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Record-setter **Separate Fire** stays red hot with Kindergarten victory

May 22, 2011 • Los Alamitos Race Course, Cypress, CA

Another race resulted in another record performance for the brilliant filly **Separate Fire** at Los Alamitos Race Course, as the daughter of **Walk Thru Fire** ran the fastest 300 yards in the history of the Grade 1 Kindergarten Futurity with a time of :15.148.

Ridden by Ramon Sanchez for trainer Paul Jones, **Separate Fire** posted a half-length victory over **Danielle Hall** and **Jim Hanson's** **Fixin To Fly** while beating the stakes record of

:15.18 set by champion 2-year-old colt **Hawkish** in 2003. This **Boogie Fires** finished third to give the stallion **Walk Thru Fire** a 1-2-3 finish in the Kindergarten.

Meanwhile, **Separate Fire's** new stakes mark in the Kindergarten is just the latest of what has become an incredible collection of Los Alamitos records for the Dr. Steve Burns-bred filly. The sorrel first made headlines after her gate drill of :11.80 on March 29 equaled

the fastest by a 2-year-old prior to a debut race. In the trials to the Kindergarten Futurity, **Separate Fire** took a step farther and faster, as she covered the distance in a sizzling :15.08, the fastest ever by a 2-year-old racing 300 yards at Los Alamitos. And now this, a Kinder-

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Separate Fire, Ramon Sanchez up

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garten stakes record.

"She's awesome," Jones said. "I can't think of another word to describe this filly. Her time tonight is unbelievable because the track was not as fast as it was on the night of the trials and she still posted an impressive time. She's the real deal and she's proven it. It's nice to have a horse like her."

Jockey Ramon Sanchez, a two-time AQHA champion rider, has piloted some of the fastest horses in the nation in recent years and even he rated Separate Fire as one of the best he's been ridden.

"After Foose (the 2008 champion 2-year-old colt) she's one of the best 2-year-olds that I've ever ridden," Sanchez said. "She heard noises when we were in the starting gate and then right when that happened, the gate opened and she didn't break as well as she could have. She still broke as good as any of her other rivals and was too good from there."

"I hate to compare her with other horses that I've trained so early in her career, but she's pretty good," Jones said. "I'll tell you one thing; I'd love to have a baby out of her sired by Foose."

Jose Trevino of Tremor Enterprises was joined in the winner's circle by his wife, Zulema, and their daughter, Alexandra, to celebrate Separate Fire's victory. Their celebration party could have been bigger, but other priorities took over the family's plan to attend the Kindergarten final.

"Our three younger children

have school tomorrow morning so they couldn't be here," Jose Trevino said. "They stayed back in Texas, but I can assure you that they are glued to the TV watching this race."

While Jose, 18, Rebecca, 12, and Oscar, 8, were not able to join their parents for the running of the Kindergarten, they will be able to tell all their schoolmates on Monday that they own probably the fastest 2-year-old runner in the country.

Trevino bought Separate Fire last year for \$45,000 at the Heritage Place Sale. He liked her because she was a daughter of the red-hot stallion Walk Thru Fire and because he trusted the breeding expertise of Dr. Burns.

"I have a lot of respect for Dr. Burns as a breeder and I know that he knows a lot about crosses that work in Quarter Horseracing," Trevino added. "I liked her on the catalog page and I liked her at the sale. We had a budget, a limit to spend, but you never know how much a horse will go for until you are at the sale. I was happy to buy her for \$45,000. Would I have gone higher? I don't know if I would have gone \$50,000 to be honest. It's easy now to see her worth, but it's difficult when you are bidding at a horse sale. I'm just happy that she ended up going home with us."

Separate Fire earned \$142,632 for her Kindergarten victory and she also improved her record to perfect three for three.

"We knew we had a good chance with her, but I always tell

my family that you can't expect to win every time," Trevino added. "I try to be optimistic, but I always stay realistic about how tough it is to win a race. To make it to the winner's circle is a wonderful moment and one that we'll cherish for a long time, but now it's back to real life."

Tremor Enterprises has been fortunate in its success with high caliber 2-year-olds in recent years. The racing operation campaigned Tempting Dash during his 2-year-old champion year in 2009 and also Mr Piloto during his All American Futurity winning season in 2010. The success of those two colts has allowed Trevino the joy of now dedicating himself purely to the breeding of horses.

"I grew up milking cows and taking care of horses," he said. "We've been around the ranch all of our lives."

Trevino added that "With Tempting Dash and Mr Piloto we didn't race them after their 2-year-old season. We had planned to race Tempting Dash at Los Alamitos in his sophomore year, but he got sick and we couldn't bring him to California. Separate Fire has paid for herself with this win and she's eligible to all the major futurities here – the Ed Burke, Golden State and Los Alamitos Two Million futurities. What's great about a filly is that you can do embryos and then bring her



Jose and Zulema Trevino and their daughter (at left), Alexandra

Photo by Scott Martinez

back to the track. That's a nice advantage for a filly. We certainly don't want to risk her too much, but those big futurity trials are there for her.

"We're fortunate to have Paul Jones' great team working with Separate Fire," the owner said. "There'll now be bigger expectations and more attention paid to her, but we hope that she continues to do well. We're thrilled with what she's already done."

Ridden by Jay Conklin and trained by Jim Hanson, Fixin To Fly earned \$57,732 while third-place finisher This Boogie Fires earned \$40,752 for owner Mike Abraham. Fixing To Fly had a troubled start, but he still rallied to go from sixth place to second. This Boogie Fires was eighth at the start before making a huge move to finish third for trainer Jaime Gomez and jockey Alejandro Luna. Kindly Fellow, Red Dasher, Rlr Tres Premios, Sompin About First, Ima Chickie Two and Features Gift completed the field.

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Shackleford holds off Animal Kingdom in Preakness Stakes

May 21, 2011 • Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, MD



After pressing a fast early pace, Michael Lauffer and W.D. Cubbedge's Shackleford took the lead into the homestretch and had just enough energy in reserve to hold off a charging Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom by a half-length to capture Saturday's \$1 million Preakness Stakes (Grade 1).

The 136th running of the Middle Jewel of the Triple Crown was a fitting conclusion to a 13-race program that attracted 107,398 to Pimlico Race Course and generated an all-sources handle of \$76,376,689. The attendance, which included InfelD FEST partygoers



who were treated to concerts by Grammy Award winners Train and Bruno Mars, was the seventh largest in Preakness

history. The handle ranked as the seventh highest for Pimlico's signature day.

"It was a great day with

Shackleford, Michael Lauffer up

Photo courtesy of Pimlico

a fantastic crowd," Maryland Jockey Club president Tom Chuckas said. "It is a positive feeling that some of the innovative strategies we employed look like they worked and have potential for the future."

Trained by Dale Romans, Shackleford took down the \$600,000 winner's purse, as well as a bonus of \$550,000, courtesy of the Preakness 5.5, an incentive program inaugurated this year by MI Developments and connected to his participation in the major 3-year-old

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Royal Delta rolls to victory in Black-Eyed Susan Stakes

May 20, 2011 • Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore, MD

Royal Delta got the jump on the competition with a decisive move in the second turn and rolled to a 2½-length victory in the \$250,000 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes Friday at Pimlico Race Course. The Empire Maker filly trained by Hall of Famer Bill Mott, completed the 1 1/8 miles in 1:49 3/5 over a fast track to earn the winner's share of \$150,000 in the Grade 2 stake for 3-year-old fillies. Buster's Ready was second, 5 ¼ lengths ahead of Hot Summer.

The 87th Black-Eyed Susan was the featured race of the 13 on The People's Pink Party program that benefited the Susan

G. Komen for the Cure held on a sun-drenched afternoon at historic Pimlico. The on-track crowd of 27,966 watched the \$30,000 Pimlico Female Jockey Challenge won by Canadian standout Emma-Jayne Wilson, and the \$20,000 Legends for the Cure II Race in which eight retired female riders returned to the saddle.

The Black-Eyed Susan program festivities generated a handle of \$10,664,681.

"What a wonderful start to a fantastic weekend," said Maryland Jockey Club president Tom Chuckas. "Our partnership with Susan G. Komen for the Cure has brought

added excitement to the afternoon. Having Emma-Jayne Wilson donate her winnings from the Female Jockey Challenge was a first-class thing to do and we are proud of Mary Wiley-Wagner for winning the Lady Legends race."

