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Osbaldo remains perfect

June 5, 2011 • SunRay Park, Farmington, NM

The unbeaten Osbaldo won his fifth straight race after a stellar performance in the \$176,040 New Mexico Breeders' Futurity [RG3] at SunRay Park and Casino. Racing as the 3-5 favorite, the exceptional colt by Jesse James Jr. showed

why he is the leading New Mexico-bred Quarter Horse so far in 2011.

With regular pilot Bonifacio Perez at the controls, Osbaldo broke in second place about a half-length behind Latest Policy. The popular runner was forced

into come-from-behind tactics in the 350-yard feature, but he was up to the task. The dark grey colt responded with a

Osbaldo, Bonifacio Perez up

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bold move in mid-stretch and firmly took control of the 350-yard race in the late stages. The young speedster rocketed to a neck victory over Latest Policy in a time of 17.256 seconds. He earned a 94 speed index.

Perez said, "He kind of missed the break, but still got the job done. It was a little nerve wracking. I didn't want to get him beat."

Osbaldo earned an \$82,739 windfall for owner Hubaldo Solis. Oscar Carrete trains the star 2-year-old with earnings of over \$222,000. Carrete indicated Osbaldo might run next at Ruidoso Downs in the trials for the Zia Futurity.

At press time, Osbaldo ranks as the winningest 2-year-old in the country. He won the New Mexico Spring Futurity at Sunland Park last April with Perez in the saddle. Perez has ridden Osbaldo to five consecutive wins in a month span.

Osbaldo's sire, Jesse James Jr, is a stakes-winning 10-year-old son of AQHA champion Mr Jess Perry. Racing from

2003-06, Jesse James Jr earned \$167,275 from 21 starts, and his stakes resume included a second-place finish in the 2003 Golden State Derby (Grade 1) and champion AB What A Runner's '03 Los Alamitos Derby (Grade 1).

Through May 31, Jesse James Jr has sired 30 starters and the earners of more

than \$285,500 from three crops. He stands for a \$1,500 fee at Mac and Janis Spencer Murray's MJ Farms at Veguita, New Mexico.

Latest Policy ran a terrific race to finish second to the big favorite for the second straight time. The bay gelding also finished second, beaten a neck to Osbaldo in the trials. The runner-up got away with a superior start under jockey Adam Martinez. Latest Policy earned \$31,687 for owner Jose Roberto Munoz, Jr.

Preachers James, winner of the New Mexican Spring Fling, finished third, beaten less than 1 length. Wish You Had One To was a neck back in fourth.

On the under card, Dreams Happen held off Cats Paw Bay to win the \$50,000 New Mexico Breeders' Juvenile Allowance. The winner was ridden by Alejandro Medellin for owner-trainer Ruben Leyba, Jr.

Above left, Osbaldo, Bonifacio Perez up; below, Dreams Happen, Alejandro Medellin up

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Twirling Candy rallies to take Californian

June 4, 2011 • Hollywood Park, Inglewood, CA

Although there were some anxious moments in his first start without blinkers, heavily-favored Twirling Candy got the job done in the \$150,000 Californian Stakes at Hollywood Park.

Wrangled off the pace immediately by jockey Joel Rosario, the 4-year-old son of Candy Ride seemed to resent the tactics, dropping back almost to last in the field of seven about midway through the Grade 2 as longshot Victory Pete set a pokey pace.

Able to find a seam between horses early in the stretch, the 2-5 choice collared the leaders inside the final sixteenth of a mile and was pulling away at the finish.

Ending a 0-for-24 stakes drought for trainer John Sadler that extended to Cozi Rosie's victory in the Buena Vista Feb. 21 at Santa Anita, Twirling Candy won for the seventh time in 10 starts for breeder Jenny Craig, who owns the dark bay in partnership with William S. Farish and Marty Wygod.



Twirling Candy, Joel Rosario up

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Twirling Candy, Joel Rosario up; at right, owner Jenny Craig congratulates Rosario after the win

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Out of the Chester House mare House of Danzing, Twirling Candy increased his earnings to \$684,900. It was his third win in four starts over Cushion Track, but his first locally around two turns.

Primarily because of the slow early fractions (24.60, 49.49 and 1:14.60 for the first three-quarters of a mile), the final time of 1:50 was the slowest in 30 runnings of the Californian at 9 furlongs.

In his first race since he was beaten by a nose at nearly 26-1 in the Santa Anita Handicap March 5, Setsuko was again the runner-up, finishing 1 ½ lengths behind Twirling Candy.

The 4-1 second choice finished a nose in front of Aggie Engineer, who was seeking his fourth win over the Hollywood Park main track. A nose back in fourth was Soul Candy.

Completing the order of finish were Spurrier, Honour the Deputy and Victory Pete. Gladding, also trained by Sadler, was scratched earlier in the day.

Favored in all but two of his races, Twirling Candy paid \$2.80, \$2.20 and \$2.10. Setsuko returned \$2.80 and \$2.60. The



show price on Aggie Engineer was \$3.60.

"He's a real good horse," said Rosario after his meet-high ninth stakes victory. "They were going too slow up front. I was waiting a little on the backside and he was a little farther behind than I thought he'd be.

"There were horses in front of me and I was between horses. They were going slow and I was able to get him in behind horses, so that was good. The rest of the riders knew my horse was the horse to beat and they were trying to keep him down in there.

"He was very relaxed without the blinkers. On the turn,

I was taking my time getting him to the outside. He can do anything. When he sees horses in front of him he just goes and gets them."

After his first win in the Californian, Sadler indicated Twirling Candy is likely to make his next start in the \$500,000 Hollywood Gold Cup July 9. If successful in the Grade 1, Twirling Candy would become the first horse to win the Californian and the Gold Cup in the same year since Lava Man in 2005.

"We took the blinkers off because we wanted to see him relax," said Sadler. "He trains without the blinkers in the morning. It was a little puzzling to see him that far back, but then they kind of wanted to box him in, you know, which is race riding. Joel just stayed nice and cool. I'm happy to win this one today and look down the road."

Siempre Esperanza, who won the fourth race as a 37-1 shot in her debut, keyed the third largest superfecta payoff – based on a \$1 wager – in Hollywood Park history Saturday.

