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Full Moon Dasher gains first stakes triumph in \$85,000 Four Corners Senora

May 1, 2011 • SunRay Park, Farmington, NM

By Eric Alwan

Full Moon Dasher ran a flawless race to earn her first stakes triumph in the \$85,000 Four Corners Senora Stakes at SunRay Park and Casino.

With two nice allowance scores at Sunland Park under her belt, Full Moon Dasher was primed for a career best performance. Nevertheless, the half-sister to champion stallion First Moonflash went to

the gates as the 5-1 second favorite with the presence of defending champion and super mare Jenuine Joy in the race.

Full Moon Dasher paid no attention to the tote board and immediately broke on top in the 400-yard dash for New Mexico-bred fillies and mares. The daughter of Dash Ta Fame took command from the outside post position and kept a vice grip on the lead throughout the

stretch run. Jockey Joe Martinez guided the fast filly to her third straight win. She poured on the speed down the lane and raced straight as a string. The winner caught the distance in a fast 19.267 seconds, good for a 98 speed index. Full

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Full Moon Dasher, Joe Martinez up

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Our Nautique, Krigger upset in SF Mile

April 30, 2011 • Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, CA

Our Nautique, dismissed at 19-to-1 in the wagering, scored a wire-to-wire victory in the Grade 3 \$100,000 San Francisco Mile at Golden Gate Fields Saturday.

Trained by Jerry Hol-

lendorfer and ridden by Kevin Krigger, Our Nautique surged away from his foes in the final yards to win Northern California's top turf race by 1 1/4 lengths over Gallant Son in 1:35.70. Sebastian Flyte, the even-money favorite ridden by Patrick Valenzuela, finished third.

Our Nautique broke from post position one in a field of nine and was immediately sent to the lead by Krigger, who was following instructions he received from Hollendorfer.

"I went over the race with Kevin," said Hollendorfer. "We thought we'd probably be the speed in the race and with the rail post we decided to go with it."

"Jerry always has them ready," said Krigger. "I had a lot of horse under me and we had a perfect trip being the lone speed on the lead. He was pretty confident all the way around there. Turning for home, I wound him up and he gave me all he had. That was a spectacular race this horse ran today. Pulling away at the end...what more can you say?"

Our Nautique was com-



Our Nautique, Kevin Krigger up

Photo by Vassar Photography

ing off a second-place finish in the March Madness Handicap at Santa Anita on March 26. He paid \$40.40 to those who backed him to win in the SF Mile.


"He'd been off a while and probably needed his last race a little bit," said Hollendorfer. "He couldn't quite hold on last time, although I thought he ran a good race. I've always liked this horse and he sure has come through for us a number of times."

Our Nautique, who has seven wins in 24 career starts, earned \$60,000 for

his first stakes victory. The 6-year-old gelding is owned in partnership by Hollendorfer and Rob Tunnicliffe.

Bold Chieftain, the defending SF Mile champion, finished fourth under jockey Russell Baze. The 8-year-old horse was making just his second start following a seven-and-a-half-month hiatus from racing.

"He ran good," said Baze. "He lacked (racing) room on the second turn. By the time I got him out he gave me a little punch and then flattened out. He'll get a lot out of this race."



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Favorites prevail for Arizona-breds at Turf Paradise

April 30, 2011 • Turf Paradise, Phoenix, AZ

By Ty Wyant

Prompt choice Lewkacy won the \$50,000 Gene Fleming Breeders Derby, the richest race on the program, to lead three winning favorites owned by Triple AAA Ranch from the first of the five stakes dedicated to Arizona-breds on Saturday afternoon at Turf Paradise.

The Triple AAA Ranch also reached the winner's circle with homebreds Ez Dreamer and Top Debutante.

The James Frey-trained Lewkacy raced like a 6-5 favorite when he took the lead at the start, opened up a daylight advantage and won the 1 1/16-mile test by 2 1/4 lengths. The Vince Guerra-

ridden gelding was timed in 1:44.69.

Barbra Nielson Swenson's Salado Tribe was second by more than nine lengths over third-place finisher Jamaican Memories in the strung-out field.

Lewkacy, a son of Rocky Bar, raced to his first stakes win after finishing second against open company in a \$30,000 optional-claiming race on April 9. He displayed stakes class when he was third in the Arizona-bred Futurity last November at Turf Paradise.

Ez Dreamer, the 3-5 favorite, came through for Triple AAA Ranch with a win in the \$25,000 Sandra Hall Grand Canyon Handicap at 6



Above, Lewkacy, Vince Guerra up; below, Top Debutante, Vicky Baze up

Photos by Coady Photography

furlongs. He was one of two stakes winners on the afternoon for trainer R. Kory Owens, who also sent out Triple AAA Ranch's 7-10 favorite Top Debutante to win the \$25,000 Joanne Dye Stakes.

The well-traveled sprinter Ez Dreamer, with Scott Stevens aboard, sat off the pace set by 19-1 longshot Frisky Ricky and made his deciding move through the stretch to win by a commanding three lengths. Frisky Ricky held the

place position by 1 length over Espresso Springs.

Ez Dreamer ran the three-quarters of a mile in 1:09.13 for his first win since taking the 2010 edition of the Phoenix Gold Cup. Last September, he was second in the \$100,000 Premier Cup Handicap at Zia Park, a race he won in 2009.

Triple AAA Ranch scored their first win of the afternoon when 7-10 choice Top Debutante won the Joanne



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Dye Stakes for 3-year-old fillies. Vicky Baze rated the Top Hot filly off the pace and made a four-wide move on the turn to win the 6 1/2-furlong stakes by nearly four lengths. She stopped the clock in 1:15.94.

Ryan's Audrina made a late run to finish second, one-half length ahead of the pacesetter Gotta Skedaddle.

Top Debutante made her third career start in the Joanne Dye Stakes. She won her maiden at first asking at Santa Anita and then was a non-threatening fifth in an optional claiming race at the Southern California track.

Baze got another win with a favorite when she guided Kenneth Person and Thomas Johnson's One Call, trained by Person, to a front-running score in the

\$25,000 Dwight Patterson Handicap over 1 1/16-mile on the turf.

One Call got every call with a pace-controlling strategy and easily won by three lengths under a hand ride. The Slew City Slew gelding stopped the timer in 1:43.19 for his first win in 16 months. He had placed in several minor stakes against open company this winter at Turf Paradise.

Ilikechocolatemilk was second by 2 1/2 lengths over Bullittone.

The only non-favorite winner from the five stakes came in the \$25,000 Ann Owens Distaff when Dennis Weir's Jacksonville went from gate to wire at 7-1 odds.

The Sandi Gann-trained Jacksonville took the stakes for older fillies and mares by

FULL MOON DASHER from pg. 1 Moon Dasher remained about a head in front throughout the race, keeping her rivals at bay. Both Little Bit Southern and Jenuine Joy tried their best but could not cut into the margin.

Trained by John Stinebaugh, Full Moon Dasher earned a \$51,000 paycheck for the Bielau Oaks. The four-time winner was bred by Norma and Dosi Alvarez. Loyal supporters of Full Moon Dasher received \$12.20 from a \$2 win ticket.

Former claimer Little Bit Southern, daughter of Southern Corona, ran the race of her life. The 16-1 shot was the longest shot on the board, but still ran a huge second against stellar competition. Under rising jockey talent Vicente Grajeda, the upstart trained by Jose R. Gonzalez Sr. battled bravely and just edged out Jenuine Joy, by Genuine Strawfly, for second in a photo finish. She completed a \$2 exacta worth \$187.20.

Coming off impressive wins in the \$100,000 Mesilla Valley Speed Handicap and the \$120,000 Lou Wooten Handicap at Sunland Park, Jenuine Joy looked very hard to stop in the distaff feature. Carl Draper's star mare was seeking her seventh win from nine career starts. Her trouble began at the start. The grey mare broke inward and brushed with Posies Woodette. The loss of momentum cost her a length and placed the 3-5 favorite behind the 8-ball. She bravely called upon all her class and found her best strides in mid-stretch. Jenuine Joy and jockey Larry Payne had to settle for third place, beaten only by a head. Sunland Park recently named Jenuine Joy the top New Mexico-bred Quarter Horse mare.

Posies Woodette, My Box of Chocolate, Blushing Cartel and Snow Regard completed the order of finish.



Jacksonville, Tyler Baze up

Photo by Coady Photography

three-and-one-half lengths with Tyler Baze aboard.

A 4-year-old daughter of Benton Creek, Jacksonville came into the Ann Owens Distaff after a front-running win at the \$3,500 claiming level and has won four of her

eight career starts. She was the third-place finisher in the 2010 Joanne Dye.

Lonesome Creek, another daughter of Benton Creek, was second by more than four lengths over Sheshimaintenance in third place.

