

New York-Breds at the Races: February 4 to 7

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Storied Lady Noses Saythreehailmaryø in the Biogioø Rose Stakes Sunday

Saving ground every step of the way under Irad Ortiz, Jr., Tri County Stableø homebred five-year-old mare **Storied Lady** nipped favored **Saythreehailmary's** by a head in the first running of the mile-and-a-sixteenth \$100,000 Biogioø Rose Stakes for New York-breds Sunday afternoon at Aqueduct. Saythreehailmaryø, who rallied four-wide around the far turn under Manuel Franco, couldnø have been any gamer, but saw her two-race stakes winning streak snapped by the narrowest of margins.

øShe got through on the rail and battled that horse hard and held her off,ö Storied Ladyø trainer, John Hertler, said. øI was looking for that wire.ö

Front-running **Perfect Freud**, who was also seeking her third consecutive victory, was a distant third, five lengths behind Saythreehailmaryø while nearly three lengths clear of **Jc's Shooting Star**.

Storied Lady was sent off at odd of 4-1, Saythreehailmaryø was the 9-5 favorite, Perfect Freud went off at 7-2 odds and Jcø Shooting Star was 17-1 in the field of six.

Storied Lady is a daughter of Read the Footnotes out of Wide Barrel by Broad Brush who was second by 2 ½ lengths in an open allowance race as the 6-5 favorite on January 3 with Ortiz aboard.

Storied Lady settled in fourth early as Junior Alvarado shot Perfect Freud to the lead, chased on the outside by both 3-1 **Sheriffa** and 5-1 **In Spite of Mama** through splits of :23.58, :48.20 and 1:13.34. Saythreehailmaryø, whoød won the \$100,000 Bay Ridge for New York-breds and the open \$98,000 Ladies Handicap in her previous two starts, went after the three fillies four-wide around the far turn. Ortiz stayed inside and Storied Lady advanced into third.

Saythreehailmaryø struck the lead in early stretch as Storied Lady advanced into second and continued to gain on Saythreehailmaryø inside. They battled head-to-head for the final sixteenth of a mile, with Storied Lady refusing to let Saythreehailmaryø past her after she took the lead, winning in a final time of 1:45.64.

øShe was running good races and finishing right there,ö Hertler said. øAnd today, everything came together.ö

Storied Lady improved her dirt record to five for 23 with three seconds, six thirds and earnings topping \$350,000.

With a powerful late burst under apprentice rider Eric Cancel, owner/trainer Michael Pino's gelding **Bust Another**, a new claim, scored a 5 ½-length victory in a six-furlong \$57,000 New York-bred allowance/optional \$75,000 claimer. Bust Another won in a final time of 1:11.38 to notch his third consecutive victory.

Casey Newick bred Bust Another, a son of Bustin Stones out of I Drink Alone by Intidab who sold for \$80,000 as a yearling at Saratoga in August 2014. Bust Another was a rallying fifth in his debut in a maiden \$40,000 claimer, then broke his maiden by a half-length in that same class. He followed that with a six-length victory in an open \$32,000 claimer in which Pino claimed him from trainer Michael Mareina. Pino decided not to change jockeys, as Cancel had ridden him in all three starts. But he did move him up in company.

Bettors made him the 5-2 second choice in the field of eight Sunday, making **Spooked Out** and Manuel Franco the even-money favorite off a drop from a close fourth in a \$98,000 stakes to allowance company.

Gehrig, who went off at 9-1 odds under Jose Ortiz, hooked up with Spooked Out immediately as Cancel placed Bust Another in a perfect spot in third. Gehrig led Spooked Out by a head through a :23.30 first quarter and by a neck after a half-mile in :46.97.

Spooked Out put away Gehrig, but Bust Another had dead aim and quickly powered past the favorite to win easily. **Lucky Lurie**, who was sent off at odds of 11-1 under Junior Alvarado, beat Spooked Out by a length for second. **Fumin Newman** was just a nose behind Spooked Out in fourth at 7-1 odds.

Bust Another is now three for four, with earnings of more than \$90,000.

Well-ridden from a tough outside post by apprentice jockey Harry Hernandez, Sunny Meadow Farm's five-year-old New York-bred gelding **Chief Assignment** rallied to a length-and-a-half victory Sunday in a six-furlong \$27,000 conditional \$14,000 claimer. Sent off at 5-1 odds from the 10 post in a field of 11, Chief Assignment won in a final time of 1:12.07.