Trained by Paul Aguirre for owners Jon Stein and Kurt Unger, the 3-year-old Forest Grove filly, who was ridden by Edwin Maldonado-Alicea, was followed home by 27-1 outsider Rags for Ben, 6-1 shot Our Lady Gaga and Girls Lacrosse, the longest price in the field of 14 at 115-1. The return was \$144,481.50. The biggest \$1 superfecta payoff at Hollywood Park was \$215,845.40 in the sixth race July 7, 2006.

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Race day meds on summit agenda

Four hours before post time, nearly every race horse about to race in the United States gets a shot of a diuretic best known by its human brand name, Lasix.

The drug prevents or limits bleeding in a horse's lungs and breathing passages when they run all-out. But it also triggers horses to lighten their load by leaving behind several pounds of urine before breaking from the starting gate. That, combined with its widespread use, suggests it's being abused as a performance enhancer, according to its opponents.

In the past three months, many of racing's most influential organizations have come out in support of a ban on race-day use of the drug, mirroring what countries outside of North America already do. The groundswell prompted a meeting scheduled for next week at Belmont Park where industry leaders from around the world will debate the issue.

TIMELINE

July 2009 — A study published in the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association based on a study of South African racehorses

finds that pre-race administration of furosemide decreased the frequency and severity of exercise-induced pulmonary hemorrhaging among horses in the study.

August 2009 — Chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities calls on U.S. and Canada to ban anti-bleeding medications for horses in stakes races by 2012, arguing for international uniformity.

March 24-25, 2011 — Outgoing and incoming chairmen of racing commissioners' group call for an end to race-day medication in U.S. horse racing. The outgoing chair, Dan Hartman of the Colorado Racing Commission, suggested a 5-year phase-out.

April 11 — The Jockey Club, the breed registrar, announces support for ending use of race-day medication.

April 12 — The Kentucky Thoroughbred Association, one of two major horsemen's groups in the state, endorses a race-day ban. The National Thoroughbred Racing Association Board meets, comes to no conclusion and sets a second meeting.

April 14 — The Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association endorses a ban. One

of its committees controls the grading of races that can help a horse's value in the breeding market.

April 18 — The NTRA board meets again and takes no stand. The National Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association announces its opposition to a race-day ban as proposed.

April 20 — Keeneland endorses the elimination of race-day medication in a "pragmatic" way, which wasn't defined. Churchill Downs Inc. endorses the debate of phasing out race-day medication but stops short of a formal endorsement of any specific policy. NTRA, the Racing Medication and Testing Consortium, and the American Association of Equine Practitioners announce

an international summit to address race-day medication.

April 26 — The group that started the conversation, the Association of Racing Commissioners International board, formally votes to re-examine its existing suggested rules that allow anti-bleeding medication to be given on race day.

May 4 — Bills are introduced in Congress to ban race-day medication and toughen penalties for violations. Primary sponsors are Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., and Sen. Tom Udall, D-N.M.

May 18 — Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Chairman Bob Beck appoints a committee to study the race-day issue.

June 13-14 — Summit to be held at Belmont Park.

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Planned Jemez casino will adversely impact New Mexico racing industry

New Mexico horseracing groups recently announced their opposition to a plan by the Jemez Pueblo of northern New Mexico to build an off-reservation casino in Anthony, N.M.

The New Mexico Horsemen's Association contended that a proposed Las Vegas-style casino would detrimentally impact the approximately 5,000 people statewide involved in the horse-racing industry.

"The project will adversely impact not only horse owners, trainers, breeders, jockeys and backside employees, but will have a ripple effect on the ancillary businesses supported

by the racetrack industry," wrote Jack McGrail, executive director for the group.

Anthony casino advocate Ruben Smith, a former Las Cruces mayor, noted that a draft environmental study by the federal government concluded that the Sunland Park casino revenue would be impacted, but only on a temporary basis. That's akin to the impact of El Paso's Speaking Rock casino on the racetrack, he said.

"Sunland Park not only fully recouped, but the revenues increased," he said. "We expect the exact same thing to happen."

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs study, issued in Febru-

ary, indicates the Sunland Park racing "may temporarily have up to 40 percent of its casino revenues and racing purses affected in the short-term." However, population growth in the area would make up for the impact, according to the study.

"It is anticipated that Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino would recover any diminished revenues in 24 to 30 months," the report indicates.

The document also noted that the Sunland Park racino and horse-farming industry "appear sufficiently financially sound enough to withstand a prolonged recession or potential short-term impacts, such as the proposed project."

The casino has been opposed heavily by the Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino owner Stan Fulton, whose lobbyist Scott Scanland highlighted the letters in a news release. He said the Anthony casino could "cost us 50 percent of our business" and cut into state tax revenues.

In addition to a winter horse-racing season, the Sunland Park racino features 700 year-round slot machines. It's about 20 miles from Anthony.

Some 30 horse farms and breeding operations exist between Las Cruces and El Paso, according to a draft environmental study on the proposed Anthony casino.

Earlier this month, the New Mexico Horse Breeders Association sent a brief letter to the federal government, restating a stance the group took in 2004, when the casino proposal came to light. The association opposes "any new trust land casinos because of potentially irreparable damage

to the growing horse racing industry in New Mexico."

Privately owned casinos pay 26.25 percent in state tax on their slot machine earnings. Most tribes and pueblos pay 3 percent of the first \$5 million in net revenues annually and 9.25 percent of the next \$45 million annually, under a tribal gaming compact with the state of New Mexico. The Jemez Pueblo has signed onto the compact.

The pueblo is applying for 70.2 acres to be placed into federal trust for the purpose of operating a casino. Its plan entails building a 24,000-square-foot temporary casino, to be followed by a 103,500 square-foot permanent facility. On the remaining acreage, a 90,000-square-foot hotel would be built.