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SunRay Park and Casino

Thriving in The Four Corners

By Martha Claussen

The 2011 live Mixed Meet is off and running at SunRay Park and Casino in Farmington, N.M. Well before opening day on Saturday, April 23, improvements to both the facility and racetrack surface were a top priority.

Lonnie Barber has served as director of racing at SunRay Park since 2004. He trained horses for 37 years before making the transition to racetrack management and is proud of the enhancements made for the opening of the 47-day meet.

"We added new material on the track surface," Barber said. "For the past two years, we have worked to find the right mix to ensure safety and handle moisture. The horsemen are happy with what we have done, and the surface has held up well to heavy rain. In the past, we may not have been able to run."

Other improvements have included an expansion of the jockey quarters and addition of a sauna for the riders. Two years ago SunRay Park opened a simulcast center called the Sports Arena, and recently two large banquet rooms were constructed to accommodate bigger crowds. Additional teller lines and large television screens were also added for the convenience of the patrons.

Barber indicated that upgrades will be made each year to the complex which opened 28 years ago as San Juan Downs.

Location and tourism boosts attendance

SunRay Park and Casino is located in the city of Farmington, boasting a population of 46,000. Renowned for its tourism and cultural attractions, the city is located in the Four Corners, is just 35 miles south of Durango, Colorado and close proximity to Arizona and Utah.

"The Chamber of Commerce and the local media, including the newspaper and

NBC affiliate have done a great job covering the opening of our meet," said Barber. "That was important to us as we went into the season not knowing what to expect due to the economy. Thankfully, we are holding our own."

New Mexico racing and breeding

SunRay Park is one of five licensed racetracks in New Mexico. SunRay Park and Casino hosts live racing from April 23 through July 12; Ruidoso Downs RaceTrack and Casino kicks off its meet on May 27 and closes with the running of the All American Futurity on Sept. 5; The Downs at Albuquerque's dates are Aug. 13 through Nov 13; Zia Park and Black Gold Casino runs Sept. 10 through Dec 4, and Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino finishes the year with a meet that kicks off Dec. 10 and runs through April 19, 2012.

Since 1961, the New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association has promoted the breeding and racing of American Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds in the state. Horses and agriculture are a deeply rooted tradition in New Mexico and the state proudly ranks seventh in the nation in the number of Thoroughbred stallions and mares bred and fourth for breeders of American Quarter Horses.

The New Mexico Horse Breeders' Association oversees a legislative-mandated incentive fund created to foster the racing industry and promote New Mexico-breds worthy of competition on the national stage.

Stakes schedule tops \$1.4 million

Both American Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds can take aim at 23 stakes set for the 2011 SunRay Park meet with more than \$1.4 million in purses. A total of 11 Quarter Horse stakes worth more than \$720,000 will be contested, including the 400-yard, \$85,000 Four Corners

Senora Stakes (R) for New Mexico-bred fillies and mares on May 1, the 350-yard, \$85,000-added New Mexico Breeders' Futurity (RG3) for state-bred 2-year-olds on June 5, and the 350-yard, \$40,000-added Four Corners Futurity (Grade 3) on June 19. The Fourth of July holiday weekend feature is the 400-yard, \$85,000 Tommy "Duke" Smith Handicap (RG3) New Mexico-breds on July 3.

Overnight purses average \$130,000 a day, with the casino at SunRay contributing to a significant portion of that revenue.

As a result of the generous daily purses and stakes, the field size has increased from an average of six per race in 2004 to a respectable 8.5 starters.

Horsemen pleased with improvements to facility and track surface

Trainer Justin Evans got off to a good start, saddling three winners over the opening weekend. The 29-year-old trainer was second in the standings in the 2010 SunRay Park meet and gives high marks overall to the racing office and facility.

"The surface is great," stated Evans. "Opening weekend had rain and very cold mornings, but I felt that the track was excellent, both in training and in the afternoon."

Evans, who hails from Arizona, has 16 New Mexico-breds in his barn and now makes SunRay, Sunland and Zia his circuit. All of the tracks have a Thoroughbred-Quarter Horse mixed meet, but Evans gets enough races to run his stock.

"They try really hard to write races," acknowledges Evans. "Lonnie is out there every morning and hustles to do his best for everyone."

This is the second year that Evans has set up shop at SunRay Park, and he and the other horsemen are appreciative of the improvements made for the 2011 season.

"They don't have a lot of room, but they try to make the best with what they have," Evans said.

Trainer Ty Garrett had a rewarding



Lonnie Barber



Shivers Me, Vernon Scantling up; winning the \$50,000 Inaugural Handicap

Photos by Coady Photography

Below, SunRay's track surface undergoes improvement

Photos courtesy of SunRay Park

opening weekend experience, saddling Shivers Me, the winner of the \$50,000 Inaugural Handicap.

Returning off a five-month layoff, the Idaho-bred 5-year-old stalked the pacesetters, and closed down the lane to capture the 6 1/2 furlong stakes in 1:17.47 with jockey Vernon Scantling in the irons.

Shivers Me has shipped well in the past and won stakes at The Downs at Albuquerque, and Arapahoe Park, before running at SunRay Park.

"SunRay did a good job on this track," Garrett said. "He handles most track sur-

faces well, other than Zia Park. The horse seemed comfortable off the layoff and it was a nice way to start his 5-year-old campaign."

Solid numbers for opening weekend

Barber was pleased with both the opening weekend attendance and handle.

"We had a good crowd for both Saturday and Sunday," he said. "Some of the California tracks took our signal, which accounted for a handle of \$231,000 on April 24. We are always pleased when our handle tops the \$200,000 mark."

SunRay Park will offer live racing Saturdays through Tuesdays through July 12. Post time is set for 1 p.m. daily. For more information on the upcoming racing and special events, visit www.sunraygaming.com

Martha Claussen has been prominent in the Texas racing industry since 1997 as a publicist, writer and handicapper.



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Flores, Conklin and Craigmyle among April standouts at Los Alamitos

By Orlando Gutierrez

Pitcher Jeff Weaver of the Los Angeles Angels and outfielder Andre Eithier

of the Los Angeles Dodgers enjoyed dominant Aprils in Major League Baseball. Even closer to home, jockeys Eswan Flores and Cesar De Alba and

trainers Paul Jones and Keith Craigmyle enjoyed big Aprils as well.

Teenager Eswan Flores won more races in the month of April than any other Quarter Horse pilot at Los Alamitos. The young pilot won eight races from 39 starters for a strong win ratio of 20.5 percent. More impressively, Flores' average win odds for the month were 11.70 percent. Flores was especially on during the first two weeks of the month, when he won seven races from 24 starters.

Cruz and Santiago Mendez were next in April wins with seven wins each. The pilots had nearly identical months, as Cruz got his seven wins from 35 mounts, while Santiago rode 32 horses last month. Francisco Rubio, last year's leading Quarter Horse pilot, also enjoyed seven wins from 60 starters last month.

A case can be made that Jay Conklin is the hottest rider at Los Alamitos right now. In addition to winning six races, Conklin has piloted 11 second-place finishers and four third-place finishers from only 28 mounts. His win ratio is a solid 21.4 percent, but even better is his out-of-this-world in-the-money percentage of 75 percent. Conklin had 21 Top 3 finishers from those 28 mounts last month. Another rider who quietly enjoyed a nice April was the veteran Alejandro Luna, as he won three races from only eight mounts.

Paul Jones and Adan Farias continue to go toe-to-toe in the Quarter Horse training standings. Farias currently is the

meet's leading trainer, but during the month of April, it was Jones who led the way with nine winners to Farias' six. Jones and Farias both have a lot of outstanding babies in their barns, so their battle for local supremacy should go on the

entire year. Trainer Guillermo Morales and Jimmy Glenn Jr. were perfect hitting the board this past month. Morales saddled six Quarter Horses, and that resulted in three winners, two runner-ups and a third place finisher. Glenn had five starters, of which three ended up in the winner's circle and the other two finished second.

In the Quarter Horse owner standings, Ed Allred had seven winners from 33 starters this past month and a solid in-the-money percentage of 46 percent. Tremor Enterprises went a flawless three-for-three for the month, while Bobby Cox, Marco Barajas and Joyce Sherrill each enjoyed a perfect two-for-two month.

In the Thoroughbred standings, Ramon Guce led the way with eight wins from 42 starters, while Chris Russell had seven winners from 39 starters. The best win percentage, however, went to Cesar De Alba. He won at a 25-percent clip, as he picked up seven wins from his 28 starters. Cruz Mendez's sensational season continued this past month, as he was the month's overall leading pilot. He picked up six wins from 25 mounts to go along with his Quarter Horse victories. For the month, Mendez won 13 total races at Los Alamitos. Keith Craigmyle dominated the Thoroughbred standings in April, as he won eight races to go along with an in-the-money ratio of 72 percent for the month. Eighteen of Craigmyle's 25 starters hit the board last month.