The festivities included a presentation on the cupola to the Maryland affiliate of Komen and performances in the Turfside Terrace section by Steel Magnolia and The Lunabelles.

Maryland's premier racing weekend continues Saturday with the Preakness Day program of a dozen races surrounding the 136th running of the Preakness Stakes. Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom is the 2-1 morning line favorite in the full field of 14 entered in the Preakness, which has a post time of 6:20 p.m. First post

for the Preakness Day program is 10:45 a.m.

Royal Delta, bred and owned by Palides Investments N.V. Inc, won for the third time in four career starts and pushed her career earnings over \$182,400.

Under jockey Jose Lezcano, Royal Delta settled into a patient stalking trip off the pace set by Hot Summer during opening fractions of :23 1/5, :46 1/5 and 1:10 1/5. When Lezcano asked her to run, the filly accelerated quickly, moving from 4 lengths back to a three-length lead at the top of the stretch. Buster's Ready made a determined run in the stretch, but could not catch the 9-5 favorite.

Royal Delta paid \$5.60, \$3.80 and \$2.60 and keyed a \$34.20 exacta with Buster's Ready, who was 7-1 in the wagering.



"Would you like the wax, or the regular wash?"

SHACKLFORD from pg. 3 stakes at Pimlico's sister track, Gulfstream Park.

Fourth in the Kentucky Derby just two weeks ago after setting a moderate pace, the 12-1 long shot improved enough off that effort to claim victory under Jesus Castanon in the Preakness and dash Animal Kingdom's Triple Crown hopes. The Kentucky Derby winner, who was favored at 2-1, rallied from next to last in the 14-horse field to finish second as the winner claimed victory in the 1 3/16-mile spring classic in 1:56.47. Astrology finished third, 1 ¼ lengths behind Animal Kingdom and 2 ½ lengths behind Dialed In, who closed from last to fourth.

The Nick Zito-trained

Dialed In, who had won the Holy Bull (Grade 3) and Florida Derby (Grade 1) at Gulfstream before finishing eighth in the Kentucky Derby, missed out in collecting a \$5.5 million Preakness bonus by coming up well short of victory.

The complete order of finish was: Shackleford, Animal Kingdom, Astrology, Dialed In, Dance City, Mucho Macho Man, King Congie, Mr. Commons, Isn't He Perfect, Concealed Identity, Norman Asbjornson, Sway Away, Midnight Interlude and Flashpoint.

Payoffs for the Preakness Stakes: Shackleford, \$27.20, \$10.20, \$6.80; Animal Kingdom, \$4.20, \$3.60; Astrology \$8. Exacta 5-11 \$114.80; Trifecta 5-11-1 \$1401.80; Superfecta 5-11-1-10 \$3106.30.



Birds and animals

By Tom Dawson

Saturday's Preakness reminded me of the scenario in 2009. Derby longshot valiant in narrow Preakness defeat.

Mine That Bird won the '09 Derby with a perfect trip, a rail-skimming ride from Calvin Borel at 50-1. Animal Kingdom never had a straw in his path when he prevailed this year under John Velazquez as a 20-1 outsider.

As expected, both received considerably more betting support in the Preakness. Mine That Bird was the 6-1 third choice, while Animal Kingdom was sent off as a 2-1 favorite. Neither got the same trip the second time around.

If you recall, Mine That Bird steadied on the last turn, then was seven-wide into the stretch. Rachel Alexandra was four in front at the eighth pole, and he whittled it to a length at the wire.

Animal Kingdom's trip also compromised his chances. He didn't get into the race quickly enough and had only two horses behind him after three-quarters of a mile. It was a lot to do, and his effort compared favorably to Mine That Bird in even threatening the winner.

I was really happy for Sunland Derby runner up Astrology. He was the embodiment of the term "gave way grudgingly." You'll probably be seeing him at a mile and an eighth or shorter for a while. Astrology is a grand-looking specimen, and

I believe his name is on a Grade 1 somewhere.

I want to rename Mucho Macho Man. He should now be known as Sin Zapato Man. For the second time this year, he lost a shoe in a big race. Trainer Kathy Ritvo went to glue-on shoes after he lost his right front queens' plate in the Louisiana Derby. Last Saturday, he came back without his left.

Can we check the farrier's license? Better yet, look in his shoeing box to see if there is a tube of Elmer's.

If I am disappointed in any horse this Triple Crown season, it would be Dialed In. I saw him beat Shackleford on the square in the Florida Derby after that one opened up a clear lead in mid-stretch. And by now we know that the Preakness winner is pretty tenacious.

In addition to being a one-run horse, I'm afraid Dialed In isn't as dynamic as he seemed in most of his early career starts — not that he won't be highly useful. But I thought he might be something special.

Shackleford's victory upheld a frequent Preakness scenario, that of a rebounding Derby runner. In the last

18 Preakness runnings in which the Derby winner did not repeat, 15 of the winners had been beaten at Churchill. That means only three new shooters have been successful

since 1984.

Statistically, this should have been the year for a new face, with nine of the 14 starters in that category. The last time the numbers were slanted that much was 2006, which happens to be the last time a fresh face won it.

His name was Bernardini. He never got the credit he deserved because that was the year of Barbaro.

As of this writing, both Animal Kingdom and Shackleford are considered probable for the Belmont. That would be most welcome. The next best thing to a triple crown bid, although several lengths away, is a rubber match between the Derby and Preakness Winners.

If they both run, who has the edge? The numbers are strongly slanted one direction. The last five times that one of the two defeated the other in the Belmont, it was the Preakness winner on top. Most recently in 2005, Afleet Alex easily handled Giacomo.

If you look at the two horses involved this year, most folks would probably favor Animal Kingdom. One of his big Derby attributes was his

distance pedigree. That should be even more important here.

And for me, the race flow should favor him. The longer distance and wider configuration of the course should put him closer to the pace than he was last week. It could be a scenario more like the one he enjoyed in the Derby.

I also like the fact that John Velazquez is a Belmont regular. There is nothing wrong with Jesus Castanon's riding ability. But the history of the Belmont is littered with the remains of riders who were not familiar with the nuances of the track known as "Big Sandy".

But, after all of that analysis, I might like Nehro or Alternation to beat them both.

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writer and television producer with over 500 live remotes for horseracing and other sports airing on ESPN, ABC and other networks.



American Horse Council and AAEP work with USDA to Facilitate Coordination of EHV-1 and EHM case reporting

Horses exposed to the Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) based on attending an event held in Utah will now be monitored through a national case reporting system. In addition, a guidance document was sent to State Animal Health Officials and Area Veterinarians in Charge (AVIC) in each state on Tuesday, May 17, courtesy of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Service (VS).

In response to confirmed cases of Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) and Equine Herpes Virus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM) in horses that attended a cutting horse event in Ogden, Utah, held from April 29 to May 8, the American

Horse Council (AHC) and the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) contacted the USDA:APHIS:VS and requested federal coordination for data collection, dissemination, and communication efforts among state and federal veterinarians. The purpose of collecting this data is to protect the health of horses and mitigate the economic implications of further EHV-1 transmission to horses not yet affected.

In response, USDA:APHIS:VS has reached out to State Animal Health Officials, federal Area Veterinarians-In-Charge (AVICs) and private practitioners to collect current information on the EHV-1 disease incident and develop a coordinated response among state, federal

and industry partners. The full scope of the current EHV-1 situation and a complete accounting for the number of horses affected and/or exposed is under way.

"We want to applaud the quick response and efforts of the USDA:APHIS:VS," said William A. Moyer, DVM, 2011 AAEP president. "Having the support and coordination of this effort by the USDA:APHIS:VS working in collaboration with State Animal Health Officials, will be key in providing accurate and timely information to the equine and veterinary communities during this outbreak."

"USDA can play a critical and timely role in collecting, verifying, and disseminating accurate information to state animal health officials and industry partners," said Jay Hickey, President of the American Horse Council. "These efforts are essential to mitigating the health and economic implications of this current EHV-1 situation. Misinformation can often be an epidemic in and of itself. This latest disease incident only underscores the importance of implementing a pro-active national equine health program."

USDA and State Animal Health Officials have initiated an investigation and incident response effort. The USDA plans to release the initial report through summarization of information provided by the State Animal Health Officials and AVICs including the number of horses suspected and confirmed as EHV-1 cases and EHM cases along with fatalities in the coming days. The USDA will update and release future reports on the current EHV-1 outbreak on a

weekly basis. If the current incident results in wide-spread exposure or a large influx of infected horses, the USDA will provide that information as it becomes available.