Puppy Manners, who went off at 7-2 odds from the rail under Aaron Gryder, finished a clear second, four lengths ahead of 52-1 New York-bred **Captain Toews**, who nosed 5-1 Oliver Rush for third.

Mitch Friedman trains Chief Assignment, a son of Hook and Ladder out of Give and Take by Devil His Due who was bred by Peter O'Conner. Chief Assignment had won two of his previous three starts, with the loss coming in a New York-bred allowance race.

Chief Assignment broke first, but Hernandez wisely took a hold of him as 6-1 New York-bred **El Viejo Verde** and 94-1 Guderian immediately hooked up in a speed duel that produced an

opening quarter in a quick :22.70. Hernandez kept Chief Assignment five lengths clear of them in third through a :46.65 half-mile, then went after them.

Chief Assignment passed the tiring pacesetters, took the lead and held on to win comfortably. Chief Assignment is now three for 12 on dirt with one second, a pair of thirds and earnings of more than \$65,000.

A drop in company is all Michael Dubb, Bethlehem Stables and The Elkstone Group's sleek gray colt **Holdtherightcards** needed to hit the winner's circle. Dropping into a maiden claimer for the first time, Holdtherightcards streaked to a coast-to-coast, 7 ½-length victory in a mile-and-70-yard \$41,000 New York-bred maiden \$40,000 claimer for three-year-olds as the 6-5 favorite in a field of eight. Holdtherightcards won in a final time of 1:43.57 to give Jose Ortiz his third winner of the afternoon.

Milfer Farm bred Holdtherightcards, a son of Tiz Wonderful out of Bergamot by Summer Squall who sold for \$50,000 as a yearling in October 2014 and is trained by Michelle Nevin.

Holdtherightcards's first four starts were in maiden special weights, and he posted one third and three fourths.

Breaking from the rail Sunday, Holdtherightcards took a narrow lead through a first quarter-mile in :24.17. He stretched that lead to a length and a half through a :48.99 half-mile. Then Ortiz let Holdtherightcards roll, and he drew off dramatically and coasted home an easy winner.

Majority, who was sent off at 5-1 odds under Angel Arroyo, finished second, 5 ¼ lengths ahead of 41-1 **Smart Russian** in third. **Willie's Mojo** was another length and a quarter back in fourth at 7-1 odds.

Holdtherightcards has now earned just under \$40,000 in his first five starts.

Governor Malibu Wears Down Sudden Surprise to Win the Gander Stakes Saturday

Oak Bluff Stables' idle homebred colt **Governor Malibu**, co-owned by Jump Sucker Stable and co-bred by Richard Leahy, wore down front-running **Sudden Surprise** to win the first running of the mile-and-70-yard \$100,000 Gander Stakes for three-year-old New York-breds by 2 ½ lengths under Manuel Franco Saturday at Aqueduct to score his second straight victory. Trained by Christophe Clement, Governor Malibu was adding blinkers and went off at 9-2 odds in the field of five. Sudden Surprise was the 2-1 second choice with Jose Ortiz aboard.

“They wanted me close to the lead because we knew there wasn't much pace in the race, and that's what we did,” Franco said. “The blinkers helped a lot. He put me up in there. He knew what to do.”

The Gander Stakes honors the great gray gelding Gander, who won 15 of 60 starts with 10 seconds and nine thirds, earning more than \$1.8 million for brothers Michael and Ted Gastas, who raced under the name Gastas Thoroughbreds. Gander raced in 40 stakes. He won the Grade 2 Meadowlands Cup and finished second in a pair of Grade 1 stakes: the Jockey Club Gold Cup and the Woodward. He was retired after fracturing his pastern while breezing at Saratoga for his next race in the summer of 2004.

Governor Malibu is a son of Malibu Moon out of Akilina by Langfuhr who was purchased for \$135,000 as a two-year-old in March 2015. After finishing second in a pair of maiden races to begin his career last year, he finished third in the \$250,000 Sleepy Hollow Stakes. Clement dropped Governor Malibu back to maiden company and added Lasix, and he rolled by six lengths at 1-5 odds on November 14th.

He showed his readiness for his return with two bullet works in Florida before shipping back to New York.

Starting from the adjoining four and five posts, Sudden Surprise and Governor Malibu broke 1-2 and remained that way for three-quarters of a mile. Sudden Surprise, who had won two straight and five of his six career races, led Governor Malibu by a length after a slow opening quarter-mile in :25.37. After a pokey half-mile in :50.29, Sudden Surprise's lead was just a neck, a margin he maintained through three-quarters in 1:14.89.

