

MILLION-DOLLAR CLAIMERS

THE CLAIMING CROWN RETURNS TO GULFSTREAM PARK WITH LARGER PURSES AND AN ADDITIONAL RACE

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AFTER RECORD-BREAKING PURSES AND HANDLE AT THE FIRST RENEWAL OF THE CLAIMING CROWN IN 2012 AT GULFSTREAM PARK IN HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, THE EVENT DEDICATED TO THE “BLUE-COLLAR” CLAIMING HORSES OF THE SPORT RETURNED DECEMBER 7 WITH EVEN LARGER PURSES AND A NEW ADDITION TO THE RACE LINEUP. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS 15-YEAR HISTORY, THE CLAIMING CROWN OFFERED A COOL \$1 MILLION IN PURSES, AND PRIOR TO THE EVENT, THE NATIONAL HORSEMEN’S BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION (NHBPA), GULFSTREAM PARK, THOROUGHBRED OWNERS AND BREEDERS ASSOCIATION (TOBA) AND FLORIDA HBPA ANNOUNCED THAT THE REVITALIZED AFFAIR WOULD REMAIN IN SOUTH FLORIDA UNTIL AT LEAST 2015 UNDER A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONS.

“In the late 1990s, TOBA President Drew Couto approached NHBPA President Bill Walmsley and NHBPA Executive Director Scott Savin with an idea about creating a special day of stakes races just for claiming horses,” said Florida HBPA Executive Director Kent Stirling. “This TOBA/NHBPA joint venture took place first in Minnesota at Canterbury Park in 1999 with purses of \$500,000. It remained at Canterbury for many years under the nurturing and guidance of Canterbury President and CEO Randy Sampson and Minnesota HBPA President Tom Metzen Sr.”

In addition to 10 runnings at Canterbury, the event was also contested at Philadelphia Park (now Parx Racing), Ellis Park and Fair Grounds Race Course before debuting at Gulfstream.

“The 15th renewal of the Claiming Crown is now a million-dollar event locked into a three-year deal with Gulfstream Park as one of their premier racing events,” Stirling added. “This is a fantastic event for our one-time ‘blue-collar’ claiming horses and their connections, but a great debt of gratitude is owed to those mentioned earlier who conceived of and brought this concept to fruition as the Claiming Crown.”

This edition of the Claiming Crown also attracted a wide range of sponsors, including Avis, Crowne Plaza Hollywood Beach, *Daily Racing Form*, Hampton Inn Hallandale Beach-Aventura, Marriott Hollywood Beach, Matteo’s Restaurant, Miller Lite, RCC Associates, Banfi Wines, Tri-City Electric, J. Mark’s Restaurant and Pritchard Sports and Entertainment Group.

The number of trainer nominations increased from 274 in 2012 to 283 in 2013. Although the 2013 handle of \$8.83 million did not match the record \$12.22 million from 2012, it was still nearly double the highest Claiming Crown handle at any other track. It’s also worth noting that the 2012 Claiming Crown was held on opening day at Gulfstream after no live racing for nearly eight months at the track, while the 2013 edition was contested on the second weekend of the “Championship Meet” that began immediately after the conclusion of an extended summer meet.

To reach the \$1 million level, the \$100,000 races from 2012 were boosted by \$10,000 and the \$110,000 Iron Lady for fillies and mares was added to the schedule. All of the Claiming Crown races were restricted to horses who had started for a specified claiming price since January 1, 2012.

The 2012 edition featured a remarkable four-win afternoon for owners Ken and Sarah Ramsey and trainer Mike Maker. Although they couldn’t quite duplicate that feat this time, the Ramseys picked up two wins to extend their all-time win record in the event to 12, and Maker saddled another winner to also bring his leading total to 12.

“I enjoy the Claiming Crown, because they put a lot of work and effort into it and it’s kind of the blue-collar guy’s turn,” Ken Ramsey said. “Although they say, ‘Ramsey’s not blue-collar now,’ they didn’t come any bluer than me a few years back. I got fortunate and ended up making a little bit of money selling my telephone business, and I plowed it back into horse racing, something I love. It turned out well, and I can’t complain. Life is good.”