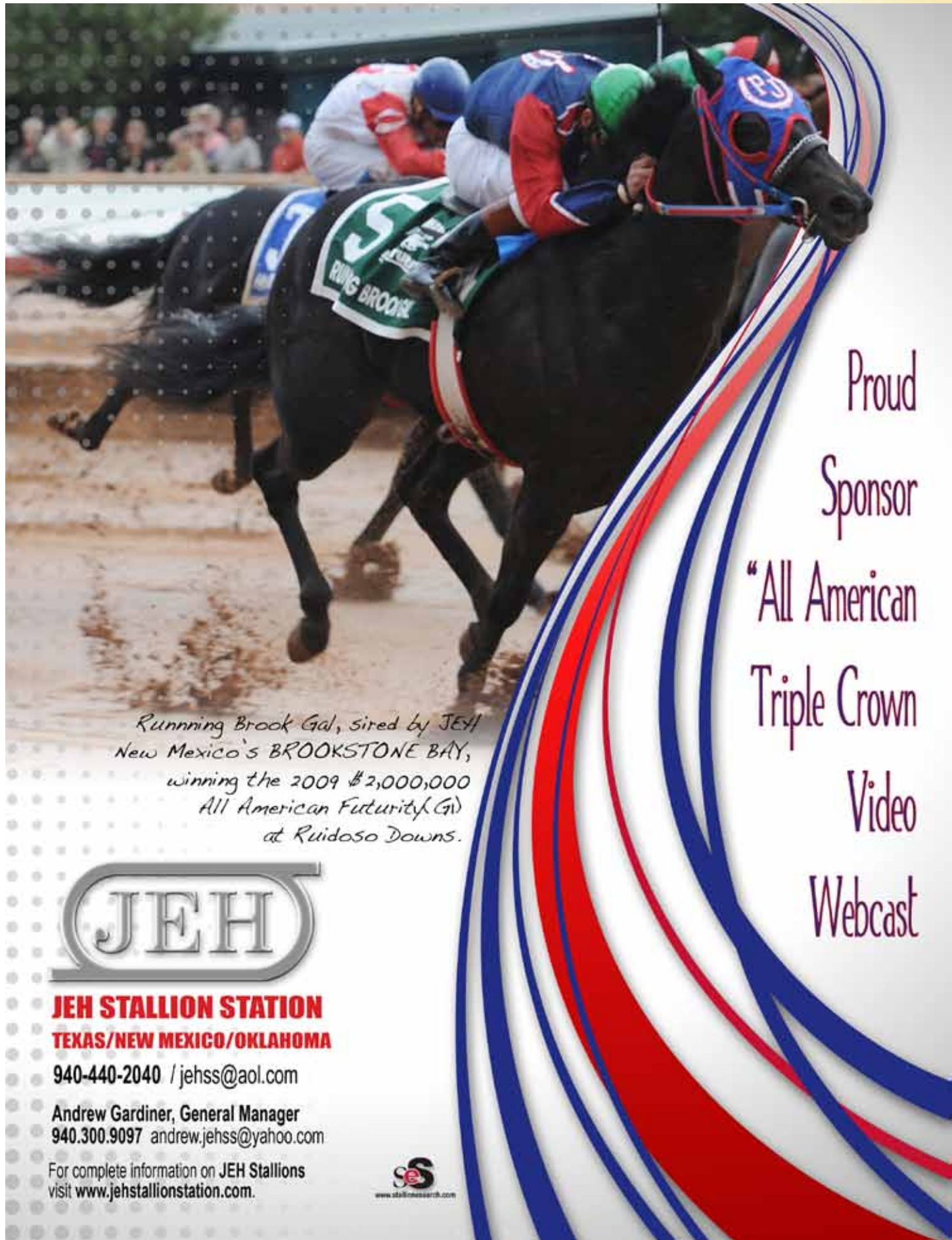
Two Las Cruces business groups and the town of Mesilla recently endorsed a proposed off-reservation casino in Anthony, N.M.

The Mesilla board of trustees, the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Hispano Chamber of Commerce de Las Cruces each OK'd statements of support in May.

A draft Environmental Impact Statement compiled by the federal government indicated the Jemez Pueblo's casino proposal would generate 1,490 direct and indirect jobs and about \$157.2 million in both direct and secondary spending yearly, once a casino was at full operation. However, about 75 percent of jobs and economic activity would result from "substitution," dollars people would have spent or jobs that would have existed elsewhere in Doña Ana and El Paso counties.



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Merial Launches 'Outbreak Alert' Program

Building better awareness of equine disease and the importance of prevention

DULUTH, GA – Supporting horse owners and veterinarians in their efforts to keep their horses healthy, today Merial launched its "Outbreak Alert" program, which will be used to notify horse owners about reports of equine disease throughout the country, as well as build a greater awareness of those diseases and the importance of prevention.

Disease poses a significant threat to the health and well-being of horses. Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) has a mortality rate estimated to be as high as 90 percent. Every case of rabies presents a death sentence to the infected horse – and a risk of infection for other horses. Potomac horse fever (PHF) can lead to severe complications or death, which occur in up to 30 percent of infected horses. One out of three horses that gets sick from West Nile virus (WNV) dies or must be euthanized.⁶ While these statistics are alarming, horse owners can help minimize the risk of disease by being armed with information.

"The primary focus of the program is to help keep horse owners, like myself, informed about the threat of disease in the area where they live or where they may be traveling," says Beckie Peskin, Product Manager, Equine Vaccines and Dewormers, Merial. "Owners want the best for their horses, and knowing where the threat of disease exists will help them take the appropriate preventive measures to help protect their horse – whether it is in their own barn or competing halfway across the country."

Horse owners can sign up for free alerts via the program's website, www.outbreak-alert.com. When a disease report occurs, those who have signed up for the notification and live within a 250-mile radius of where the report occurred will receive a text and/or e-mail message to alert them of the potential disease threat. Owners who travel with their horses and want to stay abreast of disease threats in other parts of the country can enter multiple ZIP codes in the site's search field.

They will then be able to receive alerts for all areas they have selected. Owners are also encouraged to share details of the Outbreak Alert program with other horse owners through e-mail, text, Twitter and Facebook.

"We want to spread the word about this program because we feel it is critical to give horse owners as much information as possible," says Peskin. "Armed with information, horse owners can work with their veterinarians to make sound health care decisions based on the risk of disease and the potential for exposure."

Through outbreak-alert.com, horse owners will also have access to consumer-focused information about equine diseases, their transmission, signs to look for and disease prevention, including the importance of vaccination.

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The Race was originated by the first Original Extreme Cowboy, Craig Cameron, who has achieved national recognition and prominence as a true cowboy and is known as one of the finest horsemen in the United States.