Then Governor Malibu stepped up the pressure, despite racing a bit awkwardly. Governor Malibu got past Sudden Surprise and drew off to win handily. Sudden Surprise held second, 3 ¾ lengths clear of 10-1 **Taoiseach** and jockey Junior Alvarado in third. **Vincenzo**, the 8-5 favorite under John Bisono, was another three lengths back in fourth.

Governor Malibu now has two wins, two seconds and a third from his first five starts, and has a robust bankroll of a tad under \$150,000.

Jose Ortiz rallied Fortuna Mia Stable's five-year-old gelding **Ogermeister** to a 2 ¼-length victory Saturday in a six-furlong \$57,000 New York-bred allowance at 12-1 odds in a final time of 1:12.82. **Here Comes Tommy**, who went off at 3-1 odds under Mike Luzzi, edged 9-1 **Copernicus** and Angel Arroyo by a neck for second. **Pete's Fleet**, part of an entry that went off at odds of 5-2, was a length behind Copernicus in fourth.

Gary Gullo trains Ogermeister, a son of Silver Train out of To the Good Times by Polish Numbers who was bred by Mrs. Gerald Nielsen. Ogermeister was making his second start back off a near-two-month layoff. He finished sixth by 10 lengths under apprentice Harry Hernandez at 11-1 odds in an open \$35,000 claimer on January 9th.

Saddled with the nine post in a field of 10, Ogermeister got away fourth as the only horse outside him in the starting gate, Pete's Fleet's entymate **Super Nicky**, took the lead under Manuel

Franco through a :23.02 first quarter. Ogermeister advanced into second, on the outside of Copernicus, after Super Nicky hit the half-mile in :46.57 with a half-length lead.

Ogermeister then powered to the lead and won going away. He is now two for 19 on dirt with five seconds and one third. He also has a win, a pair of seconds and a third from five grass races, for total earnings of more than \$240,000.

Fifth in mid-stretch under Angel Arroyo, Francis Paolangeli's homebred gelding **Blugrascat's Smile** rallied to win a mile-and-a-sixteenth \$55,000 New York-bred maiden special weight for three-year-olds Saturday by a length and a quarter. Sent off at 6-1 odds, Blugrascat's Smile won in a final time of 1:49.05.

Daves Gone Bananas, who went off at 5-1 odds under Aaron Gryder from the outside post in the field of nine, finished second, a little more than a length ahead of **Yummy Bear**, the 2-1 favorite ridden by Junior Alvarado, who broke just inside of him. **Third Son**, who went off at 31-1 odds under Gabriel Saez, was 2 ¾ lengths back in fourth.

Blugrascat's Smile is a son of Bluegrass Cat out of Serenity's Smile by Dixie Brass. He had finished third in his two previous starts.

Blugrascat's Smile settled near the back of the field after breaking from the rail. **Guardian**, who went off at odds of 20-1 under apprentice rider Harry Hernandez, was hard-ridden to take the early lead by a half-length over Daves Gone Bananas, who was caught five-wide on the first turn. Third Son was third and Yummy Bear fourth through a half-mile in :49.15.

After three-quarters in 1:14.95, Daves Gone Bananas took the lead and Yummy Bear advanced into second. They remained 1-2 past mid-stretch before Blugrascat's Smile closed powerfully on the outside. Blugrascat's Smile shot by Daves Gone Bananas to get the victory.

Blugrascat's Smile now has a win and a pair of thirds from five dirt starts, for earnings of just under \$50,000.

Trainer David Cannizzo added blinkers to Bloom Racing Stable and DJC Racing Stable's colt **Chilly Bon Bon**, and he responded in a big way. Well-rated on the front end by apprentice Eric Cancel, Chilly Bon Bon scored wire-to-wire, taking a mile-and-a-sixteenth \$55,000 New York-bred maiden special weight for three-year-olds by three lengths. Sent off at 11-1 odds from the three post in a field of ten, Chilly Bon Bon won in a final time of 1:48.54.

Chilly Bon Bon is a son of Frost Giant out of Subtle Sweetness by During who was bred by Sunrise Stables and sold for \$100,000 as a yearling at Keeneland in September 2014. Chilly Bon Bon finished third and fifth under Manuel Franco in a pair of sprints to begin his career, before being stretched out to a route Saturday.