At top, Eswan Flores; middle, Cruz Mendez; at bottom, Keith Craigmyle



It's a theory: Pace makes the race

By Brock Sheridan

“Pace makes the race” may not be the oldest adage in handicapping theory, but trainer Ansel Williamson probably mentioned to jockey Oliver Lewis to take control of race early in the 1875 Kentucky Derby with Aristides.

Lewis broke on top in the inaugural Kentucky Derby, but was passed briefly by McCreery just as the field passed under the twin spires for the first time. Lewis quickly sent Aristides to pass McCreery and led the race down the backstretch, trying to slow Aristides and save enough energy to finish the race strongly. Aristides continued to increase his lead, but Oliver had the chestnut colt relaxed and running comfortable as they ran into the far turn. Down the stretch, late runners Volcano and Verdgris challenged with their rallies, but Oliver had saved enough fuel for Aristides and they won the first Kentucky Derby by 2 lengths. Lone speed on the lead.

Like the first running of the Kentucky Derby, pace will be a dominant factor in the 137th running of the oldest, continuously run sporting event in America. The challenge is to determine how the pace of the Kentucky Derby presented by Yum! Brands will set up and influence the final results.

The first step is to determine the speed horses, or the horses which seem to be most comfortable leading the field from gate-to-wire. As the Kentucky Derby field sits at time of publication, Uncle Mo, Shackleford and Comma to the Top appear to be the ones most likely to try to get the lead. Pants on Fire, Soldat and Decisive Moment have also shown a fondness for front running, but they also seem to be as comfortable – or their respective trainers are trying to teach them how to be comfortable – while racing

just off the leaders in a stalking position.

The stalkers generally make up the majority of any race, and this year's Kentucky Derby is no different. Looking to settle somewhere just behind the leaders or perhaps more mid-pack in the large 20-horse Kentucky Derby field are Animal Kingdom, Midnight Interlude, Mucho Macho Man, Santiva, Stay Thirsty and Watch Me Go. Master of Hounds and Toby's Corner are also stalkers, but they have shown the ability to close late as well and should be further back in the pack.

The true closers in the Kentucky Derby are Archrarch, Brilliant Speed, Dialed In and Nehro. They'll all be running at the far back of the pack early, but look for them to come running around the far turn and down the long Churchill Downs stretch. They're the ones that make you sometimes shout, “Who's that coming on the outside!”

The Kentucky Derby brings many challenges that these colts have never experienced and perhaps will never again endure. They carry 126 pounds for the first time when many have only carried 122 pounds in a race, if that. They will race 10 furlongs, while the farthest any of them have raced before is 1-1/8 miles. The Kentucky Derby is a full furlong – more than two football fields – farther. The vast majority of this field will never race 1-1/4 miles again.

The media is at every barn every morning in hordes leading up to the Derby. Very few of these colts have ever experienced anything remotely close to the cameras and ruckus caused by the questions and interviews being conducted just outside their stalls.

Before the race, the 150,000 or so fans will begin to cheer as the horses and their respective entourages walk from their barns, around the clubhouse

turn and toward the Churchill Downs paddock. From that point on, the roar will only be interrupted by the singing of “My Old Kentucky Home” during the post parade and the obstreperous crowd reaction as they break from the starting gate.

But perhaps their biggest challenge these colts will face Saturday will be the large number of horses they will be racing against. According to Jockey Club statistics, since 2005, the average horse race in North America has had slightly more than eight starters. During that same time, an average of 19.4 horses have started in the Kentucky Derby each year.

Most races have one or two speed horses vying for the lead. This Kentucky Derby often has many more speed demons, and this year is no different, with six horses that have won races from gate to wire. With so many having a penchant for leading early, there are usually more than enough to ensure a much faster pace than normal, which can compromise those that get caught on the front end trying to keep up for 10 furlongs. The last horse to win the Derby gate-to-wire was War Emblem in 2002.

The stalking position in most races is just behind the early leaders, perhaps 1 to 4 lengths off the frontrunner. Last year, Super Saver was stalking while in sixth position, more than eight lengths from the front before he began his winning move. Just as he had done in other Derby victories, jockey Calvin Borel again got lucky with a clear path along the rail for Super Saver and most of his winning move that started before they reached the far turn.

The usual fast pace of the Kentucky Derby sets up well for closers. But closers have also have unique adversities in the Kentucky Derby. The first challenge is traffic. In the Kentucky Derby they must often pass 17

to 19 horses while making their delayed acceleration. At some point, three or four tiring horses can form a momentum-stopping wall that forces the jockey on the closer to check or suddenly steer to the inside or out. Last year, Ice Box was repeatedly forced to alter course during his big late rally. Still 8 lengths back at the top of the stretch, Ice Box would be impeded three more times before he fell short of Super Saver, finishing a frustrating second by just more than 2 lengths.

There is also the distance closers must make up in the Kentucky Derby. Because they not only often must pass nearly 20 horses, they often find themselves farther back than they would in an average race. In 2009, eventual winner Mine That Bird was nearly 20 lengths from the front after a half-mile. A year earlier, Street Sense also made up nearly 20 lengths to win the Derby. Interestingly, both horses were ridden by Calvin Borel.

So how is the 2011 Kentucky Derby going to set up? Post position will have something to do with it as the three inside horses have a high probability to fall victim to the equine tsunami that swarms toward the inside rail in the first quarter-mile. Other horses breaking farther outside will get eliminated by the bounces and bashing that ensues between the break and the first turn; and again as the horses begin to make the clubhouse turn.

When the field begins to sort out down the backstretch, look for Shackleford to be on the lead with Comma to the Top challenging or just off the front with Uncle Mo also right there. Pants on Fire and Decisive Moment should be in the next flight with Soldat up close as well. Animal Kingdom, Santiva, Mucho Macho Man, Twice the Appeal, Watch Me Go, Midnight Interlude and Twinspired will come next in some order with Stay Thirsty, Master of Hounds

and Toby's Corner next. Closer Archrarch, Brilliant Speed, Nehro and Dialed In will bring up the back of the pack.

At the top of the stretch, Uncle Mo will begin to fight off Comma to the Top as Shackelford falls back. I expect Mucho Macho Man, Midnight Interlude and Soldat to be close enough to challenge at this point as well. Dialed In, Nehro and Archrarch will be weaving through traffic or rallying from the far

outside and will still have plenty of work to do as the field races past the eighth pole.

Within a few strides into the final furlong, Mucho Macho Man and Comma To The Top will come up to challenge a tiring Uncle Mo and with their momentum, they will begin to wear him down. Meanwhile, on the far outside, Archrarch, Dialed In and Nehro will have made their way successfully through the now-exhausted runners and

with have no obstacles other than real estate between them and victory.

Mucho Macho Man takes the lead momentarily in the last 100 yards, but Archrarch gets up at the wire. Mucho Macho Man is second with Nehro, winning a close show photo over Comma to the Top. Dialed In is just behind to round out everybody's superfecta.

Pace makes the race. It is not revolutionary or even con-

temporary handicapping advice. It is simply a basic principle in the art that is picking winners of races run by horses. With regard to the Kentucky Derby, the theory -- less those horses eliminated early because of the riotous charge to the first turn -- potentially illustrates how the first 6 furlongs of the Kentucky Derby should come to pass.

It's that last half-mile of the Run for the Roses that is so difficult to predict.

BROCK'S KENTUCKY DERBY TOP TEN



By Brock Sheridan

Note: The previous Top 10 lists published here were based primarily on which Kentucky Derby contender, in my opinion, had accomplished the most at that given time. Today, it is only fair that I change the criteria of the list to reflect which colts I feel will run the best in the Kentucky Derby.

Archrarch – Surprise winner of the Arkansas Derby (Grade 1) at 25-1, Archcubed has trained very well at Churchill Downs for Midwest mainstay trainer Jinks Fires. Put in a bullet work Friday at Churchill breezing five-eighths of a mile in :59 2/5, fastest of 58 other works that morning and has shown no indication he can't pull similar surprise in the Kentucky Derby presented by Yum! Brands (Grade 1) Saturday.

Mucho Macho Man – Risen Star Stakes (Grade 3) winner finished third in Louisiana Derby (Grade 2) March 26, but lost a shoe in that race. Still challenged winner Pants on Fire and lost only by a length. Six-week layoff is of some concern, with his real birthdate not until June, he may be coming into his own. Trainer Kathy Ritvo says, "He's beginning to blossom."

Nehro – Was a late-running second in the Arkansas Derby, just running out of racetrack before winner Archrarch hit the wire. Also second the Louisiana Derby (Grade 2) with only win coming against maidens in February at Oaklawn. Trainer Steve Asmussen keeps his cards close to his vest, but this son of Horse of the Year Mineshaft should have plenty gas late and seems to be getting better with each race this year.

