

Ten Are Set To Go In Horatius Stakes



LAUREL, MD. 03-03-05---Philadelphia Park shipper Distinctive Trick heads a field of ten 3-year-olds in Saturday's headliner, the \$50,000 Horatius Stakes. The Laurel Park feature will be the first leg of the popular Magna Pick 5™.

The 5-2 morning line favorite, a New York-bred son of Distinctive Pro, came into his own on the inner track at Aqueduct this winter. After trainer Uriah St. Lewis fit Distinctive Trick with blinkers, the colt finished third twice, second once and first twice. He beat state-bred allowance foes on January 30 and then was a resolute winner against open company in the \$75,000 Fred Capossela Stakes. Both races were contested at six furlongs, the same distance as the Horatius. Abel Castellano Jr. has the mount.

Another colt with two wins at Aqueduct is Diamond Wildcat (3-1), a bay son of Forest Wildcat. His dam, Diamonds and Legs, was a stakes winning sprinter, so his speed comes from both the top and bottom of his pedigree. Following his two victories at the Big A, he stepped up against stakes foes in the 1-1/16 mile Whirlaway Stakes on February 12th, where he showed early speed before tiring to next to last. Jockey Mario Pino will get a leg up on Saturday. Ben Perkins Jr. is the trainer.

Monster Chaser (4-1), who has scratched out of several races since his runner-up finish in the Maryland Juvenile Championship, will carry jockey Richard Monterrey and the hopes of owner Linda Gaudet and trainer Eddie Gaudet. The Meadow Monster gelding has an admirable 3-4-0 record in eight starts, with one stakes win and three stakes placings.

Gaudet said, "He's a real tough kind to handle. He rears up a lot and last time on the eve of the race he reared up on his groom, hit a wall and banged up his knee and ankle. We x-rayed him and he came back clean, so we gave him extra time to let the swelling go down. He sprints very well, his father (Meadow Monster) was a very fast horse, and we're looking forward to giving him a chance on the wide Laurel course. He should get a better trip than he had in those starts around those tight turns at Pimlico."

Trainer Jennifer Pedersen, who has enjoyed real success by shipping horses from her base in New York to win at Laurel Park this winter, will be at it again on Saturday with Daddy Joe (4-1), who has won both at Aqueduct and at Laurel Park. In his last start, the son of Unbridled Song was bothered early in Aqueduct's Whirlaway Stakes and finished seventh. Local apprentice Eric Camacho has accepted the mount.

Timely Impulse (5-1) is an emerging sophomore who has made just two starts but showed real promise in both outings. He broke his maiden in his first try and ran second in Pimlico's Dancing Count Stakes on New Year's Day. Ryan Fogelsonger picks up the mount for trainer Rodney Jenkins.

Saturday's race has attracted three also-rans from the Miracle Wood Stakes, which was contested at Laurel on February 5th. Sueno Del Mar (15-1) was fourth in the Miracle Wood, Hoist Away (15-1) finished fifth and Mr. Cliveden (30-1) was seventh in the one mile test.

Cerulean Moon (30-1), a recent winner at Charles Town and B. Trick (30-1), who has not started since leaving the maiden ranks in West Virginia on January 2nd, complete the line-up.

Dominguez and Rushing Jump On The Triple Crown Trail



LAUREL, MD. 03-04-05---Jockey Ramon Dominguez and his agent Steve Rushing have lined up two possible mounts for this year's classics as the Triple Crown prep season begins to heat up. Laurel Park's top jockey will ride at Gulfstream Park in the Fountain Of Youth Stakes on Saturday and travels to the Fair Grounds for the Louisiana Derby next weekend.

Saturday's mount in Florida is Beverly Green's Dearest Mon, a winner of two of four starts. This will be Dominguez's first try aboard the bay son of Maria's Mon.

Rushing said, "Dearest Mon drew an outside post and the trainer might not run him. Those outside posts are pretty difficult at Gulfstream in the distance races. (Trainer Rick) Violette is high on the horse and says he is training well. I got the mount through Jerry Bailey's agent Ron Anderson. He contacted me and recommended Ramon to the trainer."

Dominguez has ridden in all three classics and began riding Grade I caliber horses from his mid-Atlantic base a couple years ago. The 28-year old rider has led the nation in victories twice this decade (2001 and 2003) and last year won the Isaac Murphy Award presented by the National Turf Writers Association to the jockey with the highest winning percentage, unseating nine-time winner Russell Baze, with a strike rate over 28%.