Practitioners are encouraged to notify their State Animal Health Official of suspect or confirmed cases of EHV-1 and EHM. The State Animal Health Officials can assist with guidelines on diagnostic testing and management to reduce risk of spread of EHV-1.


There have been numerous scientific articles citing a wide variation in the number of suspect and confirmed cases of the EHV-1 and the neurological form of the disease (EHM) in horses. This large disparity in reported information underscores the importance of allowing USDA and State Animal Health Officials to collect data, based on the use of consistent case definitions, to then verify information gathered and disseminate factual summary information.

Until state and federal animal health officials are able to gather, verify and disseminate accurate information on the scope of the current incident, it is critical for individual horse owners and organizations to undertake appropriate and responsible actions to mitigate the welfare and economic implications of potential future transmissions.

At the time this release was issued, only Colorado and Wyoming had implemented enhanced state entry requirements in response to the ongoing EHV-1 disease situation.

Additionally, if you anticipate transporting your horse across state lines it is recommended you contact

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each respective state/provincial veterinarian's office prior to departure to determine if there are any restrictions or enhanced entry requirements due to the current EHV-1 incident. To find your state or provincial animal health office, visit www.aaep.org/us_canada_state-healthoffice.htm.

In the interim, the AHC and AAEP stress the importance of responsible ownership practices and informed communication among indus-

try organizations. Please visit the AAEP's website at www.aaep.org for additional information on these diseases, as well as updated horse owner and veterinary resources including an FAQ feature about the diseases, biosecurity recommendations, updates from various states and more.

The American Association of Equine Practitioners, headquartered in Lexington, Ky., was founded in 1954 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the health and welfare of the horse. Currently, the AAEP

reaches more than 5 million horse owners through its over 10,000 members worldwide and is actively involved in ethics issues, practice management, research and continuing education in the equine veterinary profession and horse industry.

As the national association representing all segments of the horse industry in Washington, D.C., the American Horse Council works daily to represent equine interests and opportunities. Organized in 1969, the AHC promotes and

protects the industry by communicating with Congress, federal agencies, the media and the industry on behalf of all horse related interests each and every day.

The AHC is member supported by individuals and organizations representing virtually every facet of the horse world from owners, breeders, veterinarians, farriers, breed registries and horsemen's associations to horse shows, race tracks, rodeos, commercial suppliers and state horse councils.

Ten Q&A with *SureBet*

Q: How long has *SureBet* been around?

A: 4.5 years - We're still just a baby in our industry compared to the *Thoroughbred Times* or the *Quarter Journal*, etc.

Q: Why does *SureBet* cover Thoroughbred, Quarter Horse and mixed breed racing?

A: *SureBet* was conceived in New Mexico and New Mexico is a mixed meet state. We feel all breeds are important to the racing industry and should have news coverage.

Q: When did *SureBet* launch its "news" website www.surebetracingnews.com?

A: 5 years ago, the idea behind it was to provide our readers with a site that provided important industry news, timely updates and racing news.

Q: What is your news coverage area?

A: West of the Mississippi, when we first started laying out the goals for *SureBet*, it was decided to leave East Coast racing news to the "BIG" boys in New York and Kentucky. We wanted to promote racing at the smaller tracks which are all too often neglected by the mainstream news publications. However, we do step-up for the Triple Crown and the Breeders' Cup. Industry news is another matter; our staff gathers regional, national and international news daily to keep our readers informed on what's happening in our industry.

Q: How often does *SureBet Racing News* magazine publish?

A: Once a week on Tuesday evenings.

Q: How long has *SureBet* offered a digital version?

A: 3.5 years ago we began providing a subscription-free digital version on our website of our then monthly magazine.

Q: Does *SureBet* offer a mailed, printed version today?

A: No, on July 1, 2010 *SureBet* went completely digital and eliminated all subscription fees.

Q: How many people read *SureBet* digital now compared to *SureBet* in print?

A: *SureBet's* Digital version averages 14,000 – 15,000 readers per week. *SureBet* in print reached 5,000 subscribers per month.

Q: Video Web-casts have become all the rage lately, does *SureBet* offer videos?

A: Yes, videos are provided on our website from different sources daily. Additionally, *SureBet* produces original onsite webcasts every year from the Sunland Derby [Grade 3] from Sunland Park, NM and the "All American Triple Crown" from Ruidoso Downs Racetrack & Casino, NM.

Q: Anything new going on with *SureBet*?

A: Yes, on May 27 *SureBet* will launch an all Spanish language Quarter Horse Racing News website: www.qhnoticias.com

Improvements ready for Ruidoso Downs opening



A completely renovated racing surface and numerous upgrades to the grandstand and All American Turf Club pace the improvements in place for the summer racing season at Ruidoso Downs.

The summer season starts on Friday with the daylong trials to the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity. The trails to the Grade 1 Ruidoso Derby highlight Saturday's program.

For the first time, racing will be conducted on a Friday-through-Monday schedule at the track in southern New Mexico's Sacramento Mountains.

Fans will first notice the improvements when they

drive into the track. The road and asphalt parking has been resurfaced and restriped and there is new signage throughout the facility.

Upon entering the grandstand, there is new stucco on the outside of the grandstand and the grandstand interior has been painted with new signs above the concession areas.

The All American Turf Club underwent extensive upgrading with new carpet and painting.

The safety of the race-horse and jockeys is always a top priority at Ruidoso Downs and the entire racing surface underwent a renovation before the track opened for training this spring.



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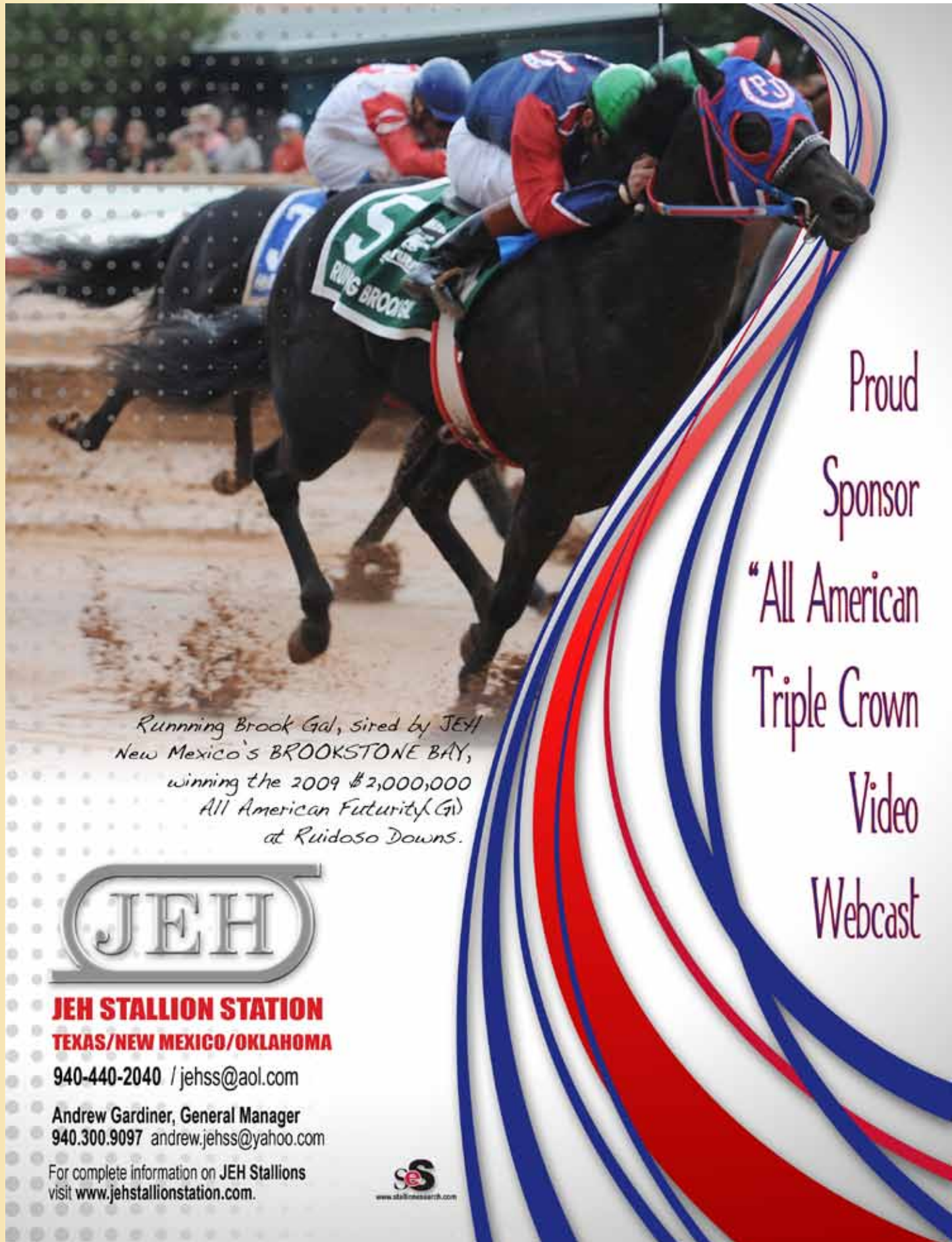
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MAY 22, 2011