Dialed In – He certainly has accom-

plished the most with wins in the Holy Bull (Grade 2) and Florida Derby (Grade 1). Two-time Derby winner Nick Zito seems to be beaming with confidence after a 4-furlong work in :48 2/5 Thursday in Florida before shipping to Kentucky over the weekend. The son of Horse of the Year Mineshaft should also like the distance.

Comma to the Top – Among Derby favorites in January, he was off the Derby trail after disappointing in El Camino Real Derby (Grade 3) and San Felipe (Grade 2). Then second in Santa Anita Derby and he's back on his way to Kentucky. Lost regular jockey Corey Nakatani to Nehro, but picked up 1989 Kentucky Derby winner Patrick Valenzuela – still a very respected big-race rider. Having the speed to perhaps avoid Derby traffic is also a plus.

Midnight Interlude – Won a maiden race, then the Santa Anita Derby (Grade 1) over Comma to the Top. Made a big jump in numbers that race and has been training like a monster since. Trainer Bob Baffert has won the Kentucky Derby three times and knows how to get a horse just right for the first Saturday in May.

Uncle Mo – Everybody's choice to win the Kentucky Derby most of the winter before finishing third in the New York Casino Wood Memorial (Grade 1) in his last race. Had plenty of excuses after stumbling at the start, grabbing a quarter and a GI infection found later. Put in textbook work Sunday Morning with stable mate Stay Thirsty along side. Uncle Mo was clocked in 1:01 2/5 for the 5 furlongs just edging Stay Thirsty in 1:01 3/5.

Soldat – Fountain of Youth Stakes (Grade 2) winner threw a clunker in the

Florida Derby, finishing fifth, far behind winner Dialed In and second-place finisher Shackelford. Trainer Kiaran McLaughlin seems confident Soldat's performance in the Florida Derby was an anomaly and a return to his old form would put Soldat into contention at the top of the stretch.

Pants On Fire – Like Mucho Macho Man, I wish the Louisiana Derby (Grade 2) winner had started one more time in the last six weeks. Has worked well at Churchill Downs, breezing 5 furlongs in 1:01 2/5 Sunday over a sloppy track. Will try to make jockey Rosie Napravnik first female jockey to win the Kentucky Derby.

Shackelford – If a speed horse can win the Kentucky Derby this year, like War Emblem, Winning Colors and Spend A Buck of yore, Shackelford may be the horse. Almost went wire-to-wire in the Florida Derby as a long shot and fell only a head short. The Dale Romans trainee had some fans early in the Derby prep season then flopped in the Fountain of Youth, finishing fifth, 23 lengths behind Soldat.

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MAY 1, 2011

Hollywood Park, Inglewood, CA

Saint Isabelle rallies to take Time To Leave Stakes; filly completes huge day for Little Red Feather

Saint Isabelle's come-from-behind win in the \$73,100 Time To Leave Stakes Sunday at Hollywood Park capped a memorable day for Little Red Feather Racing.

An ownership syndicate managed by Gary Fenton and Billy Koch, Little Red Feather went 3-for-3 with horses owned in different partnerships.

Before Saint Isabelle completed the triple, Little Red Feather had won the second race with Russian River and the fourth with Achak.

Trained by Mike Puype, Saint Isabelle, a 4-year-old daughter of Saint Liam and the Forty Niner mare Fortyniner Fever, was tucked in behind the contested early pace, swung out for clear sailing and went on to defeat Irish Gypsy and five others.

The one length victory was the fourth in nine starts for Saint Isabelle, who was ridden by Rafael Bejarano. A dark bay bred in Kentucky, she covered the five furlongs over Cushion Track in 57.09. She increased her earnings to \$173,580.

Now 2-for-3 at Hollywood Park, Saint Isabelle, who is also owned by Paul Chacon, returned \$6.40, \$3.40 and \$2.60 as the 2-1 second choice.

"The trainer told me he didn't want me to send her to the lead," said Bejarano. "The last time she was on the lead, but today it was a completely different kind of race. She was real relaxed behind the lead-



Saint Isabelle

ers...it was part of the plan.

"She had been working really well for this and I thought she would improve a lot. I saw everybody sending so I knew it would be good for me."

Making her first start since checking in second behind Ultra Blend in a stakes at Sacramento last July 17, Irish Gypsy finished well to complete the exacta, a half-length in front of Arizona invader Shakenwithanolive. Irish Gypsy paid \$3.60 and \$2.60.

The show price on Shakenwithanolive, who gained the lead briefly in the stretch, was \$3.20.

Completing the order of finish were Holding Her Ground, Candy's Pleasure, Separate Forest, the 2-1 favorite who was making her synthetic surface debut, and Dawnie Macho.

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

Delta Downs, Vinton, LA

Best Be Onya Game sets NTR and claimed

Best Be Onya Game set a new 550-yard track record of :26.714 and found a new home after being claimed for \$10,000 at Delta Downs on Sunday

while winning a \$23,000 optional-claiming race.

The two horses who followed Best Be Onya Game under the wire, Speedin Slinky and The King Of Jazz, also posted times faster than the previous track standard.

A night earlier at Delta Downs, McM Cajun Accent set a new 330-yard track record of :16.397 while racing to the fastest qualifying time to the Laddie Futurity. The previous 330-yard track record was also surpassed by second-fastest qualifier The Notradamus and third-fastest qualifier Coors Select.

The 4-year-old Louisiana-bred gelding was claimed out of his track-record effort by trainer Larry Kopycinski for owner Riverine Farms. His previous owner DGC LLC haltered him for \$10,000 in January 2010.

The Game Patriot-sired Best Be Onya Game has spent most of his 15-race career successfully competing in the claiming ranks. He has crossed the finish line among the top-two finishers in seven of his latest eight starts. He earned \$32,576 in 2010 and has already banked \$20,010 this year.



Best Be Onya Game

APRIL 30, 2011

Hollywood Park, Inglewood, CA Dubawi Heights continues roll in Wilshire

Dubawi Heights transitioned successfully into graded stakes company, winning the \$100,000 Wilshire Handicap Saturday at Hollywood Park.

The victory was the third in a row for the 4-year-old daughter of Dubawi and the Suave Dancer mare Rosie's Posy.

Trained by Simon Callaghan for a partnership that includes his father Neville, Clodagh McStay, M.V. Magnier and Annabel Wyatt, Dubawi Heights has blossomed in recent months after beginning her career 0-for-8.

Defeated six times in her native England – including two appearances in Group II events - Dubawi Heights lost at 13-10 and 5-2 in her first two races in the United States, ending the streak with a victory against maidens last Nov. 28 during Hollywood Park's Autumn meet.

Beset by various health issues, Dubawi Heights returned from a layoff of more than four

months with a victory against only three opponents in a turf allowance April 1 at Santa Anita.

Never too far off the slow pace (24.73, 49.16 and 1:12.80 for six furlongs) set by longshots Burg Berg and Miss Pleasant, Dubawi Heights joined the leaders around the turn, then asserted her superiority in the closing yards under jockey Joel Rosario.

In winning by 1 ½ lengths, the 7-2 second choice in the field of nine completed the mile on turf 1:35.21. She paid \$9, \$5.20 and \$3.80. Her third win in 11 starts pushed her earnings to \$505,196.

"I was just following the horse in front of me," said Rosario. "She took me to the right place and was doing it comfortably.

"She took me to the right place and was doing it comfortably. They weren't going that quickly up front. She's getting better every race. Actually I was surprised because she can finish better now. She made a little move at the quarter pole and really found her stride in the stretch."

Callaghan, who won both the Redondo Beach Stakes and



Dubawi Heights

Beverly Hills Handicap with Turning Top during the 2010 Spring/Summer meet, has much admiration for Dubawi Heights.

"It's been quite a long road with this filly," he said. "Since she came here, she had colic off the plane, she had a tibia injury and she had to have knee surgery. This filly is unbelievably tough."

Callaghan indicated Dubawi Heights could make her Grade I debut in the \$250,000 Gamely Stakes May 30.

Seeking her first victory since she won the Osunitas last July 24 at Del Mar, Lilly Fa Pootz had to settle for second at 4-1. She finished a nose in front of Miss Pleasant, the longest shot in the Wilshire at 49-1.

First or second in four of six on the Hollywood Park turf, Lilly Fa Pootz paid \$4.80 and \$3.60. The show price on Miss Pleasant was \$14.60.

Making her first appearance in 11 months, Well Monied was fourth as the 5-2 favorite. She finished a nose behind Miss Pleasant, then came Burg Berg, Talktoomuch, Vamo a Galupiar, Blue Maiden and Smart Striking. Saanneen,

who is entered in Sunday's seventh race, and Givine were scratched.

Fonner Park, Grand Island, NE Meyaard one-two in Bosselman/Guss Fonner *By Ty Wyant*

Trainer Jim Meyaard took the top-two spots in the richest race during the Fonner Park meet when Andoitis and Paseo Alegro led the field across the finish line in the \$75,000 Bosselman/Gus Fonner Stakes on Saturday afternoon.

