



ARAPAHOE PARK

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FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND STAKES RESULTS:

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FROM \$5,000 CLAIMING RACES TO STAKES SUCCESSES

Aurora, CO (June 15, 2014) – Lady Jila continued her rags-to-riches story as the former \$5,000 claimer won the Molly Brown Stakes on Sunday at Arapahoe Park. Bred and owned by Michael Barro, trained by Sharlot Martinez, and ridden by Michael Ziegler, the 7-year-old mare ran what her connections described as the best race of her life, winning the 6-furlong, \$40,000 stakes race by 2 3/4 lengths after being part of a scorching pace duel with second-place finisher Gracie Grace. They blazed through the opening quarter-mile in 21.75 seconds and half-mile in 44.04 seconds before Lady Jila pulled away under a hand ride in a final time of 1:09.82 as the 5-2 second choice in the field of 10.

“I was watching the pace of the race, and it was pretty intense,” Barro said. “I was never really comfortable until I saw her pull away from Gracie Grace in the last 100 yards. Talking to Mike (Ziegler) later, he said he had a lot of horse left if he needed it.”

Lady Contender, a winner of two stakes races in a row in Nebraska, took third, and African Rose, the 8-5 favorite off two stakes victories in a row in New Mexico, was fourth. Lady Jila has now won four races in a row at Arapahoe Park dating back to last year, including a stakes victory in the 2013 Columbine. Barro said Lady Jila's next race will be a defense of her Columbine crown.

“She's never been better than right now,” Barro said.

HUGE UPSET FOR TOSHI YOSHI IN CHERRY CREEK

Toshi Yoshi, the longest shot in the field of 10 at 28-1, pulled off a big upset in the 330-yard, \$75,000 Cherry Creek Futurity for 2-year-old Colorado-breds on Sunday at Arapahoe Park. Third in his trial race on May 30 in his debut, the son of sire Pool out of dam Mairis Money Maker prevailed by a nose over Hayjay in the finals in a time of 16.757 seconds.

Hayjay, the 6-5 favorite who was undefeated in three races heading into Sunday, had previously defeated Toshi Yoshi in the trials. Fastest qualifier One Corona At a Time was a further neck back in third. Toshi Yoshi was bred by owner Dana Yoshida-Orozco, is trained by Manuel Orozco, and was ridden to victory by Ramiro Garcia.

ALL HAIL MIDORI N SMOKE

With hail falling the size of nickels, Midori N Smoke came through the storm to win the Lucille Rowe Derby on Saturday at Arapahoe Park. With Tony Guymon aboard for trainer John Hammes and owner-breeder Margo Schares, the bay filly sired by Special Leader out of Smokin Corona captured the 350-yard, \$55,000 stakes for Colorado-bred 3-year-olds by a half-length in 17.392 seconds.

Midori N Smoke won her fourth race in six starts and completed a double of Arapahoe Park's most prestigious Quarter Horse races for Colorado-breds after winning the 2013 Cherry Creek Futurity. Design Tobe a Winner, who headed into the Lucille Rowe trials off a win in the Animas Stakes at SunRay Park in New Mexico, finished second, and favored fastest qualifier Nifty Fury was third.

GET HAPPY MISTER IS THE (RAIN) MAN IN ASPEN

Get Happy Mister and jockey Michael Ziegler were singing in the rain as they danced their way to a 1 3/4-length victory in the Aspen Stakes at Arapahoe Park on Saturday. The 2012 Colorado-bred horse of the year is now undefeated in six career starts at Arapahoe Park, four of them stakes races.

Over a sloppy racetrack as hail fell, the 4-year-old bay gelding owned by Annette Bishop and trained by Kenneth "Butch" Gleason, ran down E F Five, the Aspen winner in 2011 and 2013, to win by 1 3/4 lengths in 1:09.93 in the 6-furlong, \$40,000 stakes race for Colorado-breds. E F Five and jockey Kelly Bridges were second, as they also had been in 2012. Billie D took third. Magical Twist, who would be named Colorado's horse of the year for 2013 later in the evening at the Colorado Thoroughbred Breeders' Association awards dinner, was fourth.