In addition to Cameron, who himself will be hosting several clinics each day throughout the weekend-long event, World Champion Richards Winters of Ojai, Calif., will be on hand to demonstrate his horse handling and breaking techniques. Also in the round pen will be Steve Lantvit of Extreme Cowboy Race fame and Tim Austin of St. Louis, Mo.

The Tack 'n Togs Extreme Cowboy Race & Equine Expo brings the Race for the first time to Gordyville USA, a premium equine event facility located

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Hollywood Park, Inglewood, CA Shipper Wild Mia wins Redondo Beach Stakes

Wild Mia, a well-traveled Florida bred, made her first start in California a winning one, edging Andina by a neck to capture the \$75,100 Redondo Beach Stakes Sunday at Hollywood Park.

This was one of several mild upsets in the Pick 6, so there will be a carryover of \$117,268 when racing resumes Thursday. Post time is 1 p.m. The Pick 6 will begin in the third race.

Trained by Tom Proctor for Rosemount Stud Syndicate, the 4-year-old gray daughter of Wildcat Heir out of the El Sultan mare Love Mia was ridden by David Flores as she won for the fourth time in 12 starts. The 6-1 shot paid \$14, \$6.60 and \$4.20.

Hollywood Park was the seventh different track at which Wild Mia has competed, joining Calder, Arlington Park, Keeneland, Churchill Downs, Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs. Before Sunday, her victories had come at Calder, Arlington and Keeneland.

Ahead of only one rival early while 19-10 favorite Tanda set a solid pace with Miss Pleasant and Lilly Fa Pootz, the 5-2 second choice, in close attendance, Wild Mia angled outside for room into the stretch, then gained the advantage approaching the wire. She completed the mile on turf in 1:34.65. The \$44,580 payday pushed her earnings to \$228,174.

"She's not quick, but I had a very good break," said Flores. "They said just to get her to relax and make a run. I was just trying to save as much ground



Wild Mia

as I could. She was on the outside, but it was OK because I saved enough ground to get in position and not lose the position.

"She accelerated when I asked her, just as I was expecting."

Making her initial start since finishing last in the Santa Barbara Handicap April 16 at Santa Anita, Andina had to survive a stewards' inquiry into an alleged incident near the wire. Talktoomuch, who finished fourth, had to check nearing the wire, but the stewards ruled there would be no change.

Ridden for the first time by Garrett Gomez, Andina paid

\$6.40 and \$4. Tanda, seeking her initial victory around two turns, paid \$3.20 to show.

Arapahoe Park, Aurora, CO

Trip The General quick in Arapahoe Sprint

R.J. Racing's Trip The General zipped six furlongs in 1:08.78 to handle his rivals as the 3-1 second choice in the \$40,000 Arapahoe Park Sprint Stakes on Sunday afternoon at the track near Denver.

Also on the program, Lucky Lo Lo drew away from defending winner Illusive Crystals to win the \$30,000 Ingrid Knotts Stakes for Colorado-



Trip The General



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Lucky Lo Lo

bred fillies and mares.

Jockey Russell Vicchilli on Trip The General allowed Holy Buckets to rush out of the gate to a big early lead going down the backstretch and then Trip The General made his move on the turn. The two competitors engaged through the top of the stretch before Holy Buckets gave way and Trip The General went on to the more than 4-length victory.

Shivers Me, the 7-10 favorite, caught the tiring Holy Buckets to finish second in the six-horse field.

The Molly Pearson-trained Trip The General made his first career appearance at Arapahoe Park after wintering at Turf Paradise. He competed mainly in the \$8,000-\$16,000 claiming ranks, but stepped up to win and place second in a pair optional-claiming races before shipping to Arapahoe Park.

In the Knotts, Wafer Thoroughbred Ranch's lightly raced Lucky Lo Lo gained her first stakes win in her fourth career start and first out in nearly two years. The Sarina Obergfell-trained mare set the pace and drew out through the stretch to defeat Illusive Crystals by two-and-one-quarter lengths.

Perry Whetstone was

aboard Lucky Lo Lo for the win in 1:10.43 for the six furlongs.

Illusive Crystals easily maintained second place over the late-running third-place finisher Mile High Honey.

Before her extended layoff, Lucky Lo Lo made three starts in 2009 at Arapahoe Park with a maiden score and a second in the CTBA Lassie Stakes.

Canterbury Park, Shakopee, MN

Pithia wins MN Stallion Breeders'/North Central Derby; Hardy and Eikleberry team up for victory

Pithia, a 3-year-old Minnesota bred quarter horse filly, owned and bred by Rodney Von Ohlen of Alpha, MN, won the \$15,250 Minnesota Stallion Breeders' and North Central Quarter Horse Derby on Sunday at Canterbury Park.

Trained by Ed Ross Hardy and ridden by Ry Eikleberry, Pithia overcame trouble early to pull away to a three-quarter length victory, covering the 400 yards in 20.22 seconds.

Bumped from both sides coming out of the gate, Eikleberry quickly righted the filly as she found her stride. "She



Pithia

just pulled away late," Eikleberry said.

Hardy, leading trainer at Canterbury the past nine seasons, won this race for the third time in four years. "I was worried a bit at the start but in a couple jumps she was in front and we were alright," Hardy said.

Pithia, the odds-on favorite, returned \$3.20. Finishing second was Lien On Me for trainer Brent Clay and jockey Tom Wellington. Third was CS Arc Light, trained by Victor Hanson and ridden by Doug Frink.

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Fair Meadows, Tulsa, OK

Spit Curl Diva still winning

By Ty Wyant

Last year's champion aged horse Spit Curl Diva took her first stakes-winning step towards another possible title when she handled an out-classed field of older horses in the \$20,000 Golden Driller Stakes at Fair Meadows on Saturday night.

Making the second start of her 2011 campaign, Elbert

Brown's Spit Curl Diva raced the 350 yards in :17.454 with regular rider David Brown aboard for trainer Jody Brown, the wife of the jockey.

The 5-year-old Spit Curl Diva, a daughter of Spit Curl Jess, finished a neck in front of James Sills' Kitas Best Yet while Dan and Jolene Urschel's Shakem Blue finished third.

In her 2011 debut, Spit Curl Diva raced in the Indiana Downs Classic and battled with One Tough Dude over 350 yards before coming up a neck short and finishing in second place.