Andoitis benefitted from a ground-saving trip under Jordan Olesiak and made his move on the final turn of the 3-turn, one-one-sixteenth-mile stakes. He increased his advantage through the lane to win by five lengths over Paseo Alegro.

Andoitis, a 14-1 outsider owned by Side Management and Starline Thoroughbreds, stopped the clock in 1:47.80.

Sebastian County was third in the field of seven older horses.

A 5-year-old gelding by Stephanotis, Andoitis has been training forwardly for Meyaard. He followed two off-the-board finishes at Oaklawn Park



McM Cajun Accent

with a third-place run in the Dowd Mile at Fonner Park.

Kelvin Godin and Craig Robertson's runner-up Paseo Alegre was also in sharp form after winning after an optional-claiming victory over six furlongs at Fonner Park.

Also on the card, Buddy George rallied between horses to win the \$25,000 Fonner Park Special Stakes for Nebraska-bred 3-year-old colts and geldings. The King of Scat son raced the six furlongs in 1:14.80 for his second win from three starts.

Don Frazier was aboard for the one-half length win.

The Steve Hall-trained colt came into the Special Stakes after a three-quarter-length win in a Fonner Park maiden race on April 10. He was second as the favorite in his career debut, a maiden race on March 13.

Delta Downs, Vinton, LA

McM Cajun Accent sets NTR in Laddie Trials

George Del Fierro's McM Cajun Accent left little doubt who will be favored in the \$232,985 Laddie Futurity on May 14 and who could be formidable in upcoming Louisiana-bred futurities after setting a new 330-yard track record while winning his Laddie Futurity trial on Saturday night at Delta Downs.

McM Cajun Accent sprinted to the easy win in :16.397 for the new track standard. Second-fastest qualifier The Notradamus (:16.400) and third-fastest qualifier Coors Select (:16.456) also broke the previous track record of :16.519 set by Champs Moon Dancer last year.

A gelded son of Heza Fast



Shake Em Special Pop

Dash, McM Cajun Accent was making his third career start and raced to his second win. He won his maiden at first asking in his Mardi Gras Futurity trial and came back to finish fifth in the Mardi Gras Futurity for trainer Rodolfo Sanchez.

Jorge Meraz's homebred second-fastest qualifier The Notradamus, a son of Dashin Bye, held on to win his trial by a neck over Polly Coleman's Coors Select. The Notradamus was making his career debut while Coors Select was making his second start after winning his maiden in his prior effort.

Sam Houston Race Park, Houston, TX

Shake Em Special Pop game winner in the \$15,000 Ikon Stakes

The \$15,000 Ikon Stakes had just five runners, but there

was no shortage of talent in the exciting 550-yard feature. Trainer Bobby Touchet was confident that Shake Em Special Pop would make his 550-yard debut a winning effort and the regal gray son of Royal Shake Em did not disappoint. Owned by Sergio Maldonado of Laredo, Texas, the 4-year-old gelding was handled with confidence by Sam Houston leading rider Luis Vivanco. He dueled gamely down the center of the racetrack and won by a neck over Shineys Magic T.

"The horse was feeling good all week," said Touchet. "This horse ran so well; he reminded me of (multiple stakes winner) Gray Invasion. Luis rode him perfectly. I knew he could do it."

"I was delighted with his race," said Maldonado, of Laredo, Texas. "I knew he could go 550; we thought it was the

Louisiana-Breeders Laddie Futurity qualifiers • Delta Downs

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
McM Cajun Accent	g.	:16.397	George Del Fierro	McM Farm LLC (LA)	Rodolfo Sanchez	J R Ramirez
The Notradamus	c.	:16.400	Jorge Meraz	Jorge Meraz (LA)	Frank Cavazos	Raul Ramirez, Jr.
Coors Select	g.	:16.456	Polly A. Coleman	Narciso Flores (LA)	Janet A Van Bebber	Gilbert Ortiz
Toast To Lady Di	g.	:16.580	Tony Doughtie	Tony Doughtie (LA)	Kenneth L Roberts, Sr.	John Hamilton
Quick N Easy Dasher	c.	:16.603	Miguel Rodriguez	Chad Arnaud (LA)	Owner	J R Ramirez
Toast To Patriot	g.	:16.617	Kris Locklear	Chris Ables (LA)	Vann E Haywood	Bobby Ransom
No Crown Tonight	g.	:16.621	Tracy Taylor	Mark Langford (LA)	M Heath Taylor	Jarrod Descamp
The Real Game	g.	:16.683	Broadwall Farm LLC	Willie M Milam (LA)	Edwin Lee Ladner	Danny J Lavergne
Six Chicks Happen	g.	:16.699	F and K Partners	Rick S Boutte (LA)	Frank Cavazos	Raul Ramirez, Jr.
Rakin In Romeo	g.	:16.699	James R. Mitchell	James R Mitchell (LA)	Paul R Rigdon	Danny J Lavergne



Why Wear Shoes

best distance for him. I give all the thanks to Bobby; this win was very promising for the future of my horse.

Shineys Magic T, trained by Jesse Yoakum, ran a solid race, just losing the head bob at the wire.

"He stood up in the gate and that probably cost us," said rider Jerry Lee Yoakum. "If he hadn't slipped and missed that first jump, it would have been different."

Shake Em Special Pop (\$6.80) was bred in Texas by Gary Kurz. He crossed the wire in :27.906 and earned \$9,000 for the victory. His A Tycoon Cowboy ran third for J.B. and Sherrie Morace; Dash N Free was fourth and JC My Diamond Man completed the order of finish.

Evangeline Downs, Opelousas, LA Why Wear Shoes rallies to win \$50,000 Tellike Stakes

Why Wear Shoes (\$28.00) unleashed a powerful surge in the stretch to catch co-favorites Five Star Fun and Truly Lucky to win the \$50,000 Tellike Stakes for fillies & mares at Evangeline Downs Racetrack

and Casino on Saturday evening. Ridden by veteran Tracy Hebert, the Wildcat Shoes filly was able to save ground while racing towards the back of the pack while Triptomyloo battled with Truly Lucky and Five Star Fun thru quick early fractions of 21.61 and 44.67. She then angled out looking for running room at the top of the stretch and accelerated in the final furlong to run down the embattled leaders in the final yards to record the victory. The winning margin was a neck and the official running time for the about five furlongs on a turf course labeled firm was 56.76.

Five Star Fun, making her stakes debut for conditioner Al Stall Jr. looked to have the victory in hand after outdueling Truly Lucky and Reyina in the stretch but had to settle for runner-up honors after failing to hold off the winner's late charge. Truly Lucky was next across the finish line in 3rd, just a 1/2 length behind Five Star Fun and a neck better than 4th place finisher Reyina. Palazzo Babe checked in 5th, followed by Tina Lena Too, Aunt Kat Kat, Vera Belle, and Whooshootoo. Triptomyloo tired from her early exertions and faded to



Finche; below, winning connections



last in the ten-horse field. Bikini Bella was a late scratch.

Why Wear Shoes, who is owned by her breeder Kelly Broussard, earned \$30,000 for the win, her fourth in six starts this year and second in a stakes event. Trained by Brent Toups, she has now earned more than \$140,000, the majority of that in 2011.

Remington Park, Oklahoma City, OK Sooner Stakes won by Finche; Carter racking up wins

The top older Oklahoma-breds were in the spotlight Saturday at Remington Park for the \$100,000 Sooner State Stakes at 400 yards. Finche came through in a tight finish

between three rivals to post a slight upset.

Owned by the Purcell, Okla. partnership of Larry Abney and Chris Sheehy and trained by Abney, Finche was ridden to victory by the ultra-hot G.R. Carter who won five races Saturday night. After a good start, Finche battled from the middle of the track to catch the early leader Make It Bentley. Once making the lead in the final 100 yards, Finche held off a rallying Fishin CR to win by a head. Make It Bentley settled for third, just a nose behind Fishin CR.

"He was really good in the gates and broke really well," Carter noted. "There wasn't probably a head between the top three during the whole race. I sure like to get there in these kinds of races."

Finche has had three starts this season at Remington Park, all in stakes events for Oklahoma-breds, with the Sooner State Stakes by far the biggest achievement. He has a pair of victories now and one second-place effort during the current successful season for Abney. "He's just an easy horse to train, he does everything right and wants to win. We try not to run him too often and space his races out. We're having a lot of fun with him right now."

Finche handled 400 yards over a fast track in :19.566 seconds.

Away at 5-1 odds, Finche paid \$13.60 to win, \$5.20 to place and \$3.60 to show. Fishin CR returned \$8.80 to place and \$5 to show. Make It Bentley paid \$2.80 to show. Whathaveigottado was the beaten 2-1 wagering favorite, finishing eighth in the field of nine for the Sooner State Stakes.

A 6-year-old gelding by Tres Seis from the Bully Bullion mare Doctor Prospector,



Remington Park recognizes recent heroic efforts of their Starting Gate Crew in special presentation.

