



ARAPAHOE PARK

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WALLY VAN AND JOCKEY TRAVIS WALES REUNITE TO WIN ARAPAHOE PARK SPRINT

Aurora, CO (June 1, 2014) – Wally Van turned back the clock, looking as good as he ever has in winning his sixth career stakes race at Arapahoe Park in the Arapahoe Park Sprint on Sunday at the Aurora, Colorado racecourse. The 6-year-old gray was reunited with jockey Travis Wales, who had been aboard for three stakes victories when Wally Van won 2011 Colorado-bred horse of the year honors as a 3-year-old. Three years later, jockey and horse did not miss a beat with Wally Van pulling away in Sunday’s 6-furlong, \$40,000 stakes race to win by 2 1/4 lengths in 1:08.85 as the even-money favorite.

“I won three stakes in a row with him, and it’s great to get back where we left off,” Wales said. “We’re reunited, and it felt like a glove. [Trainer] Tyrone [Gleason] did a great job preparing this horse, and I’m really grateful to him and [owner] Bill Vanlandingham for putting me back on the horse.”

Wales compared Sunday’s victory to Wally Van’s first stakes score in the 2011 Inaugural Stakes at Arapahoe Park. In both races, Wally Van sat off the early pace and made a powerful run down the center of the track in the homestretch. After the Inaugural, Wales rode Wally Van to victories in the 2011 CTBA Derby and Colorado Derby. Michael Ziegler piloted Wally Van in his next two stakes successes at Arapahoe Park in the 2011 Mount Elbert and 2012 Aspen. The 6-year-old has now won 11 of 32 races and is 10 for 19 at Arapahoe Park. Sunday’s win pushed his career earnings at Arapahoe Park to more than \$200,000.

Laugh At Life, coming off an allowance victory at Arapahoe Park one week ago, finished second in the Arapahoe Park Sprint ridden by Brian Theriot. Ghost Vapors was a further two lengths back in third, followed by No It Ain’t, the 2013 winner of the Arapahoe Park Sprint, in fourth in the field of eight.