During her 2010 championship season, Spit Curl Diva won four minor stakes before stepping up in class last fall and gaining her championship. She beat males in the Grade 1 Refrigerator Handicap and handled females in the Grade 1 Merial Distaff Challenge Championship. She was then ninth behind world champion Apollitical Jess' track-record run in the Grade 1 Champion of Champions at 17-1 odds.

The Golden Driller Stakes victory was her 17th win from 32 starts. The always dangerous mare also has nine second-place finishes and two third-place efforts.



Fast Dashin Dude

Delta Downs, Vinton, LA

Challenge twinbill at Delta Downs

Fastest-qualifier Texasindependencegal got up to win the \$49,320 John Deere Delta Downs Juvenile Challenge and the \$43,830 Adequan Delta Downs Derby Challenge top-two finishers could not be separated at the Louisiana track on Saturday night.

Leonard Lyne's homebred Texasindependencegal, trained by Toby Keeton, scored her third-straight win and fourth victory from five starts while taking her stakes debut in the John Deere Delta Downs Juvenile Challenge. The daughter of Mr Ottyes rallied to get the neck win in a sharp :17.398 for the 350 yards.

Noah Powell's Streakin The Edge finished second while Carmina LLC's Molotov was third.

Texasindependencegal earned her 3-5 favoritism after setting the fastest-qualifying time from five trials. She defeated Molotov by one-and-one-quarter lengths in :17.461. She won her maiden in her career debut at Louisiana Downs and also took a non-winners-of-two allowance race at Sam

Houston Race Park.

The Adequan Delta Downs Derby Challenge was the closest of finishes with 7-5 favorite Fast Dashin Dude and Throwin Fits finishing in a dead heat and third-place finisher WW Watch Dale just a nose behind the winners.

The David Alvarez-ridden Fast Dashin Dude and the Jeff Jerman-piloted Throwin Fits stopped the timer in :19.811 for the 400 yards.

Eddie Cass' Fast Dashin Dude, trained by Jorge Haddad, was a close second in his Adequan Delta Downs Derby Challenge behind fastest-qualifier Waving At Chicks and earned second-fastest qualifier status. He closed out his 2-year-old season with a win in the Louisiana Day Juvenile for his other career stakes victory.

Alan and Sharon Colley's Throwin Fits was third behind Waving At Chicks and Fast Dashin Dude in that productive trial after being bumped at the start. The J. Benny Pennington-trained gelding has successful moved up from the claiming ranks, starting for a \$10,000 tag as recently as April 16. Each of his three previous wins came at the \$10,000 claiming level.



Throwin Fits

Ruidoso Downs Race Track, NM

Quiet Again charges to Free Spirit win

Paul Bruce Thomason's Quiet Again has done his best work at longer distances, however appeared to be a crack sprinter when rallying to win the \$40,000 Free Spirit Handicap over six furlongs on Saturday afternoon at Ruidoso Downs.

Quiet Again, with Alejandro Medellin aboard, covered the three quarters of a mile in 1:10.64.

Medellin hustled Quiet Again out of the gate in good order and they maintained a stalking position as Tactful set

a quick pace heading into the turn. All Man then took the lead on the turn while Medellin put Quiet Again in a determined drive. They reached All Man in the final sixteenth to get up for the win.

A gelded son of Real Quiet from the Jimmie Claridge stable, Quiet Again won by an expanding one-and-one-half lengths over All Man. Tactful saved third, nearly five lengths behind All Man.

Quiet Again won last summer's Ruidoso Thoroughbred Championship at one-and-one-sixteenth mile and should be in top form to defend that title on Labor Day weekend. He also won the Curribot Stakes



Quiet Again

and one-and-one eighth mile at Sunland Park in February and was third in the \$100,000 Sunland Park Handicap, also and one-and-one-eighth mile, in his start before the Free Spirit Handicap.

Quiet Again, the 8-5 favorite, returned \$5.20, \$2.80 and \$2.40. All Man was well respected as the 9-5 second choice and paid \$3.00 and \$2.40. Tactful was worth \$4.00 to show.

Prairie Meadows, Altoona, IA Mile doubleheader at Prairie Meadows

Long-shot Wild Jacob rallied to win an accident-marred \$60,000 Prairie Mile Stakes and Fast Tip took the \$60,000 Panthers Stakes for fillies during a stakes doubleheader for 3-year-old milers at Prairie Meadows on Saturday night.

The accident occurred at the head of the stretch in the Prairie Mile when one horse fell and three following horses also fell. The first horse who fell sustained a fatal injury, the other three horses did not suffer major injuries, jockey Miguel Mena sustained bruised ribs and the other three riders walked back to the jock's room, according to published reports.

Stanley Mankin's Wild Jacob had raced wide for the entire race and looped the accident to make his late run to a one-half length victory

over Fairing while 5-2 favorite Sherriff Cogburn finished third. Fairing and Sheriff Cogburn were the two horses ahead of the horses involved in the spill.

The Doug Anderson-trained Wild Jacob covered the mile in 1:37.80 for his fourth win in four starts. The 3-year-old gelding was ridden by Ken Tohill.

Wild Jacob, an 8-1 outsider, won his maiden in April at Oaklawn Park and then took a Prairie Meadows allowance race. He was then a close second in another allowance race before winning his stakes debut in the Prairie Mile.

Luxair Properties' Fast Tip had a perfect setup and rallied to easily win the Panthers Stakes by nearly five lengths. Goldfinch Stakes winner Joe Ja had an extended early lead before tiring on the turn. Fast Tip relaxed in fourth position behind the free-running Joe Ja and passed the tiring pacesetter.

Jockey Miguel Mena kept Fast Tip rolling with little urging to win by nearly five lengths in 1:34.40. Hearts On Fire, the 5-2 second choice, was never a threat and finished second, three quarters of a length ahead of All About Allie.

Fast Tip has shown versatility for trainer W. Bret Calhoun. In her three previous starts she won her maiden on the turf, won an allowance race on Fair Grounds' main track and was third in the grassy Grade 3 Appalachian Stakes at Keeneland.



Midnight Wagon

SunRay Park, Farmington, NM Midnight Wagon fastest qualifier for Four Corners Futurity

Chick Town, a New Mexico-bred Chicks A Blazin colt racing for Jim and Michele Laird, posted the 10th-fastest qualifying time for this year's \$40,000-added Four Corners Futurity in trials held at SunRay Park on Saturday.