Hollywood Park, Inglewood, CA

Logical Single upset winner of Fran's Valentine

Logical Single became a stakes winner in her second trip to Southern California, capturing the \$73,350 Fran's Valentine by a half-length Sunday at Hollywood Park.

The fifth victory in 12 starts for Logical Single came after a claim of foul by jockey Joe Talamo, who rode runner-up and 2-1 favorite Lady Railrider, was disallowed. Talamo alleged he was interfered with in the final sixteenth, but stewards Scott Chaney, Kim Sawyer and Tom Ward ruled the order of finish would stand.

Trained by Dean Pederson for owner-breeder Harris Farms, Inc., Logical Single, a 4-year-old daughter of Single-tary and the Dynaformer mare Zoelu was ridden by Chantal Sutherland. The win was the third in a stakes for Sutherland at the Spring/Summer meet.

In winning for the first time in her third outing on turf, Logical Single, a 7-1 shot, completed the mile in 1:34.56. She increased her earnings to \$198,652.

Third behind La Nez and Saanneen in the Irish O'Brien March 19 at Santa Anita in her lone previous venture away from Golden Gate Fields, Logical Single paid \$16.60, \$7.40 and \$4.80. Lady Railrider, second behind Ultra Blend in last month's B. Thoughtful Stakes over Cushion Track, returned \$4 and \$3. She finished 2 1/2 lengths clear of pacesetter Jax El. The show price on Jax El was \$4.40.

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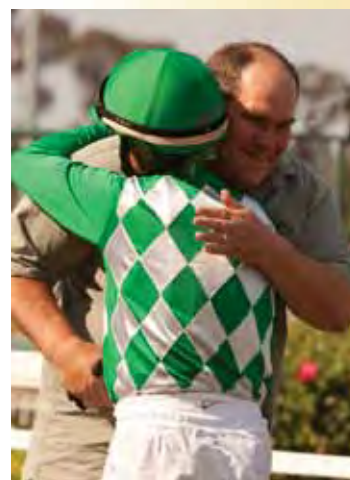
Logical Single; below, trainer Dean Pederson congratulates jockey Chantal Sutherland

Valentine, which was run for the 16th time Sunday, U R All That I Am could do no better than fourth as the 5-2 second choice. Completing the order of finish were Camille C, Warren's Jitterbug and Ruffled Feathers.

"She was out there by herself and was looking around a little bit, but if anything she kind of went in because she switched to her left lead," said Sutherland, explaining what transpired nearing the wire. "I saw him (Talamo) close to the wire, but had already switched my lead inward. Sometimes it goes 50-50 and sometimes it goes their way and I know Joe's got to try (to claim foul). I was lucky today and very grateful."

Earlier in the day, trainer Mike Mitchell earned the 2,500th win of his career when heavily-favored One Bad Romance won the first race. Mitchell tops the trainer standings at the current meet with 12 victories and is third all-time at Hollywood Park with 839 wins. He trails only Bobby Frankel (952) and Charlie Whittingham (859).

The single winning ticket in Saturday's Pick 6, which was worth \$733,186, cost \$96 and



was purchased at Sunland Park in New Mexico.

Racing resumes Thursday. Post time is 1 p.m.

The Hollywood Park Casino continues to offer dark day simulcasts – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – throughout the Spring/Summer Meet. Admission is free.

SunRay Park, Farmington, NM

Ocean Fun takes driving win in \$27,090 Pfizer SunRay Park Starter Allowance Challenge

By Eric Alwan

The classy Ocean Fun powered up in the final 100 yards to take a driving win in

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Ocean Fun

the \$27,090 Pfizer SunRay Park Starter Allowance Challenge at 350 yards.

The former Grade 3 Texas based stakes horse has found a new home in New Mexico at SunRay Park and Casino. Rejuvenated under trainer Jose R. Gonzalez, Sr., the former claimer validated his top qualifying time and defeated a solid group of speedsters by a neck. Under red hot jockey Vicente Grajeda, Ocean Fun dug in and would not be denied in the feature race. The Ocean Run-away gelding broke well from the inside, but found his best strides in deep stretch. The four-year-old gelding muscled past Get It Right, Eye On The Demand and Watch Out Bambino to earn the peak position of a blanket finish.

Ocean Fun won his second race of the meet in a time of 17.210 seconds, good for a 96 speed rating. The 2-1 second favorite earned \$12,461 for owner Ediberto Estrada.

Get It Right finished a good second, a head in front of third place finisher Eye On The Demand.

Watch Out Bambino, the 8-5 favorite, was seeking his fifth straight win. A bumpy start cost him dearly. The Check Him Out gelding closed valiantly in the final stages but could do no better the fourth. He ran out of real estate and was beaten only a half-length.

Osbaldo is fastest New Mexico Breeders' Futurity qualifier

Hubaldo Solis' Osbaldo



Osbaldo

won the fourth of six New Mexico Breeders' Futurity (RG3) trials on Sunday and is the fastest qualifier for the June 5, \$85,000-added final at SunRay Park.

Ridden by Bonifacio Perez for trainer Oscar Carrete, Osbaldo defeated second-fastest qualifier Latest Policy by a neck while covering 350 yards in :17.188 and posting a 96 speed index. Osbaldo's victory was his fourth in as many starts, and it increased his earnings to \$140,791.

Osbaldo is a homebred gray colt by Jesse James Jr whose stakes resume includes a nose victory as the fifth-fastest qualifier in the April 10, \$120,000-added New Mexican Spring Futurity (RG2) at Sunland Park.

Dreams Happen and Fury Of The Storm tied for the 10th-fastest qualifier's spot. A shake will determine which horse gets the final starting berth.

Emerald Downs, Auburn, WA Noosa Beach struts his stuff, prevails in 2011 Emerald Downs debut

Noosa Beach made amends for his only 2010 defeat Sunday with a one-length victory over defending champion Assessment in the \$50,000 Governor's Handicap for older horses at Emerald Downs.

Noosa Beach—the 2010 Horse of the Meeting—ran 6-1/2 furlongs in 1:14.27 on a fast track and paid \$3.40, \$2.80 and

New Mexico Breeders' Futurity - RG3 qualifiers • SunRay Park • May 22

Final: June 5 • Purse: \$85,500-Added • Age: 2-year-olds bred in NM • Distance: 350 Yards

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Osbaldo	c.	:17.188	Hubaldo Solis	Hubaldo Solis (NM)	Oscar V Carrete	Bonifacio Perez
Latest Policy	g.	:17.249	Jose Roberto Munoz, Jr.	Randy or Linda Schalla (NM)	Joe R Chavez	Adam Martinez
Cat Ta Hoola	f.	:17.367	Standefer, Jay and Mary Lou	Jay or Mary Lou Standefer (NM)	Wes T Giles	Tony F Guymon
Black Racket	g.	:17.402	Molinar, Cervando and Solis, Hubaldo	Hubaldo Solis (NM)	Oscar V Carrete	Bonifacio Perez
Little Lighting	g.	:17.424	Cano, Gerardo and Rojo Rico, Omar	Gerardo Cano (NM)	Gerardo Cano	Ruben R Calderon
Preacher James	g.	:17.452	Dick Harp	Dick Harp (NM)	Jaime Aldavaz, Jr	Esgar Ramirez
My Big Chief	g.	:17.453	Jaquez, Ram & Katie; Cano, Gerardo & Rico, Omar Rojo	Chad McCallum (NM)	Gerardo Cano	Vicente Grajeda
Wish You Had One To	f.	:17.455	Giles, Jill and Lee, Johnny	Terrence M Lane (NM)	Wes T Giles	Tony F Guymo
Office Babe	f.	:17.464	Rita J. Danley	Rita J Danley (NM)	Fred I Danley	Vicente Grajeda
(Shake) Dreams Happen	f.	:17.473	Ruben Leyba, Jr.	Nannette or Terry Lane (NM)	Owner	Esgar Ramirez
(Shake) Fury Of The Storm	c.	:17.473	SM Cattle Export Company and Dominguez, Jaime	Bill or Sandy Miller (NM)	Roberto Sanchez	Alonso Rivera

* *Fury Of The Storm* won the shake for the final qualifying position.