Florida’s Gulfstream Park hosted the Claiming Crown for the second time, and for the first time ever total purses for the event hit \$1 million.



\$200,000 JEWEL

NEVADA KID

TRAINER NICK ZITO HAS PRETTY MUCH DONE IT ALL IN HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER WITH FIVE TRIPLE CROWN RACE WINS, TWO BREEDERS' CUP VICTORIES AND INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RACING AND HALL OF FAME. WHILE A CLAIMING CROWN VICTORY MIGHT NOT QUITE BE ON PAR WITH THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, THE VETERAN CONDITIONER NONETHELESS DID ADD ONE TO HIS RÉSUMÉ WHEN NEVADA KID LED EVERY STEP OF THE WAY IN THE \$200,000 CLAIMING CROWN JEWEL FOR HORSES WHO HAD STARTED FOR A TAG OF \$35,000 OR LESS. UNDER LUIS SAEZ, THE 4-YEAR-OLD COLT BY SILVER TRAIN HIT THE WIRE 2 ¼ LENGTHS IN FRONT WHILE DRIFTING OUT IN A TIME OF 1:50.41 FOR 1 ½ MILES. THE 5-1 FOURTH CHOICE EARNED A \$110,000 PAYDAY FOR THE HURRICANE BOYS AND RICHARD PELL.

"He likes to run that way," said Zito about his third Claiming Crown starter and first winner. "We talked about it. The fence looks pretty good right now. I love it when they drift because they change leads and get into that second gear. They catch their breath. [Saez] did a great job doing that. I love it when they do that. [Eddie] Belmonte used to do that. I'm dating myself. I used to watch Belmonte ride like that. [Saez] actually reminds me of Belmonte."

Nevada Kid came into the race with only one victory in 10 starts on the year, but he did have a daylight victory against \$30,000 claimers at Gulfstream in December 2012 and appeared to be rounding into form with a good second in his last start at Aqueduct in New York. This victory improved his career record to 18-4-5-1 with a bankroll of \$278,935. Nevada Kid was bred in Kentucky by Emilie Fojan and Bona Terra Stud LLC.



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Dominant Jeannes, one of three horses on the day to hit the board for owner Mr. Amore Stable and trainer Jason Servis, ran second and again proved his versatility. The Pleasantly Perfect gelding had won a grass contest at Gulfstream going a mile earlier in the year, and then prepped for the Claiming Crown two months prior with a third-place effort in a five-furlong sprint on a sloppy main track at Parx Racing near Philadelphia.

"I was thrilled to death," said Servis about his horse running second with Paco Lopez aboard. "My horse ran great, just terrific. I'm really happy. We just couldn't get to the winner. My horse hadn't run in a while, and for whatever reason I couldn't get a race in the middle. I wanted to make this his third race off the layoff, but I couldn't get it done."

Blackacre Farms Inc.'s Flatter This, a stakes winner at Tampa Bay Downs earlier in the year, finished third with Eduardo Nunez riding for conditioner Kathleen O'Connell.

Rule Number Six, Isutalkintome, favorite and 2012 Claiming Crown Rapid Transit winner Bernie the Maestro, Voodoo Storm, Sinorice, Nevada and Avenida Paseo completed the field.

\$125,000 EMERALD

MAJOR MARVEL

AS GREAT AS THE FOUR-WIN DAY FOR KEN AND SARAH RAMSEY WAS IN THE 2012 CLAIMING CROWN, IT COULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE EPIC IF MAJOR MARVEL HAD PREVAILED OVER NIKKI'S SANDCASTLE IN THAT YEAR'S \$125,000 CLAIMING CROWN EMERALD, A 1 1/16-MILE CONTEST ON THE TURF FOR HORSES WHO HAD STARTED FOR \$25,000 OR LESS. THE RAMSEYS AND TRAINER MIKE MAKER EARNED A MEASURE OF REDEMPTION IN THE EMERALD THIS TIME, AS NO PHOTO WAS NEEDED TO DETERMINE THAT MAJOR MARVEL HAD WON BY 1 1/2 LENGTHS AS THE FAVORITE UNDER JULIEN LEPAROUX. THE RACE WAS CLOCKED IN 1:43.72.