Asked about how he goes about picking up classic mounts for Dominguez, Rushing said, "We are always on the lookout for Triple Crown nominees, as early as their 2-year-old seasons. We don't have too many opportunities to find classic horses in the mid-Atlantic, so I look for conflicts where one rider has been riding two or more horses approaching the same weekend, and like any agent, I hope to pick up the mount. A guy like (trainer) Todd Pletcher has so many nice horses and even the top riders can't be in two places at once, so that's where you look for your opportunities."

Dominguez's second Triple Crown hopeful is High Limit, a horse he rode to two impressive victories for trainer Tony Dutrow before the horse was sold privately to Gary and Mary West, for whom Bobby Frankel is the trainer. The colt makes his 2005 debut in the Louisiana Derby.

Rushing said, "I had previous contacts with Frankel when I had Edgar's (Prado) book. Ramon caught Frankel's eye and he rode two stakes winners for him (Cajun Beat, Hollywood Turf Express and Louvain, Miesque Stakes) last November. When Frankel's people purchased High Limit I was back in contract with him to try to keep the mount. Ramon was even going to ride High Limit at Hollywood Park last year but the horse was injured and missed the race."

DOMINGUEZ CLASSIC MOUNTS:

2001 Preakness Stakes-----Bay Eagle (8th)

2002 Preakness Stakes-----Equality (13th)

2003 Preakness Stakes-----Foufa's Warrior (7th)

2004 Kentucky Derby-----Tapit (9th)

2004 Belmont Stakes-----Caiman (8th)

DOMINGUEZ GRADE I VICTORIES:

2003 De Francis Dash (Laurel Park)----A Huevo

2004 Wood Memorial (Aqueduct)-----Tapit

2004 Sword Dancer (Saratoga)-----Better Talk Now

2004 Breeders' Cup Turf (Lone Star)----Better Talk Now

MALIBU MOONSHINE GOES WEST

Malibu Moonshine, the winner of last month's Miracle Wood Stakes at Laurel Park, will also be in action in a Triple Crown prep on Saturday. The King Leatherbury trainee is the highweight in the John Battaglia Memorial Stakes at Turfway Park.

The colt faces eight others in the 1-1/16 mile test. Steve Hamilton retains the mount. The son of Malibu Moon has won four of six lifetime starts, including two straight added money scores.

Leatherbury, third on the all-time win list, has saddled three Preakness starters during his legendary career.

Fogelsonger Flown To Shock Trauma After Spill



LAUREL, MD. 03-04-05---Jockey Ryan Fogelsonger was flown to the Shock Trauma Unit at the University of Maryland Medical Center in downtown Baltimore following a spill at Laurel Park Friday afternoon. He is listed in serious but stable condition.

The 23-year old was dropped when his mount, Lucky Valid, fell past the wire after finishing second in the second race. Fogelsonger landed on his head and was treated by track medical director Harry Harris, M.D.

"We elected to send him to Shock Trauma because during the examination he was responding very slow to the answers and a number of them were inappropriate responses," said Harris. "His neurological exam showed less than normal signs. He was complaining of neck and head pain, we have to make sure he doesn't have head or cervical trauma."

The 2002 Eclipse Award winning apprentice ranks fourth in the current winter meet standings with 28 victories.

Diamond Wildcat Leads From Gate To Wire In Horatius Stakes



returned \$91.20.

LAUREL, MD. 03-05-05---New Farm's Diamond Wildcat shot clear of the field right from the start and raced to an eight length victory in today's feature at Laurel Park, the \$50,000 Horatius Stakes for 3-year-olds.

Jockey Mario Pino was aboard the speedy son of Forest Wildcat, who covered the six furlong distance in 1:11.91. Distinctive Trick chased the winner every step of the way in second and held onto the place. Monster Chaser rallied to take third.

The winner paid \$6.80. The exacta between the two, 2-1 choices paid \$26.20 and the triple

"He's a nice, strong, balanced horse," said trainer Ben Perkins, Jr. "He really put it together today. You always want to think you can stretch out [in distance]. There's so much money available to good 3-year-olds. He won an allowance race going long, so we tried him in the Whirlaway Stakes. That was 2-turns and it didn't work out. At about the half mile pole that day, I said, 'he looks like a sprinter,' so we decided to point for the Horatius."

"Benny said he was fast," said Pino, who is closing in on 5,500 career victories. "He told me if he wanted to go to the lead then let him. His main concern was making sure he switched leads and today he jumped right over to the right lead and I knew we were in business."