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\$2.20. Gallyn Mitchell rode the winner at high weight of 123 lbs for trainer Doris Harwood and owner Jeff Harwood of Kent, Wash. The 5-year-old Washington-bred rallied to the lead into the lane, turned back upstart Tequila Gold past mid-stretch and then held off a late charge from Assessment for the victory.

"The only thing that worries me is that he wants to wait on horses," said Mitchell, who has taken over the reigns on Noosa Beach this season from an injured Ricky Frazier. "I couldn't hear any horses coming, but I heard the roar of the crowd.

"Usually, the crowd cheers for you on the lead or it means that someone is coming from behind. I tried to switch leads, but he didn't, so I just let him be. He's just a special horse. All I have to do is keep him out of trouble. He is probably one of the three best horses I've ever ridden, if not the best."

It was the ninth Emerald Downs stakes victory for Noosa Beach, placing him just one behind Handy N Bold's 10 stakes wins set from 1999-2003. His overall record, including a victory in the Grade 3 Longacres Mile, is 12-3-2 in 18 starts with earnings of \$425,722.

Assessment, ridden by

Juan Gutierrez at 120 lbs., rallied strongly inside for second place and paid \$5.40 and \$3.80. Tequila Gold, winner of his previous five starts, held on well to finish third. Ridden by Robert Skelly at 116 lbs, Tequila Gold paid \$3.40.

Peaceful Reign, Bogachiel, Saratoga Boot, Our Minesweeper, Absolutely Cool, Winning Machine and He's All Heart completed the order of finish.

Last year, in perhaps the greatest season in track history, Noosa Beach compiled a 6-1-0 record in seven starts including five stakes wins and \$225,930 in earnings. The only glitch was a neck defeat to Assessment in the Governor's Handicap. Sunday, Noosa Beach turned the tables although Gutierrez said the outcome might have been closer with a clean trip. The official Equibase chart noted that Assessment steadied at the quarter-pole and rallied inside when clear.

"I knew there would be a lot of speed in the race, so I wanted to sit in the second pack," Gutierrez said. "I had a lot of trouble in the turn from a horse that was backing up. I had to completely stop my momentum and then start back up again. If we had a cleaner trip, I think we might have won the race. He was



Noosa Beach

closing so well."

Bogachiel and Our Minesweeper dueled through a quarter-mile in :21.92 seconds, followed closely by Peaceful Reign, Tequila Gold and, on the far outside, Noosa Beach. Unfazed and just wanting to keep his mount in the clear, Mitchell had Noosa Beach four deep on the turn and the dark bay or brown gelding looped past Bogachiel, Peaceful Reign and Absolutely Cool, taking the lead after four furlongs in a sizzling :43.88 seconds.

Noosa Beach led by 1-1/2 lengths past mid-stretch, running six furlongs in 1:07.90, and held off Assessment for his 11th win in 16 starts at Emerald Downs. The other two races

were at Hastings Racecourse in Vancouver, including a 1-1/2 length win in the George Royal Stakes last month.

The Governor's Handicap was the first race on the road to the 76th running of the \$200,000 Longacres Mile (Grade 3) on Sunday, Aug. 21. Next up is the \$50,000 Budweiser Handicap at one mile on Sunday, June 19, followed by the \$50,000 Mt. Rainier Handicap at one and one-sixteenth miles on Sunday, July 24.

NOTES: Juan Gutierrez rode four winners and became only the third jockey with 800 career wins at Emerald Downs. Gutierrez swept the opening three events on Outing Mail (\$9.20),



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Charal Kid

Advancement (\$4.20) and Sir Sayonara (\$3). He completed his four-bagger—first this season by an Emerald Downs jockey—aboard Cliff's Secret (\$2.60) in the \$18,600 co-feature for fillies and mares. The 5-year-old mare ran the fastest six furlongs of the meet—1:08.54—and is 5-for-6 lifetime including 5-for-5 sprinting... Gallyn Mitchell is first all-time in wins with 1,268 (including two wins Sunday) followed by Ricky Frazier with 886... In a tight race for leading rider, Leslie Mawing leads both Gutierrez and Joe Crispin by a 23-22 score, followed by Deborah Hoonan-Trujillo with 20... Fifth race runner-up Liberty At the Bar paid meet-highs of \$41.20 for place and \$24.80 for show. The 4-year-old gelding hadn't been out since Aug. 14, 2010, and his two career victories were at Great Falls and Sun Downs... Live racing resumes Friday with first post at 6:15 p.m.

Delta Downs, Vinton, LA

Charal Kid prompt choice in Develop A Plan Stakes

By Ty Wyant

The Malinche Cattle

Company's Charal Kid pushed his record to three-for-three at Delta Downs while winning the \$29,350 Develop A Plan Stakes as the odds-on favorite on Sunday.

Charal Kid, a 5-year-old gelding by Streakin La Jolla, showed his class in the final strides of the 350-yard stakes to get up for the neck decision over 9-2 second-choice Jac Dasher while 20-1 outsider Without Prejudice finished third.

The J.R. Ramirez-ridden Charal Kid raced the 350 yards in a quick :17.341, threatening the :17.261 track record over a strip that has been home to multiple track records during the meet.

Charal Kid, from the Erika Huitron stable, scored his first 2011 victory in his fifth 2011 effort after reaching the winner's circle in six of 14 starts last year.

He earned his odds-on favoritism in the develop A Plan Stakes after finishing second behind The Louisiana Cartel in the Sam Houston Classic over 440 yards in his previous start. He was also a close second in the Streakin La Jolla Stakes at Louisiana Downs in March.

Last summer, he took the



Forest Mouse

Miss Polly Stakes over 400 yards at Delta Downs.

The \$15,000 first-place check from the Develop A Plan Stakes raised his career earnings to \$316,039 and he has 13 wins from 33 lifetime starts.

MAY 21, 2011

SunRay Park, Farmington, NM

Forest Mouse delivers fourth straight win in \$50,000 SunRay Park and Casino Handicap

By Eric Alwan

Racing as the 8-5 favorite, Forest Mouse delivered a command performance by marching home a 3-length winner in the \$50,000 SunRay Park and Casino Handicap at one mile.

The victory was a comprehensive one for the favorite. Under regular pilot Perry Whetstone, Forest Mouse raced near the lead during the early stanza of the three-year-old feature. He was in close attendance to a brisk pace but seemed to be moving well within his range. Normally a stretch runner, Forest Mouse went on the attack during the backstretch run. The son of

Teton Forest withstood a challenge from the speedy Shigeo and was ready for more racing past the quarter mile marker.

The favorite turned back serious bids from both Trustee Tom and Trouble Rules and still had plenty left for the stretch run. He released the jets in upper stretch and marched away to an impressive win in a fast time of 1:37.99. The early move appeared to demoralize his rivals. The victory was the fourth in a row for the Mark Jensen owned and trained star. His last three wins came at Turf Paradise. The three-year-old won twice over the turf course including a big win in the Tempe Handicap.

Forest Mouse relished the tight turns at SunRay Park and won with speed in reserve. He paid back \$5.40 to win. The performance was worth \$30,000, pushing his lifetime earnings near \$81,000. The double stakes winner improved his record to 5 wins, 2 seconds and 1 third from 11 starts. The colt was a runner-up in the 2010 A.C. Kemp Handicap at the Downs at Albuquerque last fall.

Trouble Rules mounted an eye opening rally passing the quarter mile marker



Moon Bully

and loomed large. The former allowance winner trained by Henry Dominguez ran a strong race in only his second stakes appearance. He finished second nearly 3 lengths in front of stablemate Trustee Tom. Both second and third place finishers are owned by Lathrop Hoffman and trained by Dominguez.