Saddled by Wes Giles and ridden by Tony Guymon, Chick Town ran third, three-quarters of a length behind second-fastest qualifier Valient Prince in the third of five 350-yard trials. The colt was bred in Miguel L. Gallegos of Albuquerque, and he was coming off of a fourth-place finish in the April 10, 300-yard New Mexican Spring Futurity (RG2) for state-bred

2-year-olds at Sunland Park.

Chick Town's dam, Snapping On, is a 14-year-old winning daughter of champion Takin On The Cash.

Carrol A. Durbin's Midnight Wagon, an Oklahoma-bred colt by second-year sire PYC Paint Your Wagon, won the fourth trial by a neck in :17.376 and is the fastest qualifier. Midnight Wagon is one of two finalists from Giles' barn.

Louisiana Downs, Opelousas, LA Idefromthebayou upsets Franks

Alen Peltier's Idefromthebayou, under a cagey ride from Rex Stokes III, scored a front-running victory in the \$50,000 John Franks Memorial Stakes for Louisiana-breds over a mile on the turf at 17-1 odds on

Four Corners Futurity qualifiers • SunRay Park • June 4

Final: June 19 • Purse: \$40,000-Added • Age: 2-year-olds • Distance: 350 Yards

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Midnight Wagon	c.	:17.376	Carrol A. Durbin	Michael A Pohl (OK)	Wes T Giles	Tony F Guymon
Valient Prince	g.	:17.395	Tenorio, Felipe, J. and Baca, Benito J.	Laurel Powell (OK)	Bernard Baca	Vicente Grajeda
Feature Mr Bojangles	c.	:17.402	SM Cattle Export Company & Dominguez, Jaime	Joyce D Erickson (TX)	Roberto Sanchez	Alonso Rivera
Executive Brass	c.	:17.425	Thurmond, John C. and Meridith, Sherree	Scarlett Hill Farm Inc (TX)	James J Gonzales, II	Felipe Garcia-Luna
Decked In Snow	c.	:17.452	Roger L. Wynn	Richard or Jolene Connors (CA)	John A Stinebaugh	Esgar Ramirez
Zoomin Hearts	f.	:17.460	SM Cattle Export Company	Walt Fletcher & Jerry Windham (TX)	Roberto Sanchez	Alonso Rivera
Jessy Bug B	c.	:17.463	Bielau Oaks	Bielau Oaks (TX)	John A Stinebaugh	Salvador Martinez
No Ordinary Love	c.	:17.492	Yaneth Cabrera	John Andreini & Zory Kuzyk (CA)	Juan M Gonzalez	Jaime P Leos
Beyond Scrutiny	g.	:17.496	Steven W. King	Steven W King (TX)	John A Stinebaugh	Salvador Martinez
Chick Town	c.	:17.505	Laird, Jim and Michele	Miguel L Gallegos (NM)	Wes T Giles	Tony F Guymon



Mr Flash Bac

Saturday afternoon at Louisiana Downs.

Two races earlier, the entry of Local and Hisse finished first and third in the \$50,000 Honeymoon Stakes at a mile on the turf.

The Ricky Courville-trained ldefromthebayou set the fractions from the outset and Stokes was able to control that pace, setting up a perfect turf-style late run. The 4-year-old gelding quickened entering the stretch and drew away to win by one-and-three-quarter lengths.

It was his second win from three starts on the turf. He won his maiden on the grass and came into the Franks off an allowance win on the grass. Those two wins come from four career wins in 12 starts.

Lee's Spirit finished second by a neck over Up And Out Of Site.

The entry of Local and Hisse, the 3-1 second choice, came through for owner Heiligbrodt Racing Stable in the Honeymoon Stakes for Louisiana-bred distaffers with their one-three finish.

The James Hudson-trained Local made a game bid through the stretch to catch 4-5 favorite Skipping Town to win by a neck in 1:36.29 for the mile. Hisse, trained by Brett Brinkman, made a late bid to finish third while never threatening the top-two finishers.

Local, a 4-year-old daughter of Offlee Wild, was ridden by Jansen Melancon.

The homebred Local scored her first stakes win by taking the Honeymoon and she appears to relish the one-mile distance on the grass. She made her only other career start on the grass in her previ-



Salty King Corona

ous out and responded with a late-charging third-place run in a Louisiana Downs allowance race, beaten by only a neck.

Arapahoe Park, Aurora, CO

Mr Flash Bac fastest qualifier for Lucille Rowe Derby

Mr Flash Bac
350 Yards :17.665
Manuel Garibay & Hector Rodriguez, Owner2
Alejandro Chavez, Trainer
Russell Vicchilli, Jockey

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Delta Downs, Vinton, LA

Salty King Corona sets another track record

Ana Alvidrez's Salty King Corona set his second track

record in as many starts when he reworked the Delta Downs' 300-yard track record in a \$30,560 allowance race on Thursday night.

With J.R. Ramirez aboard, he ran the 300 yards in :15.013 to lower the previous track record of :15.023 set by Game-time on May 14.

In his previous start on May 15, a \$5,000 starter-allowance race for Louisiana-breds, he set the 350-yard track record of :17.246.

A 5-year-old gelded son of King Corona, Salty King Corona has won four of his six starts this year with a third-place finish in the \$30,000 Delta Dash. He started his 2011 campaign for trainer Miguel Rodriguez with a 1-length win in the Harrah's Dash at Louisiana Downs.

