

Wayne MacLean 23-1 Winner...In Season Finale Feature



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SUDBURY, ON - Thursday., Dec. 31st, 2009 - Veteran horseman Wayne MacLean capped off a very productive day by pulling off an upset in the 3rd annual Little Annual Little Golden Slots Cup. The race marks the final race of the Sudbury Downs season. Driving for trainer Dion MacLean (Wayne's son), the elder MacLean took his usual seat up behind Shaws Creek Spirit and gave the 4 year old gelding a text book drive. Leaving out of the 6 hole, MacLean landed a spot third and remained there until the mid-way point when he picked up a 2nd over cover behind Matou Rose, driven by Mario Rivest. They pressed the front running 2-5 betting favorite Armbro Brando through to the $\frac{3}{4}$ pole, but that's all they had to give. MacLean then took over the role of aggressor and cleared to a two length lead before hitting the head of the stretch. Shaws Creek Spirit kept that margin through to the finish where they stopped the clock in 2:01.3.

MacLean's Little Golden Slots Cup winner marked his third return to victory lane on the afternoon. Earlier in the 4th race, he won with Sophie Carrier's 7-year old trotting gelding Team Lavec. Then in the 7th race he romped on the front end to a 5-length victory with Jean Claude Lanteigne's 4-year old pacing gelding Okay By Me.