"We got two today," Ken Ramsey said after leading Major Marvel into the winner's circle. "That's half of what we got last year, but I'm not complaining. [Last year] that other horse ran a good race, but [Major Marvel] redeemed himself this year.

"I like the way Julien stalked that early speed and stayed in contact, then put that other horse away and went on," Ramsey added. "He won easy, so I'm delighted. This was a major win for us. I think it puts us over the \$12 million mark [in earnings] this year, so we're in pretty good shape, money-wise. You've got stay in the black, you know—you can't keep going in the red."

The Ramseys ended 2013 with earnings of \$12.2 million to lead all owners, and in January, also at Gulfstream, they took home Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Owner and Outstanding Breeder.

"We claimed this horse for \$10,000 from Maggi Moss over at Churchill Downs and that's been a really, really good claim, because he's won [12] races for us since we claimed him," Ramsey said. "So he's what you call a money machine, or maybe a running machine—he just keeps on putting them out."



Major Marvel, a now 8-year-old gelding by Bernstein bred in Kentucky by Richard Shultz, has a career record of 53-22-7-3 with earnings of \$698,328.

North Star Racing's North Star Boy (Ire), who had competed in claiming races in Great Britain before racing in New York and Maryland, finished second with Corey Lanerie in the saddle for trainer Niall Saville. Mr. Amore Stable's Best Actor, trained by Jason Servis and ridden by Paco Lopez, grabbed third.

Political Courage, Grip Hands, Blameshifter, El Uno, Plainview, All Knight, Days Ride, Dr. Chase, Dr. Goldfarb, Dreaming of Danny and Alley Oop Oop completed the field of 14.

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\$125,000 TIARA

DEANAALLEN'SKITTEN

THE FIRST OF THE TWO VICTORIES FOR KEN AND SARAH RAMSEY CAME WITH DEANAALLEN'SKITTEN IN THE \$125,000 CLAIMING CROWN TIARA FOR FILLIES AND MARES WHO HAD STARTED FOR \$25,000 OR LESS. FAR BACK EARLY IN THE 1 1/16-MILE TURF CONTEST, THE 6-YEAR-OLD MARE UNLEASHED AN EYE-CATCHING LATE MOVE UNDER JAVIER CASTELLANO TO WIN BY THREE-PARTS OF A LENGTH IN 1:42.12 AS THE 9-10 BETTING CHOICE. CHAD BROWN WAS THE WINNING TRAINER.

"I was a little bit worried about being back too far, but [Castellano] timed it perfectly," Ramsey said. "She won going away, and I can't ask for any more than that."

"I had a beautiful trip," said Castellano, who, like the Ramseys, returned to Gulfstream in January for an Eclipse Award as Outstanding Jockey. "She's a come-from-behind horse. That's the way she likes to run. Mr. Brown and myself, we both agreed to take advantage and let the speed go, then circle around the horses and let her run. It worked out great."

Deanaallen'skitten was bred in Kentucky by Six Winters Farm Inc., and she has spent her entire career running in the familiar red-and-white silks of the Ramseys, who also stand her sire, Kitten's Joy, at their Ramsey Farm in Nicholasville, Kentucky. The 2004 Eclipse Award winner for Champion Turf Male was North America's leading stallion in 2013 by progeny earnings, and he will command a \$100,000 fee this breeding season. Deanaallen'skitten became one of 24 stakes winners in 2013 for Kitten's Joy, also tops in North America, when she took the \$100,000 Trevita Stakes at Aqueduct in her last start before the Claiming Crown.

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developed a habit of winning and had her picture taken after seven of her next 12 starts. All told, she has a record of 21-8-5-5 with earnings of \$374,246. Brown indicated that the mare might be retired to join the Ramseys' broodmare band, or she could return to the races at age 7.

Rock On Baby, running for Miller Racing LLC and trainer Marty Wolfson who also teamed to win the Glass Slipper earlier on the card with Centrique, got second with a late run under Julien Leparoux. Hot Pink Stable and Skychai Racing LLC's Brandys Secret, with Robby Albarado in the irons for trainer Mike Maker, set the pace and held third.

Completing the field were Sharapova Slams, Harbingerofthings, Grandma's Rules, Marataya's Tune, Negrita Tata, Marie's Music, Raro and Edie.