Salty King Corona, a winner of 10 of 20 starts, has

Lucille Rowe Derby qualifiers • Arapahoe Park • June 4

Final: June 18 • Purse: \$50,000-Est. • Age: 3-year-old Colorado breds • Distance: 350 Yards

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Mr Flash Bac	g.	:17.665	Garibay, Manuel & Rodriguez, Hector	Gene F or Alberta L Eberl (CO)	Alejandro Chavez	Russell Vicchilli
Coral Breeze	f.	:17.673	Margarito Montalvo	Vaughn and Jill Cook (CO)	Chris Gandarilla	Alejandro Luna
Lightening Sparked	f.	:17.745	Fidel Roybal	Fidel Roybal (CO)	Alejandro Chavez	Rosendo Herrera
Raise Ur Corona	f.	:17.751	Guillermo Rodriguez	Zenon Rodriguez (CO)	Alejandro Chavez	Rosendo Herrera
So Serious	f.	:17.766	Marylynn Fischer	Marylynn Fischer (CO)	Larry Chavez	Flavio Lozano
High And Goodbye	f.	:17.914	Jean Chavers	Jean Chavers (CO)	Howie Chavers, Jr	Floyd Campbell
Fools Arekinda Easy	c.	:17.939	Francisco Castruita	Katie Burns (CO)	Jose Manuel Barron	Alejandro Lun
A Golden Knight	c.	:17.939	Jean Chavers	Jean Chavers (CO)	Howie Chavers, Jr	Floyd Campbell
Apostle Jude	g.	:17.962	Hill, Galen and Stoker-Hill, Kathy	Galen Hill or Kathy Stoker-Hill (CO)	Rudy Ramirez	Elliot Bachicha, Jr
Iza Colorado Lady	f.	:17.982	Jaime Martinez	Richard or Genevieve Herrman (CO)	Alejandro Chavez	Edwin Pena



Sammy James

worked up to the allowance and minor stakes ranks after racing in the claiming division and twice being haltered for \$5,000. He now has career earnings of \$131,407.

Ruidoso Downs Race Track, NM

Sammy James wins Maiden with fastest time to Mountain Top

Isabell Charolois' Sammy James raced to his first career win in his second start while establishing the fastest-qualifying mark to the \$276,000 Mountain Top Futurity for New Mexico-bred 2-year-old quarter horses on Friday afternoon.

The prospects with the 10-fastest times from the seven trials earned eligibility to race in the Mountain Top Futurity on Sunday June 19.

The Blane Wood-trained Sammy James impressed in the fifth trial when he drew out to the three-quarter-length score under jockey Ricky Ramirez. They were timed in :17.550 while defeating second-fastest qualifier Call Me A Blazin Chic, who stopped the timer in :17.661.

Sammy James, a \$20,000 Ruidoso Yearling Sale purchase, made his only other start in the trials to the New Mexican Spring Futurity at Sunland Park.



Baby I Like It

He crossed the finish line in fourth place and was disqualified to the fifth position.

Trainer Wood is off to an excellent start of the Ruidoso Downs season. He has two qualifiers in the record-setting Grade 1, \$712,000 Ruidoso Derby and a starter in the Grade 1, \$500,000 Ruidoso Futurity. The trials to those races were held on May 27-28, the first two racing days, and the finals are on June 11-12.

Land M Racing and Farm's Call Me A Blazin Chic finished third in her other start, a trial to the New Mexican Spring Futurity.

The third-fastest qualifier, Beda Prieta's Two Shine, also came out of the fifth trial, which equaled the afternoon's swiftest headwind of 18 miles per hour. Two Shine was winless from two previous starts and qualified for the New Mexican Spring Futurity.

Mountain Top Futurity qualifiers • Ruidoso Downs

Horse/Trial #	Trainer	Jockey	Wind	Time
Sammy James/5	Blane Wood	Ricky Ramirez	18h	17.550
Call Me a Blazin Chic/5	Roberto Sanchez	Alonso Rivera	18h	17.661
Two Shine/5	Juan Gonzales	Alejandro Medellin	18h	17.678
Bridestone/7	Jackie Riddle	Carlos Madeira	12h	17.805
Perfect Crime/3	Felipe Flores	Jacky Martin	12h	17.806
Fleurs Corona/7	Paul Jones	Paul Jones	12h	17.839
Phantom Storm/5	Dwayne Gilbreath	Roy Baldillez	18h	17.851
Fysta/7	Wesley Giles	Jesse Levario	12h	17.853
Caught On Tape/6	Jackie Riddle	Carlos Madeira	12h	17.878
Blazin Flyer/2	John Stinebaugh	Esgar Ramirez	18h	17.898

Arapahoe Park, Aurora, CO

Baby I Like It fastest qualifier in Cherry Creek Futurity trials

Baby I Like It
330 Yards :16.87
Hugo Barron Sierra, Owner
Jose Manuel Barron, Trainer
Alejandro Luna, Jockey

Cherry Creek Futurity trials • Arapahoe Park • June 3

Final: June 18 • Purse: \$75,000-Est. • Age: 2-year-old Colorado breds • Distance: 330 Yards

Horse	Sex	Time	Owner	Breeder	Trainer	Jockey
Baby I Like It	c.	:16.874	Hugo Barron Sierra	Hugo Barron Sierra (CO)	Jose Manuel Barron	Alejandro Luna
The Last Casanova	c.	:16.944	Hugo Barron Sierra	Hugo Barron Sierra (CO)	Jose Manuel Barron	Alejandro Luna
Always Furst	g.	:16.948	Jose D. Castro	Fidel Roybal (CO)	Hipolito Michel-Valverde	Santos Carrizales
Jessabelle James	f.	:16.961	Hungry Horses, Inc.	Hungry Horses, Inc. (CO)	Larry Chavez	Flavio Lozano
Iza Gonna Win	g.	:17.002	Bradbury, Thomas & Cook, Vaughn	Tom Bradbury/Marvin Willhite (CO)	John D Hammes	Richard M Vasquez
Busy Doin Nuthin	g.	:17.024	Robert W. Gutke	Robert W Gutke (CO)	Farrell Christoffersen	Russell Vicchilli
Catchen Cari	c.	:17.043	Francisco Barraza	Tracy G Underhill (CO)	Alejandro Chavez	Roberto Valero
Corona Like Me	f.	:17.091	Robert Gomez	Patty or Bryan McDonald (CO)	Alejandro Chavez	Edwin Pena
Tuaca N Smoke	c.	:17.132	Schares, Margo & Thomas, Brad	Margo Schares (CO)	John D Hammes	Richard M Vasquez
Ivory Moons	g.	:17.136	Margarito Montalvo	Red Cactus Horses LLP (CO)	Chris Gandarilla	Fernando S Rojas

news briefs

Streakin Down is newest Supreme Race Horse

AQHA

Ed Melzer's Streakin Down has become AQHA's newest Supreme Race Horse. The honor is given by AQHA to a horse that during its racing career earns \$500,000 or more and wins at least 10 races, including two or more open Grade 1 stakes races.

