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### **CLOUD HARBOR COMES FROM NEW MEXICO FOR GOLD RUSH GLORY**

Cloud Harbor shipped from New Mexico to win Sunday's 6-furlong, \$100,000 Gold Rush Futurity for 2-year-olds at Arapahoe Park in Aurora, Colorado. The 2-year-old bay colt followed up his debut maiden victory at Ruidoso Downs in New Mexico with a one-length upset at 20-1 in the field of 12 for New Mexico-based jockey Enrique Gomez and trainer Henry Dominguez.

"It was a good competitive field, and he surprised all of us," Dominguez said. "I thought he'd run well, but he did better than that. The thing was the only out he had was in a small field and the track was sloppy. This was his first time in a full field, and he was stuck on the inside, which wasn't very favorable. But he overcame all that. Enrique rode him great. He waited, and when the opportunity came, he went on."

Cloud Harbor stalked a fast early pace of 21.68 seconds for the opening quarter-mile set by Fast But Furious, Poblano, and Ima Happy Strike and powered through an opening on the rail at the top of the stretch. The final time was 1:10.90. The son of sire Rockport Harbor and dam Fragrant Cloud is now a perfect two-for-two and will campaign next at Zia Park in New Mexico, according to Dominguez.

Shippers took the top-four places in the Gold Rush Futurity as Ima Happy Strike, a \$25,000 claim out of a maiden win in Texas for owner Donna Eaton and trainer Dwain Eaton, finished second for jockey Travis Wales at odds of 11-1. Da Belldozer, who was third in the Prairie Gold Juvenile at Prairie Meadows in Iowa in his prior start, was a further 6 3/4 lengths back in third for jockey Ken Tohill and trainer Kerry Kemper. Churchill Downs maiden winner Big Blue Talent, who was bidding to give trainer Wesley Ward an international double of 2-year-old stakes races after his No Nay Never won the Group 1 Prix Morny at Deauville in France, took fourth ridden by Sebastian Madrid.

The top Colorado-based finisher was fifth-place by previously undefeated CTBA Futurity winner Fast But Furious, who started as the 5-2 favorite for jockey Don Lee Frazier and trainer Justin Gleason.

### **LIL MS MONEY BAGS CASHES IN MILE HIGH FUTURITY**

Lil Ms Money Bags captured the biggest prize of her career in the 400-yard, \$109,110 Grade 3 Mile High Futurity for 2-year-olds on Sunday at Arapahoe Park. The diminutive filly ridden by Vince Guerra and trained by John Hammes led every yard from the inside and won by a neck in 19.676 seconds as the 4-1 second choice. "She did everything right," Hammes said.

Hammes said Lil Ms Money Bags notched the trainer's 10th career victory in the Mile High Futurity, Arapahoe Park's richest Quarter Horse race. He qualified five of the 10 finalists this year, although he had to scratch fastest qualifier Midori N Smoke due to an injury. Lil Ms Money Bags, who chased Midori N Smoke for second in the trials on August 2, took the spotlight and won her second race in her eighth career start as the 4-1 second choice in the field of nine.

"She gets a little antsy in the gates and we put a flipping halter on her," Hammes said about the bay filly sired by Pyc Paint Your Wagon out of dam Bits of Bliss. "She seems to be responding to that real well." And once the gates open Lil Ms Money Bags runs bigger than she really is. "She's pretty small, but she doesn't know it yet," Hammes said.

Simply Tapalpa, a maiden, finished second at odds of 9-1 for jockey Jaciel Soto and trainer Gerardo Herrera. A Sonic Zoom was a further head behind in third for jockey Brian Theriot and trainer Howie Chavers, Jr.

### **ADDITIONAL CLOSING DAY STAKES RESULTS**

-In the longest race of the season and one of the longest races in the United States, No Stadium captured the 1 3/4-mile, \$15,000 Norman White Distance Marathon. The 7-year-old bay gelding ridden by Kelly Bridges for owner and trainer Jack Rumsey pulled away for a 6 1/4-length score as the 6-5 favorite in the full field of 12 in 3:05.33 over Here Again and jockey Jorge Bourdieu and Hold the Advantage and jockey Michael Iammarino. No Stadium had finished ninth one week ago in the \$100,000 Arapahoe Park Classic.

-So Big Is Better captured his third career graded stakes win in the 1 1/4-mile, \$25,000 Grade 3 Crow Valley Ranch Classic for Arabians by 4 1/4 lengths as the 1-2 favorite ridden by Kelsi Purcell for owner and trainer Mark Powell. The 9-year-old's other graded stakes wins came in the 2009 Grade 3 Mandolynn Hill Farm Stakes at Lone Star Park and the 2012 Grade 2 Valour Farms Arabian Stakes at Delaware Park. Sunday's win was also So Big Is Better's third in a row at Arapahoe as he defeated Lil Rich Girl and jockey Iammarino and T M Burning Bridges and jockey Jose Barajas in a time of 2:20.68.

-Wave Good Bye Baby waved goodbye to the field for his second stakes score of the season in the 330-yard, \$20,000 Arapahoe Park Express. Ridden by Alejandro Luna for trainer Jose Barron, Wave Good Bye Baby, the winner of the Dash for Speed Stakes on opening weekend, gradually pulled away as the 5-2 favorite in the field of nine for a 3/4-length win in 16.437 seconds. Prince On Line and jockey Omar Reyes were second, and Top Gun B and jockey Russell Vicchilli took third.