Diamond Wildcat has now won three of five lifetime starts for more than \$90,000.

SANTANA RIDES FOUR WINNERS ON SATURDAY CARD

Jozbin Santana took advantage of the absence of three of the top riders in the colony to score four times, matching a career-high, on Saturday's 10-race card. The 25-year old captured the first three races of the afternoon, guiding A Firm Prospect (\$19.20), Root for Lady Jane (\$12) and Dee I Do (\$13.20) to the winners' circle. He then booted home New Wind Blowin' in the sixth (\$6.40).

The first two wins were mounts he picked up because Steve Hamilton decided to ride Malibu Moonshine in the Battaglia Memorial at Turfway Park. All three mounts Hamilton was scheduled to ride finished first on the card.

"Great day thanks to Stevie," said Santana, a top ten rider in the state since 2002. "My agent (Roniel Gerardo) did a great job once we knew he was going out of town. Maryland is a tough circuit with many established riders. I am glad to win one race here and there, so four is an outstanding day."

The top two riders in the colony, Ramon Dominguez (riding at Gulfstream Park) and Ryan Fogelsonger (strained neck in Friday spill), were also missing from the jocks room.

He also reached the four-win mark on April 24, 2004, October 13, 2003 and November 7, 2002.

POST TIME CHANGE

Beginning Wednesday, March 9 Laurel Park will switch to a 1:10 p.m. post time for the remainder of the winter meeting. First post will stay at 1:10 for the entire spring stand, which ends June 12, except for two days during Preakness week: May 20 (12:45 p.m.) and May 21 (10:30 a.m.).

Magna 5™ Pays \$3,654.80



LAUREL, MD. 03-05-05---The Magna 5™ paid \$3,654.80 to 142 winners Saturday as favorites took three of the five races. The popular \$2 pick five wager links races from three major racetracks in an hour with a guaranteed \$500,000 pool every Saturday afternoon.

A total of \$665,384.56 was bet into today's pool, the second best in the history of the wager and the third consecutive week the pool has exceeded \$600,000.

Diamond Wildcat (\$6.80) wired the field in the Horatius Stakes at Laurel Park, Eddington (\$5.20) dominated the Grade II Gulfstream Park Handicap, Declan's Moon (\$3.60) lived up to the hype in the Grade II Santa Catalina Stakes at Santa Anita Park, High Fly (\$4.20) proved to be the best in the Grade II Fountain Of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream Park and Verkade (\$52.40) sprinted to an upset victory in an optional-allowance test at Santa Park.

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Camacho And Monterrey Are On The Rise



LAUREL, MD. 03-09-05---Modern horseracing knows no seasons, so jockeys at the top of the heap always sense that someone is nipping at their heels. As winter turns to spring, a pair of 21-year olds Eric Camacho and Richard Monterrey are threatening to upend Maryland mainstays Ramon Dominguez, Ryan Fogelsonger and Mario Pino.

Camacho joined the Maryland colony last spring and won 111 races in eight months. After he won his first race at Pimlico last year, he declared his goal was to become one of the best. The Anne Arundel County native is striving to live up to his prediction. He leads all apprentice

riders in the state with 35 winners and has moved into second place among the day-to-day leaders, only two behind Dominguez.

Camacho said, "I think everything is working out for me. I'm watching and learning. You watch what the other guys are doing and pick up on it."

Camacho rode five gate-to-wire winners last week. When he was asked about that feat he said, "I like to ride on the front end, but it doesn't really matter where I am (during the race). A lot of horses, they break away from the gate for me and we're in front, so I just leave them alone and let them run. If I'm on the front I feel comfortable, but it doesn't matter where I am. I just hope things keep going smoothly and hope people keep supporting me as they are now."

Monterrey was a successful apprentice, winning 172 races as a bug rider in 2003. After a lackluster sophomore season, with only 101 victories, the native of Caracas, Venezuela hired former boxing promoter J.D. Brown in January and has seen his fortunes completely turn around.

Monterrey said, "I'm trying hard to be a good jockey. I changed agents in the beginning of the year. I got J.D. Brown. He's a nice guy and he's doing a really good job."

Monterrey, whose father Pedro is a jockey, talked about his learning curve.

"Everybody has a different style," said Monterrey. "I just want to be smart and try to ride good horses and follow instructions. I have to say that (trainer) Eddie Gaudet has helped me a lot. He's pushing me up there. He's given me a lot of chances. He talks to me all the time. If I do something wrong he tells me. I want to do my best and I want to win."