Finche won for the sixth time in 15 career races and for the fifth time at Remington Park. Bred in Oklahoma by Sheehy, Finche earned \$52,500 for winning the Sooner State Stakes to move his lifetime money to \$182,812.

Carter continues to have a huge weekend at Remington Park. After winning three races on both Thursday and Friday, he stepped up his game with a five-win night Saturday. In addition to the Sooner State Stakes triumph, Carter won aboard: Streak N Fly (\$4.20 to win) in the third race; DM Chekota (\$9.80) in the fourth; Just Call Me Zapata (\$48.80) in race six and Pica Wild Rose (\$9.80) in the 10th.

The five victories Saturday moved Carter to 59 for the season, an even 20 ahead of Jimmy Brooks who is second in the standings with 39.

Prior to the Remington Park racing program on Saturday, April 30, a brief presentation was held in the winner's circle to recognize and honor the recent heroic efforts of the Starting Gate Crew.

On Sunday, April 17, jockey Roy Brooks was unseated from his horse just prior to the start of a race while in the

gate. The horse left his feet and subsequently sat on top of the rider who was thrown to the track surface in a split-second situation. Unable to get back up, the horse remained on top of Brooks until members of the starting gate crew and track outriders were able to pull him out from underneath the animal.

The quick actions by members of Remington Park's on-track personnel; gate crew, outriders and emergency medical technician; were integral in expediting the attention Brooks needed in what he termed a lifesaving effort.

Brooks made his first appearance at Remington Park since the incident so he could take part in the ceremony. Included in the photo are members of the Remington Park jockey colony who also took part in the festivities.

Sam Houston Race Park, Houston, TX Painted Sable fastest qualifier in trials for \$52,920 Adequan Texas Derby Challenge

Three trials were run on Saturday evening for the \$52,920 Adequan Texas

Derby Challenge. The first trial produced the fastest time of the evening as Painted Sable rallied gamely in a 20 mph head wind and won in :20.221. The 3-year-old daughter of Pyc Paint Your Wagon is owned by Dr. Tommy Hays and Bobby Barnett. She was making her 2011 debut after qualifying and running in the \$1 million Texas Classic Futurity at Lone Star Park. Luis Vivanco rode the bay filly for trainer Bobby Martinez.

"She had a couple of chips removed after the Texas Classic," said Hays. "We were going to run her in the Sam Houston Derby, but wanted to give her some extra time. She has filled out nicely and ran a good one tonight."

Trainer Judd Kearn qualified two runners for the final, which will take place on Saturday, May 14. Eyes Blew By You was clocked at :20.233; the second fastest time and Money Hungry Cartel was the tenth fastest qualifier. Both 3-year-olds were ridden by Rodrigo Vallejo.

Painted Sable (\$11.40) and the other nine qualifiers will compete for a berth to the \$200,000 Adequan Racing Challenge Derby

Championship (Grade 1) on October 29 at Los Alamitos Race Course. Acorn, last year's Adequan Texas Derby Challenge won the Adequan Derby Challenge Championship (Grade 1) at Fair Grounds for trainer Janet VanBebber and owner/breeder Rose Mary Chandler.

Joe Kirk Fulton, Tres Seis dominate John Deere Sam Houston Challenge trials

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Owner/breeder Joe Kirk Fulton and stallion Tres Seis dominated the 11 trials contested Friday night for the John Deere Sam Houston Juvenile Challenge (Grade 3) at Sam Houston Race Park.

The 10 fastest qualifiers are expected to return on May 14 to contest the \$88,740 final over 350 yards. The winner will also earn an invite to the \$150,000 John Deere Juvenile Challenge Championship (Grade 2) on

October 29 at Los Alamitos Race Course.

Three homebreds for 2011 American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame inductee Joe Kirk Fulton qualified to the final, including fastest qualifier Pandorum. Jose Alvarez rode Pandorum to a 2 1/4-length win in her first career start. Saddled by L.R. "Tooter" Jordan, the Tres Seis filly covered the course in :17.688 to earn a 98 speed index. Fulton bred the filly from the Strawfly Special mare Daring Diversion.

The same team also won the first trial with Sweet Oblivion, the eighth-fastest qualifier, and they finished second in the seventh trial with Body Of Evidence, who posted the 10th-fastest qualifying time. Both fillies are by Mr Jess Perry.

Champion Tres Seis sired three of the 10 finalists, with second-fastest qualifier Latin Six and seventh-fastest qualifier Evans Express joining Pandorum.

Racing for his breeder



Pandorum

Mauro Lozano, Latin Six won the 10th trial by a neck over fellow qualifier Jess A Comment. Winning for the first time in three starts, the brown colt is trained by Jonathan Castaneda and was ridden by Julian Cantu. He is out of the Jody O Toole mare Mexican Secret.

Jess A Comment posted the third-best time of :17.925 for owner T.I. Cattle Company. Guy Hopkins trains the

First Comment gelding out of Jess Quick Fun by Mr Jess Perry. He was ridden by Luis Ramirez.

Also qualifying from the 10th trial was Evans Express. The Tres Seis filly came into the trial off an impressive second-place effort in the \$600,000 Sam Houston Futurity (Grade 2) on April 11. She has earned nearly \$100,000 this season in just three starts.

Adequan Texas Derby Challenge qualifiers • Sam Houston Race Park

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Painted Sable	f.	:20.221	Hays, Tommy and Barnett, Bobby	Lance Robinson & Max Anderson (UT)	Bobby Martinez	Luis L Vivanco
Eyes Blew By You	g.	:20.233	J.J. Racing	Sunflower Supply Co Inc. (MO)	Judd S Kearn	Rodrigo S Vallejo
Awe Contraire	f.	:20.251	Oscar Montemayor	Bobby D Cox (TX)	Eusevio Huitron	Santos Carrizales
Texas Kool	c.	:20.267	Marina Nino	Evans and Evans (TX)	Juan Saucedo	Luis Ramirez
Differently	f.	:20.392	Joe Kirk Fulton	Joe Kirk Fulton (TX)	L R Tooter Jordan	Jose A Alvarez
Gols Honey Money Pop	f.	:20.405	Gary Kurz	Gary Kurz	Jorge Haddad	David A Alvarez
Prime Idol	f.	:20.472	Dora G. Martinez	John R Shaw Jr/Sylvia S Pitman (TX)	Yasmine Medina-Fierro	Luis L Vivanco
Seis It Fast	g.	:20.485	Petersen, Robert and Julie	Robert or Julie Petersen (MN)	Edward Ross Hardy	Jerry L Yoakum
Jb Takeittohelimit	c.	:20.506	Noe Rocha	Kathie &/Or Janene Bobenrieth (CA)	Joseph Vacca	Santos Carrizales
Money Hungry Cartel	c.	:20.523	Mickey W. Tiner	Mickey Tiner (OK)	Judd S Kearn	Rodrigo S Vallejo

John Deere Sam Houston Juvenile Challenge trials • Sam Houston Race Park

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Pandorum	f.	:17.688	Joe Kirk Fulton	Joe Kirk Fulton (TX)	L R Tooter Jordan	Jose A Alvarez
Latin Six	c.	:17.899	Mauro Lozano	Mauro Lozano (TX)	Jonathan Castaneda	Julian Cantu
Jess A Comment	g.	:17.925	T. I. Cattle Company	Raymond R Loup (TX)	Guy Hopkins	Luis Ramirez
Executive Miss Dash	f.	:17.962	Alberto O. Vera, Jr.	Scarlett Hill Farm Inc (TX)	Eusevio Huitron	Santos Carrizales
Streaky Baby	g.	:18.009	Huitron Homes	Jesus Huitron (TX)	Eusevio Huitron	Santos Carrizales
Hiclass Heat	g.	:18.019	T. C. Flack	Robert or Karen Nunnally (TX)	Leon Bard	Juan L Vazquez
Evans Express	f.	:18.070	Morales, Arturo and Espino, Erasmo	Evans and Evans (TX)	Arturo Morales	Santos Carrizales
Sweet Oblivion	f.	:18.090	Joe Kirk Fulton	Joe Kirk Fulton (TX)	L R Tooter Jordan	Jose A Alvarez
My First Timber	c.	:18.107	Jose Luis Salazar	The Mixer Ranch (OK)	Judd S Kearn	Rodrigo S Vallejo
Body Of Evidence	c.	:18.126	Joe Kirk Fulton	Joe Kirk Fulton (TX)	L R Tooter Jordan	Jose A Alvarez



Southern Style

APRIL 29, 2011

Evangeline Downs, Opelousas, LA Southern Style by a head in Need for Speed Stakes at Evangeline Downs

Southern Style (\$9.00) rallied in tandem with 1.30 to 1 betting favorite Chief Jay in the stretch and narrowly outfinished that rival after taking command from early pacesetter Sparkling Keat in the final furlong to win the \$50,000 Need for Speed Stakes for three-year-olds and up at Evangeline Downs Racetrack and Casino on Friday evening. Ridden by Carlos Marquez, Southern Style's official margin of victory was a head and he covered the 5 furlongs in 57.26 on a track labeled fast.