Cancel hustled Chilly Bon Bon past 23-1 **Pinnacle Mountain**, who was adding Lasix from the two post, to take the lead. **Just Afleet**, who went off at odds of 3-1 under Jose Ortiz, settled in second as Chilly Bon Bon took the field to a half-mile in :49.79. Chilly Bon Bon stretched a length-and-a-half lead to three lengths by running three-quarters in 1:14.67, and he had plenty left to keep strong-closing **Wine Not**, the 6-5 favorite under Kendrick Carmouche who was adding Lasix, at bay. Wine Not finished second, nearly five lengths clear of Just Afleet in third. There was a 2 ¼-length gap back to 7-2 **R F Burton** in fourth.

Chilly Bon Bon is now one for three with one third and earnings of more than \$40,000.

Benefitting from a perfect ride by Taylor Rice, Jim and Margaret Caterbone's five-year-old New York-bred gelding **Prophet's Cat** held off New York-bred **Yeager** and apprentice rider Harry Hernandez by a desperate head to win a mile-and-a-sixteenth \$40,000 conditional \$35,000 claimer in a final time of 1:47.66. Prophet's Cat was sent off at odds of 15-1 and Yeager went off at 6-1 odds in the field of eight.

Yet another New York-bred, 22-1 **Lyrical Miracle** ridden by Angel Arroyo, edged Againsome, the 2-1 favorite under Jose Ortiz, by a head for third, four lengths behind Yeager.

Prophet's Cat is a son of Utopia (JPN) out of Stop the Vice by Stop the Music who was bred by Empire Equines and is trained by Gary Sciacca. Prophet's Cat was second by a neck in a \$25,000 claimer in his previous start.

Lyrical Miracle set the pace, chased by 13-1 New York-bred **H Man** in second and Prophet's Cat in third through a quarter in :24.52 and a half-mile in :49.31. **Beyond Empire**, a 7-2 New York-bred, and Yeager, who was last early, began wide rallies around the far turn while Rice kept Prophet's Cat, who was right there in fifth, on the rail through six furlongs in 1:14.87. Both H Man and Beyond Empire tired as Lyrical Miracle still led in upper stretch with Yeager continuing to gain on the outside.

Then Rice and Prophet's Cat split the two horses to lead by three-quarters of a length. Yeager, who couldn't have been any gamer, surged one more time but couldn't get past Prophet's Cat at the wire.

Prophet's Cat is now three for 13 on dirt with one second and two thirds. He also has five thirds from 18 turf starts, for total earnings of more than \$125,000.

Mike Luzzi sent Castle Village Farm's four-year-old New York-bred longshot colt **Proletariat** to the lead from the nine post in a field of 10 Saturday, and he didn't come close to having an anxious moment, winning a mile-and-70 yard \$34,000 conditional \$25,000 claimer by seven lengths at 27-1 odds in a final time of 1:44.98.

Sequel Thoroughbreds and Joe Aquilino bred Proletariat, a son of Read the Footnotes out of Royal Valentine by Langfuhr who is trained by Bruce Brown. In his prior start in a \$40,000 claimer, Proletariat finished a distant fifth at 10-1 odds under Angel Cruz. Bettors didn't think much of the drop in claiming price and jockey change, sending Proletariat off as the longest shot on the board.

Proletariat broke fifth, then rushed up on the far outside to take a two-length lead over another New York-bred, 15-1 **Humboldt N Frost**, ridden by John Bisono, through a :23.66 first quarter. They raced 1-2 almost the entire race. Proletariat led Humboldt N Frost by a length after a half-mile in :48.46, then edged away to a length-and-a-half advantage through three-quarters in 1:13.80. Proletariat then said, "Goodbye."

He opened up to a gaping lead and won easily. Drive, who was sent off at odds of 7-2 under Kendrick Carmouche, finished second, a length and three-quarters ahead of Humboldt N Frost in third.

Proletariat's victory was his second in eight dirt starts. He's now earned more than \$50,000.

In Saturday's finale, a \$31,000 New York-bred maiden \$25,000 claimer for three-year-old fillies, Roddy Valente's idle **Bustin Hearts**, who was shedding blinkers under Aaron Gryder from the extreme outside post in a field of 12, posted a game 1 ¼-length wire-to-wire victory. She went off at odds of 8-1 and completed the six-furlong distance in 1:15.07. An objection by apprentice Harry Hernandez on 38-1 **Corinthian's Joy** against the winner for alleged interference at the top of the stretch was not allowed by the stewards.

