



ARAPAHOE PARK

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GET HAPPY MISTER CAPS UNBEATEN 2014 AT ARAPAHOE PARK IN \$100K CLASSIC

Aurora, CO (August 16, 2014) – Get Happy Mister cemented his legacy as the best horse ever bred in Colorado with a 2 3/4-length victory against a talented group of shippers in the \$100,000 Arapahoe Park Classic on Saturday. He completed an undefeated 2014 season at Arapahoe Park with five victories, four of them in stakes and ranging in distances from 5 1/2 furlongs to 1 1/8 miles. The 4-year-old bay gelding owned by Annette Bishop, trained by Kenneth “Butch” Gleason, and ridden by Mike Ziegler has never lost in nine races at the Aurora, Colorado track. However none of his victories was more impressive than in Saturday’s 1 1/8-mile stakes.

“He’s a superstar,” Ziegler said. “When you can go 1 1/8 miles and take command like he did, that’s the sign of a real racehorse.”

Ziegler took Get Happy Mister five lengths behind an early speed duel between Ground Transport, the 4-5 favorite and a winner of \$100,000 stakes races in New York and Maryland, and longshot Cockeyed Cowboy.

“He was a little rank early,” Ziegler said. “I saw the speed go. He fought a little bit. When he got halfway around the first turn, he leveled out. I just watched them until the 3/8ths-pole. Then Mister just took me. He knows what he’s doing. Down the lane he was kind of pricking his ears.”

Get Happy Mister completed the 1 1/8 miles in 1:51.22 as the 9-5 second favorite in the field of eight. Bishop said her stable star sired by First Samurai out of dam Sara Margaret has now earned a well-deserved rest.

“This race tested him to see if we know how far he can run and what he can do,” Bishop said. “It seems like any distance can work for him. He’s the best horse I’ve ever had.”

Magical Twist, who is trained by Sharlot Martinez and ridden by Dennis Collins, ran on for second as a 23-1 longshot. Leadem in Ken, who shipped to Colorado for trainer Mike Maker and jockey Azael De Leon, was a further 1 1/4 lengths behind in third. With Wally Van finishing fourth, the three Colorado-breds in the field defended home turf by finishing first, second, and fourth. Willard Burbach bred both Get Happy Mister and Wally Van, and Linda Wood of the Menoken Farms bred Magical Twist.

“It went back to home cooking,” Get Happy Mister’s trainer, Gleason, said.

PYC FIRST PRIZE JOE TAKES FIRST PRIZE IN MILE HIGH DERBY

The improvement of Pyc First Prize Joe from a \$7,500 claim in Oklahoma in April culminated on Saturday at Arapahoe Park with a daylight victory in the \$85,740 Mile High Derby. The fastest qualifier

from the trials on August 1 and the 7-5 favorite in the field of nine, Pyc First Prize Joe pulled away for a 1 1/2-length victory in 19.611 seconds for 400 yards. Ramiro Garcia rode the Jose Aguilera-owned-and-trained 3-year-old bay gelding sired by Paint Your Wagon out of dam First Prize Joy.

Bf Storm Chaser and jockey Russell Vicchrilli were second with a neck to Jo Jo Hot Legs and jockey Francisco Giles in third.

Pyc First Prize Joe had finished second in the \$67,155 Rocky Mountain Derby at Arapahoe Park on July 12 heading into the Mile High trials. Ncc Firefly, the 32-1 winner of the Rocky Mountain Derby, finished eighth in the Mile High Derby.