Sparkling Keat, who set the early fractions of 22.01 and 45.06 held on for third, about a length and a half behind the top two. Dance Caller was next across the finish line in 4th, with veteran Tortuga Straits rounding out the order of finish in 5th. Pale Blazer was scratched.

A Kentucky bred son of Forestry, Southern Style earned \$30,000 for the win, his eleventh overall and first in a stakes

race. Owned and trained by Maynard Chatters, the six-year-old gelding has now bankrolled more than \$242,000 in his career.

Turf Paradise, Phoenix, AZ

Dukes Red River shows promise; Featured Tip outduels favored Deep In Thought

By Ty Wyant

Jack and Leslie Hill's Dukes Red River supported his fastest-qualifier trial win with a game head victory in the \$45,220 AQRA President's Open Futurity at Turf Paradise on Friday afternoon.

One race earlier on the program, Featured Tip outdueled favored Deep In Thought to win the \$33,820 AQRA President's Open Derby.

Dukes Red River (Heza Motor Scooter-Princess Royale by Royal Shake Em), one of three qualifiers from the John Bassett stable, survived a bumping incident at the start but was able to collect himself under jockey Ramon Sanchez, who traveled from California for the mount. The gelding battled to a head win over Jumpn Fly with a :15.899 time for the 300 yards.

Dukes Red River was the



Dukes Red River

4-5 favorite after dominating the three trials in his first start. He won by more than two lengths and his time of :15.702 was easily the top qualifying mark.

Marco Antoni Peredes Jr.'s Jumpn Fly (Jumpn Chic-New Porter by Strawfly Special) made a game run with jockey Eddie Garcia and finished three quarters of a length ahead of third-place finisher Regalina Quick Dash (Royal Quick Dash-Regalina by Relagate (tb)).

Jumpn Fly and Regalina Quick Dash each remain maidens after two starts with second-place finishes in their futurity trials.

It was another close battle between jockeys Sanchez and Garcia in the AQRA President's Open Derby with Garcia getting the nod with Featured Tip by a head over the Sanchez-ridden favorite Deep In Thought.

Karen Diliam Quintana's Featured Tip (Featured Mr Jess-Miss Sticky Tip by The Big Tipper) raced the 350 yards in :17.500 with a late rush to get the win over Deep In Thought (Separatist-Just Think by Pritzi Dash), who stumbled at the start.

The derby result reversed

their order of finish in their trial. In that trial, Deep In Thought (Separatist-Just Think by Pritzi Dash) earned fastest qualifier honors with a daylight win over second-fastest qualifier Featured Tip.

Featured Tip, trained by Armando Castellanos, showed he will be a force again on the Arizona circuit after racing to a pair of futurity wins last year. He won the Prescott Valley Futurity and the Yavapai Futurity on his way to placing in the top-two runners in five of seven juvenile efforts.

The Valentin Zamudio-owned and -trained Deep In Thought was the 6-5 favorite in the derby after stepping up from the claiming division at Los Alamitos to easily win his derby trial in his first start away from Southern California.

Delta Downs, Vinton, LA

Logans Dash fastest in Lassie trials

By Ty Wyant

Triple M Farm's homebred Logans Dash has learned her lesson and performed perfectly to set the fastest qualifying time to the \$225,242 Louisiana Breeders Lassie Futurity (RG2) for state-bred fillies on Friday



Featured Tip

night at Delta Downs.

The Danny Eldridge-trained Logans Dash (Toast To Dash-Logans Game by Game Patriot) sprinted to the lead out of the gate and then went on to win by two lengths in :16.688, the quickest mark from a program filled with 10 trials.

Logans Dash showed her potential after a forgettable first effort when she stumbled at the start and unseated her jockey.

Second-fastest qualifier Shez Bigtime Fast (Bigtime Favorite-Sheza Fast La Jolla by Heza Fast Dash) has the experience and class edge going into the Lassie Futurity.

Owned by F and K Partners and trained by Franks Cavazos, Shez Bigtime Fast already has three starts with two wins and a second-place run in the Mardi Gras Futurity. She won her Lassie trial by

one-and-one-half lengths with a time of :16.748 as the 3-10 favorite.

In the Mardi Gras Futurity, Shez Bigtime Fast went to the lead before giving way in the final few jumps to settle for second, beaten by a neck.

The remaining Lassie Futurity qualifiers are Jessalittlecourage (:16.748), Living The Moment (:16.775), Bella Fortuna (:16.800), Hi Noon Surprise (:16.812), Corona Dashin Bye (:16.825), Let Me Bye (:16.847), Bigtime Candy (:16.849) and Pop A Top Special Pi (:16.876).

Remington Park, Oklahoma City, OK Long Stretch Stakes to Docs Dusty Okie at Remington

The season's first 660-yard race was the \$26,500 Blazer Stakes, handled with ease by



Logans Dash

Docs Dusty Okie who led every stride.

Owned by the Dusty Rose Ranch of Oklahoma City and trained by Monty Brooks, jockey G.R. Carter had the call on Docs Dusty Okie who won his first ever attempt at the 660-yard distance by 3-1/4 lengths. Heavy 3-5 wagering favorite Vital Winner was along for second but never seriously threatened the winner. McQueen was another 2-1/2 lengths behind Vital Winner in third.

Docs Dusty Okie covered the ground in :33.203 seconds over a fast track.

Away at 2-1 odds, Docs Dusty Okie paid \$6.20 to win, \$2.80 to place and \$2.60 to show. Vital Winner returned \$2.40 to place and \$2.10 to show. McQueen paid \$4.20 to show.

The win was the fifth from 22 career attempts for Docs

Dusty Okie, an Oklahoma-bred 4-year-old gelding by HYPERLINK "http://www.surebettingnews.com/2011-Stallion-Directory/contact/Jumonville_Farm.htm" Okey Dokey Dale from the Hy Lucky Jay (tb) mare Stephanie Rose. It was his fourth career score at Remington Park, with a winner's share of \$16,500 to boost his overall earnings to \$131,830.

The win aboard Docs Dusty Okie was one of three on the night for Carter who put together his second consecutive riding triple having posted a trio of victories on Thursday. Carter also won with Eyesbeholden (\$6.20 to win) in the eighth race and with Sure Thing Bob (\$7.80) in the 11th.

The Friday hat trick gives Carter 54 wins on the season, 15 ahead of Jimmy Brooks who is in second with 39.

Louisiana-Breeders Lassie Futurity qualifiers • Delta Downs

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Logans Dash	f.	:16.688	Triple M Farms LLC	Triple M Farms LLC (LA)	Danny Joe Eldridge	Alfonso Lujan
Shez Bigtime Fast	f.	:16.696	F and K Partners	Donald W Aymond (LA)	Frank Cavazos	Raul Ramirez, Jr
Jessalittlecourage	f.	:16.748	Joseph Landreneau	J E Jumonville Jr (LA)	Alvin Smith, Jr	Dale Beaty
Living The Moment	f.	:16.775	Mike Inscore	Alec Holbein (LA)	Ray Robbins	J R Ramirez
Bella Fortuna	f.	:16.800	Billy Foreman, Steven Temple, Robert Strenge	Jo Baya Foreman (LA)	Kenneth L Roberts, Sr	Danny J Lavergne
Hi Noon Surprise	f.	:16.812	Manuel Alvarez	Charles or Irma Lyles (LA)	James Fuller	Eddie Cox
Corona Dashin Bye	f.	:16.825	Bobby J. Barnett	Charlie Bordelon (LA)	Robert J Touchet	Saul Ramirez, Jr
Let Me Bye	f.	:16.847	F and K Partners	Easy Acres Performance Horses (LA)	Frank Cavazos	Raul Ramirez, Jr
Bigtime Cindy	f.	:16.849	Tomas Gutierrez	Russell P Mowad (LA)	Erasmus Hernandez	Alfonso Lujan
Pop A Top Special Pi	f.	:16.876	Oscar Rohne	B & G Group Investments Inc (LA)	Kenneth L Roberts, Sr	John Hamilton

news briefs

Video lottery terminals would allow bets on horse racing in two communities

DENVER, CO – The Senate Business, Labor and Technology Committee will take up a proposal next week to fund higher education by expanding gambling in Colorado.

Senate Bill 11-233 would allow video lottery terminals for horse racing to be set up in two communities.

"The benefits are three-fold," said the bill's co-sponsor, Sen. Lois Tochtrop, D-Adams County. "It will provide jobs, help us fund higher education and will help keep money in Colorado."

