



ARAPAHOE PARK

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GET HAPPY MISTER IS MILES AHEAD OF COMPETITION IN MILE HIGH CITY

Aurora, CO (July 27, 2014) – Get Happy Mister continued to enhance his reputation as the best Colorado-bred of all time by dominating the Mount Elbert Stakes on Sunday at Arapahoe Park. The 5 1/2-length victory in the \$43,760 stakes race for Colorado-breds over 1 1/16 miles looked more like a workout. Afterward his connections started looking ahead to the \$100,000 Arapahoe Park Classic on August 16. The Arapahoe Park Classic at 1 1/8 miles for 3-year-olds and upward, along with the Gold Rush Futurity at 6 furlongs for 2-year-olds on August 17, are Arapahoe Park’s richest Thoroughbred races and are expected to attract quality horses from out-of-state.

“I’m not scared of anybody until they beat him,” jockey Michael Ziegler said. “He’s got more in the tank than I’ve used. They usually ship in for the bigger purses, and if they do, we’ll be ready.”

Added trainer Kenneth “Butch” Gleason, “I’ll just say one thing, ‘It’s hard to beat home cooking.’”

Annette Bishop owns the 4-year-old bay gelding, who is now eight-for-eight at Arapahoe Park and has won six stakes races at the Aurora, Colorado track. In his first start around two turns at Arapahoe, Get Happy Mister was sent off as the 2-5 favorite in the field of five. The son of sire First Samurai out of the dam Sara Margaret went straight to the lead, pulled away without being asked, and completed the 1 1/16 miles in 1:43.84.

“They don’t come around too often in a lifetime,” Ziegler said. “He is a magnificent horse.”

The 2012 Colorado-bred horse of the year defeated 2013 Colorado-bred horse of the year Magical Twist, who was second for jockey Dennis Collins and trainer Sharlot Martinez. Wally Van, the 2011 Colorado-bred horse of the year who won the Mount Elbert in 2011, was a further 3 1/4 lengths behind in third for jockey Travis Wales and trainer Tyrone Gleason.

THOROUGHBRED LAUGH AT LIFE BEATS QUARTER HORSES IN LEO BEAUDASH

In a battle of the breeds in Sunday’s \$13,000 Leo Beaudash Stakes at 870 yards, Laugh At Life, one of four Thoroughbreds in the race, ran down the three Quarter Horses for a one-length victory in 45.325 seconds. Ridden by Dennis Collins for trainer J. Owen Bringhurst, the 4-year-old son of sire Got the Last Laugh out of the dam Naturally Clever made up five lengths in the homestretch. Pacemaker Oh Jess Fly, a Quarter Horse graded stakes winner from New Mexico, was second, and E F Five, a five-time Thoroughbred stakes winner at Arapahoe, took third.