

## **Frosty Bay Ekes Out Narrow Grass Win; Velazquez Injured**

By Bill Heller

Racing gamely between horses in deep stretch, Robert and Peter Rosenthal's home-bred, three-year-old filly **Frosty Bay** edged **Adriatic Dream** and **Eurokay By Me** in a \$57,000 New York-bred allowance grass race marred by a spill Sunday afternoon at Aqueduct. On the backstretch, Katie Malone went down after possibly clipping heels, and dumped her jockey, John Velazquez, who was taken off in an ambulance less than 24 hours after winning Saturday's \$1 million Wood Memorial on undefeated Verrazano. As this article is being posted Velazquez is in the hospital for evaluation of a shoulder injury.

**Frosty Bay**, a daughter of Frost Giant out of the Wild Again mare Baymont, was a 19-1 longshot. **Adriatic Dream** was 12-1 and **Eurokay By Me** 6-1. The 4-5 favorite, Bourbon Twist, who had won her only start last year at Saratoga easily, was moving up in the pack heading into the far turn and came up completely empty.

Meanwhile, front-running Star Black, a 51-1 longshot, took the far turn extremely wide leaving a huge hole on her inside.

That allowed **Eurokay By Me** to gain the lead before both **Frosty Bay** and **Adriatic Dream** gained late on her outside. Luzzi kept **Frosty Bay** going and she won by a head over **Adriatic Dream** with **Eurokay By Me** third, just half a length behind. Star Black did well to salvage fourth.

**Frosty Bay's** victory was her second in seven career starts for trainer Dominick Schettino.

Earlier on the Aqueduct card, Fox Ridge Farms home-bred three-year-old filly **Chloe Bear** gamely wore down a stubborn Celesta to take a \$55,000 New York-bred maiden special weight grass race by a half-length. **Chloe Bear** had been second in four of her previous six starts.

Jose Espinoza rode the daughter of Macho Uno out of the Giant's Causeway mare Giant Cause for trainer Pat Kelly.

In a \$50,000 six-furlong state-bred maiden special weights on dirt, Eklektikos Stable's three-year-old filly **La Verdad** made a powerful second career start, dominating her opponents to win by nearly seven lengths in a sharp 1:10.88. The daughter of Yes It's True, out of Noble Fire by Hook and Ladder, had been bumped at the start in her debut and tired to fourth as the 9-5 favorite.

Leaving from the rail Sunday, she went off at 2-1, set a torrid pace and was never challenged under Jose Ortiz.

In Sunday's opener, a \$32,000 one-mile \$20,000 conditional claimer, James Riccio's five-year-old New York-bred gelding **Quiet Power** outran his 8-1 odds to win by 3 ½ lengths in 1:36.23 under Jose Ortiz. The son of Quiet American, out of Verbalize by Danzig, was making his first start off a distant seventh when he was claimed by trainer Rudy Rodriguez for \$20,000.

In a state-bred \$16,000 maiden claimer, 10-pound apprentice jockey Christian Hiraldo rallied Madeline Cohn's four-year-old filly **Rocky Field** from way back to win by a length over Ms. True Way. The daughter of Legion Field, by My Favorite Pat out of Favorite Track, was bred by Edward Cohn. She now has a win, two seconds and a third in five dirt starts.

In Sunday's finale, a \$16,000 claimer on grass, 53-1 longshot New York-bred **Special Selection** ran a distant through second to favored Torment.

At Tampa Bay Downs Sunday, **Wellspring Legacy**, a three-year-old New York-bred filly claimed by trainer Charles Harvatt two starts back, made it two straight with a powerful wire-to-wire score in an allowance/optional **\$75,000 claimer on grass** at one mile. Harvatt claimed the daughter of Raffie's Majesty, out of Ave's Princessa by Key Contender, who was bred by Wellspring Stables, for \$12,500 when she finished third as the 9-5 favorite on dirt.

Harvatt added Lasix and she aired by nine lengths on dirt in a \$25,000 claimer before taking a big step up Sunday and switching to grass, where she had won her only start. Jockey Augusto Marin used the rail to full advantage and she set a controlled pace on the lead. **Wellspring Legacy**, who was sent off at 5-1, then opened up a four-length lead at the eighth pole before coasting home 2 ½ lengths in front..

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## Saturday NY-breds Race ReCap

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Still packing a powerful stretch punch, Rose Stable's 10-year-old gelding **Gimme Credit** crushed nine opponents by five lengths in a \$67,000 New York-bred allowance/optional \$25,000 claimer at a mile and a sixteenth on grass Saturday at Aqueduct.

Four-year-old Toy Cannon, the 9-5 favorite making his fourth lifetime start, was left five lengths behind in second.

**Gimme Credit**, who had won one of three starts at Gulfstream Park earlier this year, went off at 4-1 under Javier Castellano, Jr. from the nine post, one spot inside Toy Cannon. Gimme Credit was allowed to settle in eighth and began advancing outside of horses heading into the far turn.