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Triple Crown races get new announcer on NBC

NEW YORK, NY – Larry Colmus has been tabbed by NBC Sports to call this year's Triple Crown races for television. Colmus will replace Tom Durkin, who stepped aside for health reasons.

NBC Sports announced April 27 that it will provide, through NBC and sister station Versus, 27 hours of Triple Crown coverage, including 14 hours surrounding the May 7 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (Grade 1).

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Is racino still in the Minnesota legislative race?

ST. PAUL, MN – As hundreds of American Indian gaming supporters on Tuesday rallied against allowing video slot machines at horse rac-

ing tracks, supporters worked behind the scenes to push the measure forward.

Despite pouring rain, racino opponents turned out in force, waving signs that read "rural jobs count too" and "don't gamble with my job" during a rally in front of the state Capitol organized by the Minnesota Indian Gaming Commission. Critics argue that racinos will take business from casinos in the state, meaning the loss of good-paying jobs in non-metro Minnesota.

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Iowa House panel approves bundle of gaming provisions

DES MOINES, IA – Legislation that would allow gamblers to bet on horse races over the phone or via computer made it through a House committee Wednesday.

The gaming bill also wrapped up several other long-standing loose ends for lawmakers and people involved in the racing and gaming industry, including:

* A requirement that the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission study Internet gambling and produce a report for lawmakers by Dec. 1.

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Arizona Governor vetoes bill that would have helped racetrack

Arizona Governor, Jan Brewer vetoed legislation Wednesday that Yavapai Downs horse racetrack officials said was pivotal in keeping the Prescott Valley track open.

House Majority Leader

Andy Tobin, R-Paulden, attached an amendment to Senate Bill 1186 that would have solidified a tax-exempt status for the racetrack for property tax purposes.

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Lone Star Park ownership change to be considered by TRC on May 13

The Texas Racing Commission has scheduled a special meeting on Friday, May 13, to consider a request of bankrupt Magna Entertainment Corporation to transfer 100 percent ownership in Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie to Global Gaming Solutions, a subsidiary of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma.

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Training races finalized for May 9-11 at Ruidoso Downs

RUIDOSO DOWNS, NM – The first training races for 2-year-old quarter horses at Ruidoso Downs to be held on May 9-11 have been finalized.

The 330-yard training races will have a maximum of six horses and will begin at 8:30 a.m. daily with 18 minutes between each race. Horses must be saddled before coming to the paddock.

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Zenyatta's stall converted to sanctuary

INGLEWOOD, CA – Life goes on in Barn 55 South at Hollywood Park but it will never be quite the same since the retirement of Zenyatta last December.

The superstar mare, who won 19 of 20 starts and was named Horse of the Year before joining the broodmare ranks in Kentucky, spent more than four years here with trainer John Shirreffs.

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Prairie Meadows, county talks hit impasse

Four months after its previous lease expired, Prairie Meadows and Polk County are officially at an impasse over a new lease.

The racetrack-casino's board voted unanimously Wednesday to seek mediation on a new eight-year pact.

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CHRB takes action on equine safety measures

INGLEWOOD, CA – The California Horse Racing Board took a swing at a number of equine safety measures during its April 28 meeting at Hollywood Park, including another try at a rule to void the claim of a horse that suffers a fatality during the race.

The CHRB last tried to pass such a rule in November 2009 but withdrew it after a 45-day comment period due to strong opposition from the state's horsemen.

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Bill in Texas Legislature could result in luxury casino at Lone Star Park

AUSTIN, TX – A newly unveiled gambling measure pushed by a key House committee chairman could pave the way for luxury casinos at class-one racetracks such

as Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie.

If approved by voters in November, the proposed state constitutional amendment would authorize at least seven other casinos in Texas, including one in Tarrant County. The measure would also permit gambling at Indian reservations and slot machines at racetracks.

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Horsemen's group takes first step to oust TOC

INGLEWOOD, CA – A newly formed horsemen's group announced April 28 that it is formally seeking to replace the Thoroughbred Owners of California as the official representative.

During a meeting of the California Horse Racing Board at Hollywood Park, horse owner David Wilson, the group's president, said the main goal of the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association "is to revitalize Thoroughbred racing in California" through the unification of horsemen and trainers.

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TQHA Yearling Sale to be held July 29-30 in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, TX – The 2011 TQHA Yearling Sale will be held July 29 and 30 in San Antonio.

The event will be held at a new venue, the Exposition Hall at The Freeman. The air-conditioned facility includes all-new adjacent permanent barns with controlled access to the sale arena. Services include dining, Internet Wi-Fi, immediate adjacent paved parking and exhibit space. The facility is convenient to the San Antonio airport and is approximately 15 minutes away from Retama Park. The sale will also have AQHA On-Site services

available.

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Congress on race day meds: A train wreck that could've been avoided?

This was a slow-motion train wreck anyone should have seen coming. It was almost three years ago – in June of 2008 – when a Congressional committee conducted hearings into horse racing's inadequate regulatory and self-governing structure.

High-profile horses had died in Triple Crown races. The Kentucky Derby winner's trainer said he'd regularly been giving his prized horse anabolic steroids – though he didn't really know why – then failed to show up when invited by Congress to testify, calling in sick. Some who did show up to speak, like Hall of Fame trainer Jack Van Berg, said horse racing had become a game of "chemical warfare."

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Federal regulation could cripple horse racing

If you've been wondering about the timing of all the recent calls for medication reform in American racing, the reason became clear last Thursday: That's when The Associated Press obtained a draft copy of legislation, expected to be submitted to Congress next week, that would establish federal regulation of racing, including harsh penalties for horses and horsemen who violate the new federal standards and a ban on many raceday medications, including furose-mide (Lasix).

It's understandable that racing's various alphabet-soup organizations would want to get out in front of an impending circus of Congressional hearings, if only to be able to

say that the sport is already addressing its problems. What is less understandable is why an increasing number of people within the industry are either neutral or supportive of the prospect of federal involvement, a doomed idea that can only further cripple a fragile sport.

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Pro-gambling group says Texans annually gamble \$2.5 billion in three neighboring states

An online banner ad on the Austin American-Statesman's website April 19 made us eager to try our luck.

"Thank you Texas," says a color postcard featuring slot machines and addressed to the state of Texas. The ad, sponsored by a group that seeks to legalize slot machines in Texas, features three messages -- New Mexico thanking

Texas for "your" \$27 million and Louisiana and Oklahoma each offering thanks for "your" \$1 billion.

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Huge numbers on Sunday night at Los Alamitos Race Course

CYPRESS, CA – Sunday nights continue to be the best night of the week in terms of handle at Los Alamitos Race Course in 2011. The first Sunday in May was a perfect example of this new phenomenon as the total handle for the 10 Los Alamitos races was \$1,623,005. An additional \$254,688 was wagered throughout California on the nighttime simulcast races hosted by Los Alamitos on Sunday night (12 races from Balmoral Park and four from Sam Houston Race Park) to take the combined total handle for Sunday to \$1,877,693.

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"Whenever he has a poor performance, I punish him by making him watch some reality shows. It's actually quite effective."

Lawmakers seek drug ban

WASHINGTON DC – A bipartisan pair of lawmakers is seeking a national ban on performance-enhancing drugs in horse racing, calling for a federal role in a sport that lacks uniform standards.

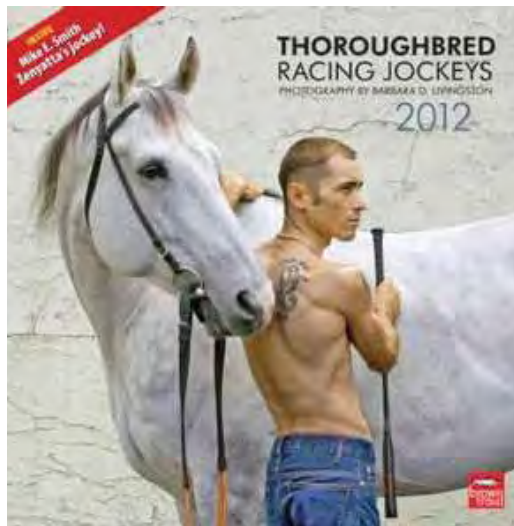
Under the legislation by Sen. Tom Udall, D-NM, and Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-KY, any person with three violations of the prohibition would be permanently banned from horse racing. A horse that tests positive for performance-enhancing drugs three times would receive a ban of at least two years.

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Jockeys strike a pose for 2012 calendar

We're used to seeing jockeys totally swathed — from their colorful caps and silks to the tips of their riding boots. Now the 2012 Thoroughbred Racing Jockeys calendar is showing them shirtless, sexy and in all their rippled-ab glory.

"The idea for the calendar arose out of a desire to promote the sport of Thoroughbred racing," said Christine Sabia, president of Black Liner Productions, the Connecticut marketing firm that managed the project and worked with Eclipse Award-winning photographer Barbara Livingston. "Generally, it's all about horses,



but to us, the jockeys and the horses work as a team."

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