\$110,000 GLASS SLIPPER

CENTRIQUE

IN THE 2012 CLAIMING CROWN GLASS SLIPPER, TRAINER MARTY WOLFSON SCORED A DOMINANT WIN WITH STARSHIP TRUFFLES AND USED THE RACE AS A STEPPINGSTONE TO TURN THE FORMER CLAIMER INTO A GRADE 1 WINNER WHEN SHE TOOK THE \$350,000 PRINCESS ROONEY HANDICAP THE FOLLOWING SUMMER AT CALDER RACE COURSE. THIS TIME AROUND, HE SADDLED MILLER RACING LLC'S CENTRIQUE, A ONE-TIME \$15,000 CLAIMER WHO RAN SEVENTH BEHIND STARSHIP TRUFFLES IN THE PRINCESS ROONEY, TO A SHARP SCORE IN THE \$110,000 EVENT FOR FILLIES AND MARES WHO HAD STARTED FOR \$16,000 OR LESS. ANOTHER WOLFSON TRAINEE, LEXINGTON PEARL, RAN SECOND.

"She ran faster than Starship did last year," Wolfson said after watching jockey Javier Castellano pilot Centrique to a 1 ¼-length win in 1:22.21 for seven furlongs as the 9-10 favorite. "I don't think she's as good, but you never know. We didn't know Starship would win a Grade 1 or run in the Breeders' Cup, either.

"I just didn't want that outside filly [One Fast Frog] to make too easy a lead," Wolfson added. "My fillies are both kind of equal, but [Centrique] is just quicker."

Bred in Virginia by Lazy Lane Farms Inc., Centrique finished off the board in her first five trips to the post but since then has compiled a record of 10-6-4 in 25 starts with career earnings of \$353,180. She entered the Glass Slipper off a 10-length win in an allowance optional claimer at Calder and a third-place run in that track's \$50,000 Bold World Handicap.

"I had a beautiful trip," Castellano said after the Glass Slipper, the first of his two Claiming Crown wins on the card. "That's what we were looking for today. We didn't see too much speed in the race. We took



advantage. We broke on top and let the race unfold. I think we were much the best in the race. Mr. Wolfson did a great job with the filly."

Miller Racing also owns Lexington Pearl, a daughter of Elusive Quality ridden by Jonathan Gonzales. Bruce Mendel's Ainsley finished third with Matthew Rispoli in the irons for trainer Marcus Vitali. First Acquitall, One Fast Frog, Starship Elusive, Admitit and Cuentos completed the order of finish.

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\$110,000 RAPID TRANSIT

GOODTIMEHADBYALL

THE \$110,000 CLAIMING CROWN RAPID TRANSIT AT SEVEN FURLONGS PITTED A FIELD OF 12 RUNNERS WHO HAD STARTED FOR \$16,000 OR LESS, AND THE DISTANCE PROVED TO BE IDEAL FOR HIGH POINT THOROUGHBRED PARTNERS' GOODTIMEHADBYALL, WHO STALKED THE PACE AND DREW CLEAR UNDER RIDER KENDRICK CARMOUCHE TO WIN BY 4 ½ LENGTHS AT ODDS OF 5-1. THE 5-YEAR-OLD QUIET AMERICAN GELDING, WHO WAS BRED BY JOHN GUNTHER IN KENTUCKY, STOPPED THE TIMER AT 1:22.11 TO RECORD HIS EIGHTH CAREER WIN IN 47 STARTS.

"He had some back class," stable manager Clay Sanders said about the Jorge Navarro-trained winner. "He had been in a Grade 3 when he was a young horse. We just thought bringing him into a new program and giving him some easier competition on the East Coast coming from Kentucky he might turn around."

After being claimed for \$25,000 at Churchill Downs in June, Goodtimehadbyall recorded consecutive wins at Delaware Park and Parx Racing, but he came to Gulfstream off a rare subpar race.

"We were actually pretty confident," Sanders said. "Cutting back from two turns to one turn is one of our favorite moves when we claim horses. We thought the seven furlongs would fit him like a glove. His form was kind of clouded up. He reared up at the start in his last race and lost all chance in a really tough allowance against [millionaire] Gourmet Dinner."