Silly Face, who went off at 5-1 odds from the 11 post under Jose Ortiz, finished a strong second, 6 ¼ lengths in front of **Cher Cheval**, a firster who went off at 41-1 odds under Francisco Arrieta from the 10 post. **Colonel Jen**, who went off at odds of 7-1 from the rail under Mike Luzzi, was only another half-length back in fourth.

Bustin Hearts is a daughter of Valente's undefeated Bustin Stones out of Quarter to Nine by Dixieland Band who was bred by Akindale Farm and is trained by Bruce Levine. After Bustin Hearts finished a tiring fifth in his debut at Belmont Park at 3-1 odds on October 1st, Levine gave her four months off and removed her blinkers.

She surged to the lead Saturday on the outside of Corinthian's Joy, leading her by a half-length after an opening quarter in :23.46. She put Corinthian's Joy away after a half-mile in :48.03 and opened a two-length cushion. Silly Face closed strongly but couldn't catch the frontrunner.

Taken by Surprise Runs Down Stablemate Surprise Cameo to Win Allowance Thursday

Repole Stable's homebred **Taken by Surprise** ran down her stablemate **Surprise Cameo** in deep stretch to win a one-mile \$57,000 New York-bred allowance/optional \$75,000 claimer for three-year-old fillies by a length and a half Thursday at Aqueduct. Ridden by Irad Ortiz, Jr., **Taken by Surprise** won in a final time of 1:40.85 on a good track. Her stablemate in trainer Todd Pletcher's barn, **Surprise Cameo**, was ridden by Chris DeCarlo. The entry went off as the 7-5 favorite.

Taken by Surprise is a daughter of **Giant Surprise** out of **Poovey** by Graeme Hall. She had won one of her six starts before Thursday.

Storm Cell, who went off at 5-2 odds from the rail under Kendrick Carmouche, set the pace while pressed by **Surprise Cameo** through a half-mile in :48.11. **Surprise Cameo** surged to the lead in mid-stretch, but couldn't hold off her stablemate. **Surprise Cameo** saved second, two lengths clear of **Storm Cell**. **Here Comes Rosie** was fourth at 5-2 odds. **Taken by Surprise** is now two for five on dirt with one third. She's also raced twice on turf and has total earnings of nearly \$90,000.

Owner/trainer Gaston Grant added blinkers to his four-year-old New York-bred filly **Enduring Touch**, dropped her in claiming price from \$25,000 to \$14,000, and cut her back to a sprint. It worked. Giving jockey Kendrick Carmouche his third consecutive victory Thursday (races 5-7), **Enduring Touch** rolled from off the pace to win a six-furlong \$26,000 conditional \$14,000 claimer by four lengths as the 8-5 favorite in a field of 11.

Enduring Touch is a daughter of **Touch Gold** out of **Classic Example** by Maria's Mon who sold for \$33,000 in May 2014. Grant claimed her for \$14,000 when she was third on November 29th. Her next three starts were in \$25,000 claimers, and she finished third once and fourth twice.

Carmouche let **Enduring Touch** settle in mid-pack from the six post as 8-1 New York-bred **Glare Ice** and apprentice Harry Hernandez took the field to an opening quarter in :23.37. **Enduring Touch** rallied wide to move into third, and then blew by the two fillies in front of her to seize the lead in mid-stretch. She drew off impressively to win in a final time of 1:12.87.

New York-bred **Yourcreditgood**, sent off at odds of 13-1 under Ruben Silvera, edged 9-1 Bonnie K., who was adding blinkers, by a half-length for third. Another New York-bred, 9-1 **Quibbler**, was only another half-length back in fourth.

Enduring Touch is now two for 17 with three seconds, two thirds and more than \$75,000 in earnings.

Well-ridden by Jose Ortiz, Lansdon Robbins' homebred gelding **Take a Bite** rallied to take the lead in mid-stretch and went on to a near-four-length victory in a 5 ½-furlong \$41,000 New York-bred maiden \$40,000 claimer. Sent off the 2-1 favorite in a field of eight, Take a Bite won in a final time of 1:05.32, giving Ortiz, Aqueduct's leading rider, a sweep of the daily double.