At the top of the stretch, Castellano asked for a bit more and Gimme Credit turned a close race into a route for his 14<sup>th</sup> career victory in his 69<sup>th</sup> start while upping his lifetime earnings to more than \$675,000. He is now 13-for-60 on turf with six seconds and 10 thirds. Bred by Berkshire Stud and Oak Cliff Stable, Gimme Credit is by Artax out of the Devilø Bag mare Shagadelic. Carlos Martin is his trainer.

In Saturdayø opener, Joemar Racing Stableø home-bred, three-year-old filly **Lovely Syn** upped her record to two-for-two with a handy, three-length win over Keep Bustin, who had three wins and a close second in her first four starts, in a \$62,000 New York-bred allowance/optional \$14,000 claimer.

Lovely Syn, a daughter of Freud out of the Lemon Drop Kid mare Lemon Dropø Love, was spectacular in her March 2<sup>nd</sup> debut, scoring by six lengths in a sharp 1:10.2 for six furlongs at 2-1. Sheø go off at 1-4 under Mike Luzzi, who had ridden Keep Bustin in her last three starts. Keep Bustin would go off a clear 3-1 second choice in the field of seven traveling 6 ½ furlongs.

Pegasus Diamond, a 20-1 longshot, outsprinted the two favored fillies to take the lead in a :23.84 first quarter. Luzzi had Lovely Syn perfectly positioned outside of Pegasus Diamond while Johnny Velazquez kept Keep Bustin a close third.

After a half in :47.20, both Lovely Syn and Keep Bustin went after Pegasus Diamond, who couldnø maintain her lead. Lovely Syn made the lead and had plenty left when confronted by Keep Bustin to win in 1:17.64. My Unbridled Storm finished third at 71-1 and Pegasus Diamond held on to fourth.

Bree-N-Meø **Ground Force**, who was claimed for \$25,000 off a fifth in his last start, held off Leilaniø Ticket by 2 ½ lengths to take a \$62,000 New York-bred allowance/optional \$14,000 claimer under Rajiv Maragh at 7-1. The five-year-old gelding by Bowmanø Band out of Liese by A.P. Jet, was bred by the late John Hettinger, who pioneered the movement that eliminated horse slaughter in the United States in 2007.

Ground Force had a sizzling bullet work for todayø race, four-furlongs in :46 4/5, and was hustled up from fifth to challenge Billy the Bull, sent off at 3-1 from the outside 12 post. Billy the Bull led briefly on Ground Forceø outside, but Ground Force never let him clear. Ground Force regained the lead and maintained it to the wire, covering 6 ½ furlongs in 1.16.89 for his new trainer Nick Canani. Ground Forceø victory was his fourth in 27 starts.

In a \$65,000 New York-bred maiden special weight at a mile and a sixteenth on turf, Maragh made a decisive mid-stretch move in between horses on Dragon Squared LLCø three-year-old colt **Front**, who finished 1 ¾ lengths in front of Sneaky Freud, the 5-2 favorite in a field of 12. Papa Freud, a 99-1 longshot from the 11 post, raced gallantly to finish third.

**Front**, a son of War Front out Rose Rhapsody by Pleasant Colony, who was bred by Hidden Lake Farm, was making just her second turf start and fifth overall off a near three-month layoff. Trainer Jimmy Jerkens had her sharp, and she won at 4-1 in 1:45.67.

Two Tone Farm's three-year-old gelding **Do I Amuse You** followed a pair of strong, front-running seconds in his first two career starts, with an impressive wire-to-wire score to capture a \$60,000 state bred maiden special weight by 2 ½ lengths over entry-mates Waterway and Dark Roast. Sent off at 5-2 under David Cohen, he covered six furlongs in 1:11.02 off fast early splits of :22.22 and :45.55. The son of Sharp Humor out of Sovereignoftheseas by Boston Harbor, was bred by Patricia Purdy and is trained by Bobby Donato.

In Saturday's 12<sup>th</sup> race finale, Mountain Top Racing Stable's five-year-old New York-bred gelding **Greeley's Law** pulled off a half-length upset in an open \$12,5000 claimer at 28-1 under Mike Luzzi. The son of Greeley's Galaxy, out of Kate's Law by Corporate Report, was bred by Susan Ann Vitro. He is trained by Glenn DiSanto.

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At Oaklawn Park Saturday, Joseph Novogratz's four-year-old New York-bred colt **Max Again** didn't let a 6 ½-month layoff or losing the lead in mid-stretch deter him from winning his second straight race by nearly two lengths. Idle since an easy score at 1-10 in a \$10,000 claimer at Delaware, Max Again was well ridden by Ricardo Santana Jr. Leaving from the nine post, Max Again got away in second behind 50-1 longshot Museum Tour. Max Again took over the lead coming out of the far turn, but lost it when Denali Holy Bull stretched his neck in front. Max Again responded immediately and was drawing away late for his third victory in 10 starts for trainer McLean Robertson. Max Again, a son of Awesome Again out of Slew Motion by Slew Gin Fizz, was bred by IEAH Stables and Adena Springs.