



ARAPAHOE PARK

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## **GET HAPPY MISTER BEATS TALENTED FIELD IN FRONT RANGE; RESULTS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN TRIALS**

**Aurora, CO (June 15, 2014)** – Jockey Michael Ziegler looked over his shoulders for the competition at the top of the stretch. While the other horses were hard at work, Ziegler's mount, Get Happy Mister, was cruising to a scintillating victory in the Front Range Stakes on Sunday. The talented 4-year-old Colorado-bred owned by Annette Bishop and trained by Kenneth "Butch" Gleason won the 7-furlong, \$40,000 stakes race by a comfortable 4 1/2 lengths in 1:22.33 as the 6-5 favorite in a field of 10.

"He is an absolutely magnificent animal," Ziegler said. "He shows he has so much talent. I didn't want to use any more horse than I had to. He's at the top of his game again."

Get Happy Mister broke alertly and vied for the early lead with Lady Contender, Unbridled Giant and Ghost Vapors, who were all within a neck of each other at the end of a quarter-mile in 22.80 seconds. Get Happy Mister took the lead after a half-mile in 45.13 seconds and then put the race to bed. Lady Contender, a mare taking on the boys, finished second with Unbridled Giant in third and Ghost Vapors in fourth.

"He was just doing it pretty easy," Gleason said. "I think now he's getting better every time. He's feeling good, and he's happy."

Gleason said that Get Happy Mister's next races will be the 1 1/16-mile, \$40,000 Mount Elbert Stakes for Colorado-breds on July 27 at Arapahoe Park and the 1 1/8-mile, \$100,000 Arapahoe Park Classic on August 16. Get Happy Mister has won eight of 11 career races and earned \$238,672. The son of sire First Samurai out of dam Sara Margaret improved his record in races at Arapahoe Park to a perfect seven-for-seven.

"Especially with what he did today, I believe that he's the best horse I've ever ridden," Ziegler said. "In 26 years, I've been on some nice ones, but he's the best. He makes my job fun."

Get Happy Mister defeated one of the most accomplished fields of Arapahoe Park-based horses ever assembled. The field of 10 for the Front Range Stakes included the last three Colorado-bred horses of the year—Magical Twist from 2013, Get Happy Mister from 2012, and Wally Van from 2011. Hezamazing, who was fifth, had won six stakes races at Arapahoe, including the 2012 and 2013 Front Range Stakes. Wally Van, who was eighth, was a six-time Arapahoe Park stakes winner. The 10 horses had combined for 18 total stakes victories at Arapahoe Park, including a win in each of the track's 11 Thoroughbred stakes races for male horses at least once.

## **ROCKY MOUNTAIN FUTURITY AND DERBY TRIAL RESULTS**

Stormy Red Morning, a maiden going into the Rocky Mountain Futurity trials, was the fastest qualifier among 65 2-year-olds in seven trial races on Friday at Arapahoe Park. In the concluding trial, the

Tim Weeder-trainee ridden by Jaciel Soto clocked 17.759 seconds for 350 yards. The July 13 finals will feature seven runners who were maidens heading into the trials.

In the Rocky Mountain Derby trials, Isa Precious Patriot made her first futurity or derby final in her seventh attempt and did so in style as the fastest qualifier for the finals to be held on July 12. Ridden by Cody Wainscott, the 24-1 longshot trained by Bradley Bolen clocked 17.504 seconds for 350 yards in the last trial. Isa Precious Patriot finished a head in front of Lil Ms Money Bags, the 2013 Mile High Futurity winner at Arapahoe Park. Midori N Smoke, who captured the 2014 Lucille Rowe Derby and 2013 Cherry Creek Futurity for Colorado-breds at Arapahoe Park, qualified second-fastest among the 37 3-year-olds in four trial races.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN FUTURITY ~ 350 YARDS ~ \$90,000 (EST.) ~ JULY 13**

<u>Fastest Qualifiers (Trial #)</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1. Stormy Red Morning (7)	17.759	Jaciel Soto	Tim Weeder
2. Blowing Withthe Wind (1)	17.791	Cesar Gomez	Rudy Ramirez
3. Inseperable Prospect (7)	17.826	Cesar Gomez	Roberto Gomez
4. Now Margaret (2)	17.839	Tony Guymon	John Hammes
5. Whos Kissin Carter (1)	17.849	Tony Guymon	John Hammes
6. Hey Hey Hey Hey (3)	17.877	Travis Wales	Tomey Swan
7. Sister Corona (2)	17.896	Francisco Giles	Gerardo Herrera
8. Duck Commander (6)	17.915	Tony Guymon	John Hammes
9. Secret Mountain Pass (3)	17.916	Sergio Becerra Jr.	Luis Hernandez
10. Mr Queens Beduino (3)	17.933	Cesar Gomez	Jose Aguilera

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN DERBY ~ 350 YARDS ~ \$55,000 (EST.) ~ JULY 12**

<u>Fastest Qualifiers (Trial #)</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Jockey</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
1. Isa Precious Patriot (4)	17.504	Cody Wainscott	Bradley Bolen
2. Midori N Smoke (1)	17.522	Tony Guymon	John Hammes
3. Lil Ms Money Bags (4)	17.530	Vince Guerra	John Hammes
4. Pyc First Prize Joe (1)	17.568	Cesar Gomez	Jose Aguilera
5. Design Tobe a Winner (1)	17.625	Esgar Ramirez	Jason Giles
6. Bf Storm Chaser (4)	17.679	Esgar Ramirez	Jason Giles
7. Red Finch (2)	17.690	Esgar Ramirez	Jorge Miranda
8. Ikanshazoom (1)	17.706	Bonifacio Perez	John Hammes
9. Ncc Firefly (2)	17.707	Cesar Gomez	Jose Aguilera
9. All Guns Firing (3)	17.707	Cody Wainscott	Tim Weeder