Michelle Nevin trains Take a Bite, a son of Posse out of Flame Trick by Mt. Livermore who was making his third career start. After finishing sixth at 25-1 odds in his debut under Manuel Franco in mid-November, Take a Bite was an improved second at 12-1 odds with Cornelio Velasquez on board December 26th.

Ortiz got Take a Bite away third Thursday as **Danger Lurks**, who was adding blinkers and went off at 10-1 odds from the rail, and 11-1 **Caelifera** and Aaron Gryder dueled on the front end. Caelifera took a one-length lead after a :22.30 first-quarter, before Take a Bite began a strong rally around the far turn. Take a Bite collared Caelifera in mid-stretch as 5-2 **Dr. Luber's Kiss** and Irad Ortiz, Jr. closed strongly into second.

Take a Bite, though, had plenty left and surged away, winning comfortably. Dr. Luber's Kiss was a clear second, 2 ¼ lengths ahead of Caelifera in third. **Laugh Love Live**, a 6-1 first-time starter, finished a distant fourth.

Take a Bite now has a win and a second from three starts, for earnings of more than \$30,000.

In a mile-and-70-yard \$41,000 New York-bred maiden \$40,000 claimer for three-year-old fillies Thursday, Joseph DiRico's **All Day Lawn** won by 3 ¼ lengths under Kendrick Carmouche, then survived an inquiry and an objection. Dispatched as the 2-1 second choice in a field of eight, All Day Lawn won in a final time of 1:46.70.

Grapestock LLC bred All Day Lawn, a daughter of Bluegrass Cat out of Show Me the Carats by More Than Ready who sold for \$20,000 in February 2013. Danny Gargan took over All Day Lawn's training after she made her first two tiring starts for Gary Gullo in maiden special weights. Gargan freshened All Day Lawn and dropped her into a maiden \$40,000 claimer, and she finished a much-improved third as the 2-1 favorite with Carmouche aboard for the first time on December 20th, her first start in two months.

Show Giant, who was shedding blinkers and stretching out to a route for the first time, went off at 5-1 odds and broke like a shot from the rail under Aaron Gryder, immediately taking a two-length lead. Breaking right next to her, All Day Lawn got away second on the rail before Carmouche switched her to the outside on the first turn.

All Day Lawn then took a stalking position on Show Giant's outside, trailing her by just a head after a first quarter in :24.22 and a :48.90 half-mile.

All Day Lawn moved for the lead around the far turn and opened up on the field, hitting three-quarters in 1:14.37 as Show Giant tired. **Boomerang Becky**, the 6-5 favorite under Manuel

Franco who had been racing in third, advanced into second and went after All Day Lawn, who had a four-length lead in mid-stretch.

Boomerang Becky closed the gap a bit, but All Day Lawn won handily. **Bareeqa**, who went off at 11-1 odds under Jose Ortiz, finished third, nine lengths behind Boomerang Becky. Show Giant held on for fourth.

Then the objection a claim of foul by Katie Davis, the jockey of 27-1 **Chasin Outlaws**, who was unplaced and inquiry signs on the toteboard lit up. The head-on shot of the first turn showed that All Day Lawn had come over in front of Chasin Outlaws, forcing Davis to check, but the stewards took no action.

All Day Lawn now has a win and a third from four starts, with more than \$30,000 in earnings.

Jose Ortiz notched his third victory in Thursday's first four races when he guided Merrylegs Farm's homebred four-year-old gelding **Memory Keeper** to a six-length romp in a six-furlong \$31,000 New York-bred maiden \$25,000 claimer. Sent off the 8-5 favorite from the outside post in a field of nine, Memory Keeper won in a final time of 1:12.53.

In his previous start on January 14th, with Ortiz aboard for the first time, Memory Keeper stumbled badly, tossing Ortiz to the ground as the 3-2 favorite. Bettors thought it was a fluke and made him the favorite at almost identical odds Thursday.

Ortiz got Memory Keeper to settle on the far outside in third as 7-1 **Think** and 20-1 **Bad to the Roan** battled for the early lead through a :23.99 first quarter. Think took a narrow lead as Memory Keeper motored into second around the far turn.

Memory Keeper took the lead readily and opened up on the field, winning by himself. **Interior Secretary**, who was shedding blinkers and went off at 12-1 odds under Aaron Gryder, finished second, a half-length ahead of Think. Bad to the Roan was just another head back in fourth.

Memory Keeper is a son of Freud out of Professional Woman by Distinctive Pro. He now has a win and a second from six dirt starts, for earnings of nearly \$30,000.