Monterrey ranks third in the winter standings with 33 victories, five more than Fogelsonger and nine ahead of Pino.

COX SADDLES THREE WINNERS ON WEDNESDAY CARD

Trainer Kenny Cox saddled three winners on Wednesday's eight-race card to move into second place in the winter standings. The 37-year old conditioner scored twice for leading owner Michael Gill, winning with Dandy Squall (\$4.40-first) and Ruffles and Ridges (\$4-fifth). He also had his picture taken after Free Dip (\$11.80) took the sixth. Cox now has 18 winners during the meet, just one fewer than Scott Lake.

FOGELSONGER EXPECTED BACK THURSDAY

Ryan Fogelsonger, who sprained his neck last Friday when a horse tossed him, is expected to return Thursday. The 23-year old has only one mount on the eight-race card, Zhone, the 8-5 morning line choice in the finale. The 2002 Eclipse Award winning apprentice is scheduled to ride three horses Friday afternoon, including Water Cannon in the feature. The duo won the Tesio Stakes a year ago before competing in the Preakness Stakes®.

DOMINGUEZ ABOARD THE FAVORITE IN SATURDAY'S LOUISIANA DERBY

Ramon Dominguez has ridden in five Triple Crown races this decade and the 28-year old is in search of a top three-year old this spring. This Saturday he will ride High Limit, the 5-2 morning line favorite in the \$600,000 Louisiana Derby (Grade II) at the Fair Grounds. Last year Dominguez rode the son of Maria's Mon to two impressive victories at Delaware Park for trainer Tony Dutrow in October before the horse was sold privately to Gary and Mary West, for whom Bobby Frankel is the trainer.

"I really like everything about him," said Dominguez. "He was impressive first time sprinting and did it awfully easy for the first time around two turns against a pretty modest group. He showed he was much the best and proved he could handle the distance. The horse has a lot of ability and you know Frankel knows how to get them ready. I breezed him last Saturday, the day I rode at Gulfstream, and the horse is doing great. It is going to be exciting."

Fogelsonger Wins With First Mount After Injury



LAUREL, MD. 03-10-05---Ryan Fogelsonger returned to action today after missing three racing days and won with his first and only mount of the day. The 2002 Eclipse Award winning apprentice was tossed from his mount Lucky Valid last Friday after the horse had crossed the finish line. Fogelsonger landed head first and remained motionless on the ground until he was removed from the track in an ambulance.

The 23-year old was later transferred to the Shock Trauma Unit at the University Of Maryland Medical Center for further observation. He was diagnosed with a strained neck and had to wear a neck brace over the weekend. After visiting his

doctor Monday, he was cleared to ride again today.

His first mount back was 7-5 favorite Zhone for trainer Dale Capuano in the Thursday finale. Zhone stalked the pacesetter into the homestretch in the seven furlong test, then pushed to the lead and won off by 3-1/2 lengths. He paid \$4.80.

"Nice way to come back," said Fogelsonger. "I got on one this morning and felt pretty good. I have been kind of down on myself lately and have been frustrated. I was sick and missed an entire week last month and just when things started to get good again, winning three last Thursday, the spill happened. I missed out on a couple winners each day over the weekend and it is really competitive jockey colony right now."

Fogelsonger ranks fourth in the current winter meet standings with 29 victories.

EIGHT FILLIES AND MARES SET FOR SATURDAY'S CONNIVER STAKES

Saturday's \$50,000 Conniver Stakes should be a contentious affair with eight Maryland-bred fillies and mares racing seven furlongs on the main track. Track handicapper Frank Carulli has named Richetta as the lukewarm, 2-1 favorite. The race kicks off the popular Magna 5™ wager.

Robin Graham trains Richetta, who has finished in the money 12 times of seventeen starts, including three stakes victories at Laurel Park in 2003. The Polish Numbers filly has not won since taking the Twin Lights Stakes at Monmouth Park last August and finished next-to-last in the Grade II Barbara Fritchie Handicap in her last effort. Horacio Karamanos will guide Richetta for the first time.

A promising filly who has been assigned odds of 3-1 is the undefeated Glory Lane. She has won three races, all as the betting favorite and all under jockey Richard Monterrey. The daughter of Unbridled Song makes her stakes debut for trainer Al Cefalo on Saturday.