Streakin Down is the 26th racing American Quarter Horse since 1983 to earn the distinction of AQHA Supreme Race Horse. He is a 4-year-old gelding by Streakin Sixes out of the Heza Fast Man mare First Lady Amber. He finished the qualifications for the award on April 24, when he won his trial for the Bank of America Remington Championship Challenge (Grade 2) in track record time, covering the 440 yards in :21.005.

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Ban lifted

GRAND JUNCTION, CO – Some Colorado counties are lifting temporary horse bans at county facilities prompted by an outbreak of equine herpes virus.

The Mesa County Fairgrounds said Friday it will lift its horse ban next week. That will allow next weekend's horse events including team roping and barrel racing competitions to go on.

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Oklahoma Derby & Springboard Mile headline enhanced Thoroughbred Stakes schedule at Remington Park

OKLAHOMA CITY – The 2011 Remington Park Thoroughbred Season will feature

28 stakes events on the 67-date schedule. Led by the \$400,000 Oklahoma Derby and the \$300,000 Springboard Mile, the entire stakes schedule is worth more than \$3.2 million with 15 of the races carrying purses of \$100,000 or more.

The \$400,000 Oklahoma Derby will anchor the lone Sunday afternoon of racing during the upcoming season that runs from Aug. 18 through Dec. 10. Won in 2010 by graded stakes winner Pleasant Prince, the 23rd Oklahoma Derby will be contested at 1-1/8 miles on the main track.

The program on Sunday, Oct. 16 is highlighted by the Oklahoma Derby, the \$250,000 Remington Park Oaks and the \$125,000 Remington Green Stakes over the turf. All three races serve as prep events for those looking for a final race leading to the Breeders' Cup World Championships the first weekend in November.

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Racing Welfare committee discusses issues

AQHA

The Racing Equine Health, Welfare, Integrity and Research subcommittee, a subcommittee within the AQHA Racing Committee, had its bimonthly meeting last week to discuss the establishment of specific policies and guidelines for enforcing AQHA rules pertaining to the welfare of the racing American Quarter Horse.

Specific recommendations from this sub-committee will be presented to the Racing Committee and AQHA Racing Council for

consideration at the Association's annual racing conference in October. AQHA is working with industry organizations, including several state racing commissions, on medication issues to address concerns with medications, including Clenbuterol useage. AQHA representatives will also be attending the "International Summit on Raceday Medication, EIPH and the Racehorse" in New York City on June 13-14.

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Retama Park set for July 1 opener

Retama Park near San Antonio has released its Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse stakes schedule for its live season of racing that will open July 1.

The first leg of the three-tiered meet will offer Quarter Horse racing from July 1 to July 28, Mixed meet from July 29 - Aug. 27 and a straight Thoroughbred meet from Sept. 1 - Oct. 15.

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La Mesa requests injunction to stop racing commission

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – La Mesa Racetrack and Casino on Wednesday, June 1, filed for an injunction in district court, asking the court to stop the New Mexico Racing Commission from giving away its license to another racetrack operator.

La Mesa was awarded a license for a racetrack and casino in 2009 and has spent several million dollars on the construction of a temporary casino on the site in Raton, NM, with plans for a permanent racetrack, hotel

and casino. However, the petition states that the Racing Commission has breached the terms of its order by refusing to issue race dates in 2010, causing La Mesa to sue in state court. Earlier this month, the Racing Commission announced that it would put the license out to bid again, which is the cause of this petition for an injunction to stop that illegal process and risks breaching the terms of the 2007 Tribal-State Gaming Compacts.

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Remington Park on-track attendance and handle increase for 2011 American Quarter Horse & mixed-breed season

OKLAHOMA CITY – Remington Park horse racing continues to improve, coinciding with millions of dollars worth of renovations at the facility featuring racing and casino gaming. Pari-mutuel handle on-track and attendance were both up dramatically for the American Quarter Horse & Mixed-breed Season that was completed on Memorial Day.

The 50-date spring season showed increases in Remington Park live handle and attendance compared to the 2010 season when 49 race dates were presented. Due to the difference in race dates, percentages are based on statistical averages.

A total of 407,314 attended Remington Park over the 50-date season for an average of 8,146 which is up 25.5 percent compared to the 2010 season average of 6,491.

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SureBet Racing News presents the Ruidoso Futurity & Derby webcasts

SureBet Racing News will be taking you onsite with Tom Dawson as your host, for the first leg of the "2011 All American Triple Crown Series" from Ruidoso Downs Race-track & Casino beginning Friday morning.

On Saturday, June 10 the fastest-qualifier Giorgino takes on an impressive Grade 1 field in the all-time richest Ruidoso Derby. Jorge Haddad's homebred Giorgino and his nine competitors will be chasing a record \$702,605 purse and a record \$351,303 winner's share. The previous record purse of \$568,965 was established last year. Two years ago the total purse was \$308,267, which is less than the winner will earn on Saturday afternoon.

The first leg of the All American Triple

Crown, the \$500,000 Grade 1 Ruidoso Futurity will kick the gate on Sunday, June 11. Once known as the Kansas Futurity, the Ruidoso Futurity has been won by the likes of Easy Jet 1969, Tiny's Gay 1974, Special Effort 1981 and Treacherously 1973, to name a few. The Ruidoso Futurity earned its Grade 1 stakes status in 1993.

Francisco Colorado Cessa's Fly First Down, the fastest-qualifier from the 21 trial races on May 27 will be joined by nine other qualifiers in the 350 yard sprint.

A son of First Down Dash and Babe On The Fly, a \$300,000 Ruidoso Select Yearling Sale graduate, is trained by nine-time national champion Paul Jones. Jones won last year's Ruidoso Futurity with American Runaway,

who went on to be named the 2010 champion 2-year-old and champion 2-year-old colt.

The second part of our series, the Rainbow Futurity & Derby [G1] will be aired on July 22-24.

The crowning jewel, the \$2.4M (est.) All American Futurity [G1] and the \$1.2M (est.) All American Derby [G1] will be aired on September 1 - 5. To date the only horse to successfully capture the "All American Triple Crown" was Special Effort in 1981. A son of Raise Your Glass, he was owned by Dan and Jolene Urschel, trained by Johnnie Goodman and ridden by jockey Billy Hunt.

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