In seven starts since being claimed, Goodtimehadbyall has banked \$131,205. The gelding moved back up to the Grade 3 level after the Claiming Crown to run seventh behind eventual Donn Handicap (G1) winner Lea in the \$100,000 Hal's Hope Stakes at



Gulfstream. That marked the first graded stakes appearance for Goodtimehadbyall since he ran sixth in the 2011 Ohio Derby (G3).

Favored Ghost Is Clear, under Javier Castellano, shipped in from Kentucky to take second for owner and trainer Mike Maker. Jacks or Better Farm Inc.'s Grande Shores, the runner-up in Gulfstream's Montbrook Stakes for Florida-breds in his previous start, finished third for trainer Stanley Gold and rider Edgard Zayas.

The order of finish was completed by Kingsford Drive, Palatine Hill, Be Brave, Silver Day, Loveyouallthetime, Mel Beach, Lawyer Daggett, Navajo Ca Lo and Batito.

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\$110,000 IRON HORSE

POINT FINISH

JUST AS THE CONNECTIONS OF GRADE 1-CALIBER HORSES MAKE PLANS FOR A SEASON FINALE IN THE BREEDERS' CUP WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SO DO THOSE WITH CLAIMING-LEVEL HORSES AIMING FOR THE BIG MONEY AT THE CLAIMING CROWN. THE PLAN SET OUT BY TRAINER GEORGE LEONARD III FOR LARRY MORSE'S POINT FINISH WORKED OUT PERFECTLY, AS IT ENDED WITH A VISIT TO THE WINNER'S CIRCLE AFTER THE \$110,000 CLAIMING CROWN IRON HORSE FOR HORSES WHO HAD STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$7,500 OR LESS.

"I've been waiting for this race for a whole year," Leonard said after Paco Lopez guided the Point Given gelding to a four-length victory as the 7-2 second choice in 1:42.43 for 1 1/16 miles. "I always thought he could handle the company if we could get lucky and get this far with him, and it worked out perfect. Thanks to God, everything worked."

"I was waiting and waiting, but I knew I had a lot of horse," said Lopez, who earned two Claiming Crown victories on the day. "It was pretty easy for my horse."

Prior to the Claiming Crown, Point Finish, who was bred in Kentucky by Harris Thoroughbred LLC, had run first or second in 10 of his 11 starts for the year. His list of victories included a win over the synthetic surface at Keeneland Race Course and both the dirt and turf courses at Indiana Downs.

His season-ending victory was by far the richest of his career, and the \$60,500 paycheck gave him a total of \$180,581 for the year. He followed up his Claiming Crown win with another victory in the \$60,000 Forego Stakes at Turfway Park in January to improve his career totals to 26-11-7-3 with earnings of \$273,833. Morse and Leonard claimed the now 5-year-old gelding for \$15,000 in October 2012 at Hoosier Park.



Kenneth Fishbein's Francois, who came in from Hawthorne Race Course near Chicago, finished second with Jeffery Sanchez riding for trainer Cheryl Winebaugh. Toh's Grey Cat, a Florida-based runner for trainer Peter Walder and owners Marshall Mack, Joseph Falco and Aventura Stable, got third under rider Juan Delgado.

Whatthecattrugin, Froggyville, In Rhythm, defending race champion Brother Bird, Flattermejim, Red Hills, Horned Frog, Deputiformer, Roman's Avenue, Tyler's Wildcat and He's Spectacular completed the order of finish.

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\$110,000 EXPRESS

RIBO BOBO

AROUND THE TIME OF THE FIRST CLAIMING CROWN AT GULFSTREAM, RIBO BOBO FINISHED OFF THE BOARD AGAINST CONDITIONED \$8,000 CLAIMING COMPANY AT THE SOUTH FLORIDA TRACK. FAST FORWARD TO THE 2013 CLAIMING CROWN, AND RIBO BOBO ROLLED TO A RELATIVELY EASY VICTORY IN THE \$110,000 CLAIMING CROWN EXPRESS, A SIX-FURLONG DASH FOR HORSES WHO HAD STARTED FOR \$7,500 OR LESS.