The affable Dominguez was recently crowned the top New Mexico Thoroughbred trainer in 2010 by the New Mexico Horsemen's Association. He is a 6-time champion and has earned 997 Thoroughbred training wins in his brilliant career. His 1,000 win milestone will either occur at SunRay Park or at Ruidoso Downs this spring.

Star Surprise, Jack Carter, Southern Heat Wave, Shigeo

and Dang rounded out the order of finish.

**Remington Park, Oklahoma City, OK
Moon Bully wins National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Stakes again**

Moon Bully battled with a late run to catch Barney Ofield at the finish by a nose, snaring victory for the second straight year in the \$31,500 National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Stakes on Saturday night at Remington Park.

The Grade 1 event for older Paint and Appaloosa horses went to Moon Bully, the only Appaloosa in the 440-yard race. Owned by Dub Seely of Sallisaw, Okla. and trained by Leslie Padilla, the 7-year-



Waving At The Chicks

old gelding rallied down the middle of the track to just nab Barney Ofield at the finish by a bobbing nose. Jockey Stormy Smith had the winning ride with Moon Bully crossing the finish in :21.987 seconds over the fast track.

Away at 10-1 odds, Moon Bully returned \$22.80 to win, \$6.40 to place and \$3.60 to show. Barney Ofield, the beaten 7-5 wagering favorite, paid \$3.60 to place and \$2.40 to show. Special Sign was a head behind the top pair in third, paying \$2.40 to show.

Bred in Tennessee by John Holley, Moon Bully is by Man With The Power from the Moon Lark (qh) mare TB Fancy Moon (qh). The stakes win Saturday was his 19th overall from 52 attempts with eight of those victories taking place at

Remington Park. The winner's check of \$18,000 moved him to \$203,212 for career earnings.

Delta Downs, Vinton, LA

Waving At The Chicks rallies Derby trials

Narciso Flores' Waving At The Chicks mounted a late rally that resulted in a head victory and the fastest qualifying time to the \$43,830 Adequan Delta Downs Derby Challenge in two trials on Saturday night at the Louisiana track.

Waving At The Chicks, a gelded son of Wave Carver, raced the 400 yards in :19.575 while runner-up Fast Dashin Dude was timed in the second-fastest time of :19.588 and third-place finisher Throwin Fits was the third-fastest quali-

Adequan® East Derby Challenge qualifiers • Delta Downs • May 21

Final: June 4 • Purse: \$43,830 • Age: 3-year-old Challenge enrolled horses • Distance: 400 Yards

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Waving At The Chicks	c.	:19.575	Narciso Flores	Charlie Bordelon (LA)	M Heath Taylor	J R Ramirez
Fast Dashin Dude	c.	:19.588	Eddie Casas	Connie Nobles (LA)	Jorge Haddad	David A Alvarez
Throwin Fits	g.	:19.655	Alan and Sharon Colley	Alan Colley (TX)	J Benny Pennington	Jeff B Jerman
Kook Country Man	g.	:19.710	Jose Socorro Vera, Jr.	Ramiro Lopez and Bob A Gaston (TX)	Jonathan Castaneda	Julian Cantu
Ww Watch Dale	g.	:19.800	Juan A. Carrillo	Dee And/Or Betty Raper (OK)	Alonzo Loya	Gilbert Ortiz
Jazzy Sixes	g.	:19.905	Jerry Windham	Jerry Windham (TX)	M Heath Taylor	J R Ramirez
Zoomarco	c.	:20.047	Stanley Nelson	Stanley Nelson (TX)	Jorge Haddad	David A Alvarez
Blender Flys	c.	:20.062	Jose Ramiro G. Villarreal	Bill T Robbins (OK)	Jonathan Castaneda	Julian Cantu
Memory Keeper	c.	:20.110	James C. & Linda Jo Whitener	Whitener, Linda Jo or James C (TX)	Dave Correll	Alfonso Lujan
Gossipaboutthis	g.	:20.203	Kirk M. Goodfellow	Kirk M Goodfellow (TX)	Carrel Davidson	Martin Rubalcava

fier at :19.655.

The top three qualifiers each came out of the first trial.

The Heath Taylor-trained Waving At The Chicks scored his third career win and will make his stakes debut in the Adequan Delta Downs Derby on June 4. He prepared for the trials with a sharp allowance win by one length in :16.604 for 330 yards at Delta Downs.

The remaining qualifiers are Kook Country Man (:19.710), WW Watch Dale (:19.800), Jazzy Sixes (:19.905), Zoomarco (:20.047), Blender Flys (:20.062), Memory Keeper (:20.110) and Gossipaboutthis (:20.203).

Prairie Meadows, Altoona, IA **Dynamic Within, Ginger Added take Prairie Meadows Stakes**

By Ty Wyant

Dynamic Within made a rush to win the \$60,000 Gray's Lake Stakes and Ginger Added sped to victory in the \$60,000 Bob Bryant Stakes during a sex-segregated stakes doubleheader for Iowa-breds on Saturday night at Prairie Meadows.

Hunt Stables' Dynamic Within fought for the lead in the early stages of the 6-furlong spring and then pulled away under jockey Alex Birzir for the two-and-three-quarter-length victory.

The son of Dehere was timed in 1:10.89 for his second stakes win. Last summer at Prairie Meadows he dominated the Iowa Cradle Stakes by eight lengths.

Dynamic Within came off a layoff to finish sixth in a Prairie Meadows allowance race to prepare for the Gray's Lake Stakes.

The Paradise Stables'

Father Wayne finished second and See Me Now was third.

Ginger Added disposed of favored Someplace Else through the stretch to remain undefeated for three starts while winning the Bob Bryant Stakes, the filly counterpart to the Gray's Lake Stakes.

The Glenn Corbett-ridden Ginger Added stalked pacesetter Someplace Else, the 2-5 favorite, and then drew out to the one-and-one-half length win over Someplace Else. It was five lengths back to third-place runner Launch Light Lady in the strung-out field.

River Ridge Ranch and Prairie Valley Farms' Ginger Added ran the six furlongs in a sharp 1:09.96 for trainer Dick Clark.

Ginger Added faced the starter only one time last year and came through with a late-running maiden win. She returned to action this spring to hold the lead from gate to wire to win a first-level allowance race at Prairie Meadows.

Hollywood Park, Inglewood, CA **Ultra Blend wins Milady Handicap on disqualification; May Day Rose caps four bagger for Rosario in Railbird**

Thanks to a disqualification, Ultra Blend ran her win streak to three and became a graded stakes winner in the \$150,000 Milady Handicap Saturday at Hollywood Park.

St Trinians, the even money favorite crossed the wire first by 1 ¼ lengths in the Grade 2, but was placed fourth after stewards Scott Chaney, Kim Sawyer and Tom Ward ruled she cost She's Cheeky, who was originally fourth, a chance at a better placing due



Ultra Blend; below, trainer Art Sherman congratulates jockey David Flores

to an incident in deep stretch. St Trinians was cited for drifting in and causing a chain reaction that also involved Ultra Blend and American Story.

The disqualification was the first in a graded stakes at Hollywood Park since Futural was moved from first to third and Aptitude declared the winner in the 2001 Hollywood Gold Cup. Dublino was disqualified and placed second in the 2002 American Oaks, but that was the inaugural running of that turf race for 3-year-old fillies, so it was not yet graded.

Owned by Nels Erickson and trained by Art Sherman, Ultra Blend picked up her 10th win in 21 starts and her second stakes success of the Spring/Summer meet. The 5-year-old daughter of Richly Blended and the Desert Classic mare Ankha had captured the B. Thoughtful for California bred on April 23. She boosted her lifetime earnings to \$625,646. The final time for the 1 1/16 miles over Cushion Track was 1:43.07.



Ridden for the first time by David Flores, Ultra Blend, who was dismissed at 8-1 – the biggest price she had been since she finished second at 19-1 in the Sandy Blue Handicap Aug. 21, 2009 at Del Mar – paid \$18, \$7.60 and \$4.60. American Story, who wound up one length behind Ultra Blend after setting the pace for most of the trip, returned \$6.80 and \$4.40. She's Cheeky, the longest shot in the field at nearly 75-1, paid \$11.20 to show.

