morrill Jr., took the seven-horse field to the opening panel in 26.2 before Sears came first up near the three-eighths pole. OK Braveheart still led at the half with Pilgrims Toner inching closer. It was just past the half that Pilgrims Toner assumed the lead for good, getting to the three-quarters in 1:21 and drawing away from the rest of the field.

Second went to Four Trumps A (Larry Stalbaum), seven lengths back with third-place going to OK Braveheart.

Owners of the six-year-old gelding include J. Spezio, Noel Daley, R. Mills and Catalfamo, all of New Jersey. This was the ninth win in 19 starts this season for Pilgrims Toner.