The Louis Quatorze gelding turned into a new horse in 2013, as he won by daylight on January 9 at the \$8,000 level and then proceeded to reel off eight consecutive wins, including two stakes victories. He was claimed three times early in the year with trainer Jason Servis and Mr. Amore Stable taking the then 5-year-old for \$6,250 in March. That marked the last time he ran in a claiming race. Ribo Bobo came into the Claiming Crown with earnings of nearly \$250,000 on the year, but he also entered off of his first defeat of the year, a second-place finish in the \$250,000 Fabulous Strike Handicap at Penn National Race Course.

"Our last race we got beat by a really nice horse, and Ribo was scared a little on the inside rail," said Paco Lopez after riding Ribo Bobo to a nearly wire-to-wire 2 ½-length win in 1:10.02. "Today there were not as many horses and we made the lead easy. We went outside a little because he was looking for the other horses."

"I'm always nervous," Servis admitted about the 1-2 favorite. "I've run a lot of horses in a lot of big races, but I really like this horse. I really wanted to win it."

Ribo Bobo finished 2013 with 10 victories as the leader among all horses racing at major tracks in the United States and Canada, and he kicked off 2014 with a score in the \$150,000 Florida Sunshine



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Millions Sprint Stakes at Gulfstream. Bred in Florida by Rapputi Stables LLC, Ribo Bobo has won 16 of 49 career starts with earnings of \$659,655. Back in 2011, he was on the fringe of the Kentucky Derby trail, as he finished off the board in the graded Holy Bull and Sam F. Davis Stakes.

Somraj Singh's Never Stop Looking, who finished second in four straight races at Monmouth Park, Parx Racing and Laurel Park prior to his trip to Florida, ran second again with Armando Ayuso riding for trainer Claudio Gonzalez. J B's Unc, owned by High Point Thoroughbred Partners, trained by Jorge Navarro and ridden by Kendrick Carmouche, crossed the wire third.

The Fed Eased, Upon Reflection, Razzo Succo, Bear's Spirit, Vero's Hero, On Appeal, Chelsea Brook and Trip N Run rounded out the field.

\$110,000 IRON LADY

CAROLINA LIZARD

THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE CLAIMING CROWN PRODUCED THE BIGGEST UPSET OF THE DAY, AS MRS. J.W. ABERNETHY JR.'S HOMEBRED CAROLINA LIZARD SCORED A NECK VICTORY AT ODDS OF 34-1 IN THE \$110,000 CLAIMING CROWN IRON LADY, FOR FILLIES AND MARES WHO HAD STARTED FOR A CLAIMING PRICE OF \$7,500 OR LESS. RIDDEN BY PEDRO MONTERREY JR. AND CONDITIONED BY ROBERT POSADA, THE 4-YEAR-OLD FLORIDA-BRED FILLY BY SAINT ANDDAN GOT THE 1 1/16-MILE DISTANCE IN 1:45.30.

Carolina Lizard earned \$60,500 for the victory to more than double her career earnings, and another victory back at her home base of Calder Race Course after the Claiming Crown helped improve her record to 24-6-5-5 with a bankroll of \$128,639. The filly broke her maiden at Calder in April 2012 and dropped as low as the \$6,250 level before climbing back up the ladder. Although the filly had been offered for a tag many times in her career, there were no takers so she continued to race for her breeder.

"I knew I would win because she was doing so good," Monterrey said of the dark bay or brown runner who came into the Claiming Crown off of a victory in a starter optional claimer at Calder. "I'd been on her every morning since her last win, and I couldn't hold her any longer. I knew I had it when I got to the eighth pole because my filly is hard to get past."

"I thought she had a good chance today," Posada added. "We've had her whole family and they're all heart."

Runner-up Courtney Ryan also showed heart, as the IAB Stables runner battled with Carolina Lizard on the front end throughout the race to finish second by a nose with Paco Lopez aboard. The Tamara Levy trainee had a four-race win streak snapped in her previous start when she finished a close second behind Carolina Lizard.



White Wabbit Wacing LLC's Daddys Jewel, with Jose Lezcano up for trainer Aubrey Maragh, took third and was followed by Princess Malia, Special Jak, favored Winiliscious, Action Lady and Dakota Eyes. [h](#)

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