"He (Joe Talamo, the rider of St Trinians) kept putting pressure on us, but I don't think he knew there were two other guys inside," said Flores after his first victory in the Milady. "It looked like we were getting clear, but we weren't clear yet. Anything can happen in this game. We had a sweet



May Day Rose; at right, owner Kalem Sha congratulates jockey Joel Rosario



trip.

"I got through perfectly at the top of the stretch. It was just a matter that (St Trinians) had the momentum on the outside. She got maybe a neck in front of us and we couldn't catch her."

Sherman indicated Ultra Blend could make her first appearance in a Grade 1 in the \$250,000 Vanity Handicap June 18.

"We were sitting on the fence whether to run her here or in the California bred race (the \$70,000 Fran's Valentine, which will be run Sunday at one mile on turf), but it just meant so much more to have a graded stakes win.

"I'm so happy for (Nels Erickson) because she's going to be bred to Big Brown the first of next year. When I was watching the race, I knew we had to check, but until you see the head-on shot, it's hard to know where you're at. I didn't know who was causing it.

"That's horse racing. You take it any way you can. You have to like this mare...she's never off the board. Ever since she's been a 2-year-old, she's been one of my favorites."

Seeking her first win since the 2010 Santa Maria Handicap

more than 15 months ago, St Trinians instead ended up off the board for only the fourth time in 16 career starts.

"She came over a little bit, but right when I felt her leaning in I grabbed her right away," said Talamo. "I don't think she deserved to be disqualified. The outcome should have stayed the same. What can you do?"

There was also a claim of foul by Tyler Baze, the rider of Church Camp, who wound up last in the field of seven – reduced by the scratch of Makoma – against St Trinians for alleged stretch interference, but it was disallowed by the stewards.

In the day's other graded event, May Day Rose completed a four win day for jockey Joel Rosario, easily taking the \$100,000 Railbird Stakes.

Trained by Bob Baffert for owner Kaleem Shah, the 3-year-old Rockport Harbor filly out of the Pine Bluff mare May Day Bluff was dominant in earning her second victory in a Grade 3. Earlier in the year, the Florida bred won the Santa Ysabel at Santa Anita.

Content to track the pace set by longshot Advantage Player, May Day Rose moved

closer around the turn, then took charge early in the stretch en route to her second consecutive victory. May Day Rose had won the Instant Racing April 16 at Oaklawn Park.

The win was the fifth in nine starts for May Day Rose and her second in three tries over Cushion Track. She has a bankroll of \$324,555.

Completing the seven furlongs in 1:22.26 while winning by 3 ¼ lengths, she paid \$7, \$3.40 and \$2.20 as the 5-2 second choice. Big Tiz returned \$4 and \$2.40 and favored Pedal-to-the medal, in search of her third win in succession, had to settle for third, 2 ¼ lengths behind Big Tiz. The show price on the 11-10 choice was \$2.10.

Completing the order of finish were Hout Bay, Advantage Player and Warren's Flyer. Alec's Moon, Orientatious and Spectacular Sky were scratched.

Before winning the Railbird for the second time in four years – he also won with Million Dollar Run in 2008 – Rosario had assumed the lead in the jockey standings with victories aboard Photo Shopped in the second, Don Tito in the third and Master Chef in the fourth.

The defending champion at the Spring/Summer meet, Rosario has 22 wins through 19 racing days, three more than Rafael Bejarano and Talamo, who tripled Saturday.

"She can do anything," said Rosario of May Day Rose. "She can go to the lead or come from behind. Turning for home she was traveling real nice and I had her on a long hold. I hadn't even asked her to run yet. I knew I had a good chance from there. She was nice and relaxed and when I asked her to go, she drew away."

Although disqualified in the Milady with St Trinians, trainer Mike Mitchell did take the opener with favored Twodollarstowin. The victory was the 2,499th of his career. Mitchell's only scheduled starter Sunday is One Bad Romance in the first race. Post time is 1 p.m.

There was one winning ticket in the Pick 6, which had a two-day carryover of \$236,614. The ticket was worth \$733,186. An additional \$929,544 was wagered into the Pick 6 Saturday.

MAY 20, 2011

Remington Park, Oklahoma City, OK

Hot Pepper Jess has the sting for victory in Scorpion Stakes

Friday night's featured \$27,400 Scorpion Stakes required a great start and all out power over 220 yards. Hot Pepper Jess was one of six flying to the finish within a half-length of each other, grabbing victory by a nose.

Owned by Jack & Joyce McClennen of Duncan, Okla. and trained by Luis Villafraanco, Hot Pepper Jess was ridden by Kenny Muntz. The



Hot Pepper Jess

Oklahoma-bred 4-year-old gelding edged Quik Brew at the finish by a nose with The Regal Streak another head behind in third.

Hot Pepper Jess covered 220 yards on a fast track in :11.745 seconds.

Away at 8-1 odds, Hot Pepper Jess paid \$18.60 to win, \$ 5.80 to place and \$3.80 to show. Quik Brew, the beaten 2-1 wagering favorite, paid \$3.60 to place and \$2.40 to show. The Regal Streak returned \$6 to show.

The Scorpion Stakes win was the fifth from 13 career starts for Hot Pepper Jess and the fourth at Remington Park. A son of Take Off Jess from the Tour De Kas mare High Flying Duck, Hot Pepper Jess earned \$16,500 for the win, pushing his lifetime bankroll

to \$100,853. He was bred in Oklahoma by Jack and Dan McClennen.

Delta Downs, Vinton, LA **Texasindependencegal posts fastest time for John Deere Delta Juvenile Challenge** **AQHA**

Picking up her third win from four starts this season, Texasindependencegal raced to the fastest qualifying time in the John Deere Delta Juvenile Challenge trials at Delta Downs on Friday night.

The fastest 10 qualifiers from the five trial races will return on June 4 to compete for a \$49,320 purse and an invite to the \$150,000 John Deere Juvenile Challenge Champion-



Texasindependencegal

ship (Grade 2) at Los Alamitos Race Course on Oct. 29.

A homebred for Leonard Lyne, Texasindependencegal raced over the 350-yard course to a 1 ¼-length victory in the fourth trial race. Ridden by Alfonso Lujan for trainer Toby Keeton, she stopped the timer at :17.461 to earn a 97 speed index.

The Texas-bred filly by Mr Ottyes out of Lovely Legs, by Strawflyin Buds, came into the race off a one-length allowance win at Sam Houston Race Park on May 8. She broke her maiden in a 220-yard contest at Louisiana Downs in March. With the trial winner's purse of \$9,600, she nearly doubled her earnings to \$19,315.

J.E. Jumonville Jr.'s homebred Sizzlin Cartel won the second trial by a length to

set the second-fastest time of :17.517. The Corona For Me colt was making his first appearance since finishing second in the \$249,000 Harrah's Entertainment Futurity (Grade 3) on March 19.

The Justin Dehart trainee out of the Apollo (TB) mare In His Dreams was ridden by Gilbert Ortiz. It was the first win in three starts and pushed his earnings to nearly \$53,000.

Runaway Russo defeated Streakin The Edge by a neck in the third trial for the third- and fourth-fastest qualifying times.

It was the first win in three starts for Runaway Russo, a gelded son of Illegal Runaway racing for W.C. Rountree Jr. The homebred is trained by Virgil Lejeune and was ridden by Jeff Jerman.

John Deere Juvenile Challenge qualifiers • Delta Downs • May 20 **Final: June 4 • Purse: \$49,320 • Age: 2-year-old AQHA Challenge enrolled • Distance: 350 Yards**

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Texasindependencegal	f.	:17.461	Leonard J. Lyne	Leonard J Lyne (TX)	Toby Keeton	Alfonso Lujan
Sizzlin Cartel	c.	:17.517	John E. Jumonville, Jr.	J E Jumonville Jr (LA)	Justin Dehart	Gilbert Ortiz
Runaway Russo	g.	:17.621	W.C. Rountree, Jr.	W C Rountree Jr (TX)	Virgil Lejeune	Jeff B Jerman
Streakin The Edge	f.	:17.645	Noah Powell	Windy Acres Stables (TX)	J Benny Pennington	John Hamilton
Molotov	c.	:17.670	Carmina LLC	Azoom Lp (OK)	Eusevio Huitron	Esgar Ramirez
Feature Fight	c.	:17.675	Carmina LLC	Stewart Horses Ltd (TX)	Eusevio Huitron	Esgar Ramirez
Colosso	g.	:17.691	Jorge Haddad	Jorge Haddad (TX)	Owner/Breeder	David A Alvarez
Streakin Xpress	c.	:17.771	Ezequiel Araiza	Jerry Windham (TX)	Rodolfo Sanchez	Martin Rubalcava
Lindsays First Jewel	f.	:17.774	Luis A. Garcia	Pierce Family Partnership (LA)	Joseph Vacca	Bobby Ransom
Zoom Into The Night	c.	:17.798	Evelio Salazar	Henry E Brown (OK)	Javier Noel Contreras	Jarrod Deschamp

news briefs

World record holder Valiant War Hero tops entrants to Ruidoso Futurity Trials

RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM – Valiant War Hero makes his first start since setting a world record while winning the Grade 1, \$253,004 West Texas Futurity when he heads the 201 entrants in the 21 trials to the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity on Friday, the opening day of the summer season at Ruidoso Downs.

There will be a special 11 a.m. first post time to accommodate the 350-yard trials for 2-year-old Quarter Horses. Racing then continues through Monday afternoon with the usual 1 p.m. first post time.

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Record-Setting Ruidoso Derby Field to be set on Saturday at Ruidoso Downs

RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM – Champion American Runaway makes his 3-year-old debut on Saturday at Ruidoso Downs when he attempts to qualify for the Grade 1, \$702,648 Ruidoso Derby, the all-time richest running of the 400-yard event.

The previous Ruidoso Derby record purse of \$569,143 was established last year and the 2009 purse was \$308,267. Therefore, the Ruidoso Derby purse has grown \$394,381 in just two runnings. Last summer, the Rainbow Derby and the All

American Derby, the two other Grade 1 derbies at Ruidoso Downs, had all-time record purses.

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Remington Park Championship final invitation list guarantees superstar field

OKLAHOMA CITY – The final list of invitees for the Grade 1, \$250,000 Remington Park Championship on May 28 is set. The field for the race is in all likelihood the most accomplished group to compete in any one event in the history of American Quarter Horse racing.

The Remington Park Championship will field 12 runners, the final list contains 14 with a pair of alternates ready to enter if any of the dozen committed to the race back out at entry time on Wednesday, May 25.

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Del Mar recruits for 5 days of racing

Like a college football or basketball coach, Tom Robbins has hit the recruiting trail.

The vice president/racing for the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club is looking for horses for this summer's annual race meet, and his job is to fill seven, five-day race weeks beginning July 20.

It doesn't sound like a big deal, but when you consider the Southern California racing circuit has raced five days in a week only four times in the first five months of 2011, it becomes a very tall order.

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Yavapai plans to run Saturday

PRESCOTT VALLEY – A tentative agreement that would allow horse racing to start at Yavapai Downs this Saturday has been reached, according to track management.

The track has been teetering on the brink of shutting down under a crushing debt load, but it appears there may be money available to start operations.

Neither General Manager Mike Mulaney nor Curt Ferguson of the Arizona Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association would discuss specifics of the plan on Sunday. They said the plan would be presented to the Arizona Racing Commission today at a special meeting called for 10 a.m.

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Latino horseracing proposed for Island Grove Regional Park

GREELEY, CO – City leaders are contemplating bringing Mexican horse racing to Island Grove Regional Park as a way to

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bring in more revenue.

Island Grove has long been the site of Greeley's largest celebration, the Greeley Stampede, and has in recent years become renowned for its facilities for dog shows, with national specialties increasingly choosing Greeley for their annual events.

Greeley businessman Alberto Loya has proposed running a new business at the park to satisfy year-round appetites for horse racing, making it the next big attraction.

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Deadly virus forces quarantine in Oklahoma

An Oklahoma horse is being tested for a dangerous herpes virus that has killed horses in the West and Midwest and led to cancellation of horse events in Tulsa and other cities.

The horse with the suspected case of equine herpes virus-1, or EHV-1, is in Love County, said acting state veterinarian Michael Herrin. The herd of about 30 horses is under quarantine.

"This particular strain is an extremely aggressive strain," Herrin said.

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Outbreak of fatal horse virus spreads to California

SACRAMENTO, CA – At least 10 horses in California have tested positive for a deadly horse virus in an outbreak that has hit several Western states and Canada that has spread since a horse competition earlier this month in Utah.

So far, horses in Idaho, Utah, Colorado, California, Washington and Canada have been infected with the highly contagious Equine Herpes Virus-1. The disease poses no threat to people, but it is easily spread among horses, alpacas and llamas because it can be airborne and transmitted by touch or by sharing feed, brushes, bits and other equipment.

The California Department of Food and Agriculture says 10 horses in Kern, Placer, Stanislaus, Amador and Napa counties have confirmed cases of Equine Herpes. One horse in Kern County had

to be euthanized after showing severe neurologic signs.

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Track officials think odds are against Texas gaming

SAN ANTONIO, TX – Retama Park officials have all but lost hope that lawmakers will act before the end of the regular legislative session to let voters decide whether to legalize slot machines at state racetracks.

While a gambling bill could be taken up in a special session this summer, any delays only would prolong the agony for money-losing Retama and other racetracks.

The tracks depicted this legislative session as do-or-die time for saving Texas' racing industry, while pitching video-lottery terminals as one answer to the state's fiscal problems.

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Lincoln horseracing bill passes

A bill that would allow the Lincoln horse track to have simulcast races, but contract with another track to do the live racing required by law, passed Wednesday on final reading with just one vote to spare.

The bill (LB256), introduced by Sen. Russ Karpisek of Wilber, also clarifies state racing commissioners' terms.

Lincoln, which is losing the track at the former State Fair Park because the land is becoming the University of Nebraska Innovation Campus, would be the only track allowed to contract all of its races.

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Track record-setting filly, Pandorum, named Horse of the Meet at Sam Houston Race Park

Sam Houston Race Park announced that Pandorum, a 2-year-old filly bred and owned by prominent Texas horseman Joe Kirk Fulton was named 2011 Horse of the Meet. The precocious and immensely talented filly won both of her races during the 2011 American Quarter Horse meeting, which concluded on March 15.

There have been many horses that run well in trials, but cannot replicate that performance in the final. Pandorum, a Tres Seis filly out of the Strawfly Special mare Daring Diversion, was exceptional in both; winning her career debut by 2 1/4 lengths on April 29 as she set the fastest qualifying time in 11 trials run for the \$88,740 John Deere Texas Juvenile Challenge. Two weeks later, she returned as the post-time favorite, switching from the far outside to the rail. Pandorum not only won the John Deere Texas Juvenile Challenge, she set a new track record in her victory. Under rider Jose Alvarez, despite drifting out to the center of the racetrack, she stormed to the wire of the 350-yard final in :17.326, demolishing the previous track record of :17.360 set by Hotdoggin on July 27, 2001. Pandorum earned a speed index of 109 in her second career start.

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Early indications for strong summer season at Ruidoso Downs

RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM – On the heels of 195 aspiring juveniles racing in the first schooling races at Ruidoso Downs last week and record-setting purses forecast for this summer's major races, the first indications are for another strong summer season at Ruidoso Downs that starts on May 27.

Also new this summer is the racing schedule. For the first time, racing will be offered on a Friday through Monday schedule. The exception is that the All American Futurity trials will be held on Thursday, Aug. 18.

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Equine herpesvirus outbreak results in new transportation requirements for Colorado

Colorado and Utah state veterinarians on Monday confirmed two cases of equine herpesvirus (EHV-1) in Colorado. Currently, there are reports of equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy affecting an unconfirmed number of horses and farms across the U.S. and Canada, according to a report from the American

Association of Equine Practitioners. The diagnosed Colorado horses both recently attended a large National Cutting Horse Association show in Ogden, Utah.

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Santa Anita dirt track to undergo renovation

ARCADIA, CA – Santa Anita's dirt

racetrack will be undergoing renovation in the coming months to bring it back to the combination of sand, silt, and clay initially approved when the new dirt surface was installed late last year.

During an informal California Horse Racing Board hearing at Santa Anita May 17, representatives from the CHRB, Santa Anita, and the California Thoroughbred

Trainers agreed that the silt and clay content in the dirt surface is now too high. The mixture should be 87.5% sand, 8% silt, and 4.5% clay. But after a month of racing and following bouts of heavy rain, tests last January showed that the combined silt and clay content rose to 18-19%.

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