Two older mares are listed at 7-2. Chrusciki is winless since taking the Lady Secret at Monmouth Park in August. She'll carry jockey Ryan Fogelsonger for trainer Ferris Allen. Glory Of Love, a speedy daughter of Not For Love, was disqualified after winning her last start. Eric Rodriguez gets a second chance on the 5-year-old mare for trainer Kenny Cox.

Sea Of Promises (10-1) has built a 3-6-0 record in thirteen starts. Last year her best efforts were runner-up finishes in the Politely and Squan Song Stakes. John Robb trains the chestnut filly. Greg Hutton will ride.

Search For A Cure (15-1) finished second in last year's Conniver Stakes. She has remained winless since then and was claimed out of her last outing by Laura Dennis. Jose Caraballo will ride the In Case mare for the first time.

Completing the line-up are 20-1 longshots Wee Burn and Citi State. Both have won three times and will be testing added-money company for the first time.

The first six weeks of the Laurel portion of the winter meeting have produced solid Saturday crowds, with an average of 8,692 attending.

Chrusciki And Fogelsonger Drive To Victory In Conniver Stakes



LAUREL, MD. 3-12-05---Nancy Lee Farms' Chrusciki helped jockey Ryan Fogelsonger complete a reversal of bad racing luck when she carried him to victory in today's feature, the \$50,000 Conniver Stakes for Maryland-bred fillies and mares. The race was marred, however, by a spill involving three horses racing at the back of the field.

Last Friday Fogelsonger was forced out of action after falling from a horse. He missed three racing days with a sprained neck, then won with his first mount back in Thursday's finale. Today the 2002 Eclipse Award winning apprentice won three races, capping off the afternoon with a 1-

1/4 length tally aboard Chrusciki, for trainer Ferris Allen III.

Chrusciki, a 5-year-old daughter of Polish Numbers, was making her first start of the year. She stalked favorite Glory Of Love and longshot Sea Of Promises down the backstretch, passed the longshot as they raced into the turn and closed in on the favorite as they straightened away for home. She collared the leader a furlong from the wire and edged clear to win the seven furlong test in 1:26.11 over the fast main track.

Chrusciki paid \$14.60. She topped a \$54.20 exacta and a \$153.20 triple, as Richetta finished third.

Fogelsonger said, "She broke really sharp and was into the bit. I thought if I let that horse on the lead go too easily she was going to keep going, so we went after her. She ran a game race and got the job done. It has been rough for me the last month or so. It is good to have a day like this."

Allen said, "This is a real quality filly. I thought this was the right spot to start her back as a 5-year-old. We weren't necessarily expecting a win here, but we thought she was talented enough to beat

these state-breds sprinting. She's very tractable. She has really good natural speed and relaxes well on the lead. Going long, she's even better."

Allen added, "She only ran one bad race last year, on the grass. She's by Polish Numbers, so she's supposed to love that surface, but as it turns out she doesn't. Since we switched her back over to the dirt, she's been fine."

Three horses and their riders were involved in an accident racing around the far turn. A chain reaction started when the lightly raced filly Glory Lane stumbled and fell. The two horses who were racing behind her, Search for a Cure and Citi State, crashed into her.

All three riders were transferred to Laurel Hospital. Richard Monterrey, who was aboard Glory Lane, sprained his right hip and it might have been fractured. Jose Caraballo who rode Search for a Cure, was diagnosed with a possible fracture of his right collarbone. Dale Whittaker, the rider of Citi State, had a possible fracture of his left wrist.

Two of the horses were able to rise to their feet and walk from the scene. Citi State had to be put down.

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Chrusciki (\$14.60) took the Conniver Stakes at Laurel Park, Scriptress (\$5) broke her maiden at Santa Anita, Sauvage (\$77) got up in the final jump to light up the board in an allowance race at Gulfstream Park, Lady Libertine (\$8.20) sprinted to victory over the Santa Anita Park grass and Sir Shackleton (\$5.40) broke a track record in winning the Grade II Richter Scale Handicap at Gulfstream Park.

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Harrison Johnson Handicap Is A Wide Open Affair



Handicap.

LAUREL, MD. 03-17-05---All eight horses entered in Saturday's \$75,000 Harrison E. Johnson Memorial Handicap have a realistic chance to win, leaving the race essentially wide open. On top of this, Rogue Agent, the 3-1 morning line favorite, may opt to run in an allowance race at Aqueduct instead.

Trainer Mike Brice trains Rogue Agent, a Belmont Park-based six-year old who has finished in the money 19 times in 39 career starts. He has named Mario Pino to ride the speedy, seven time winner in the 1-1/8th mile affair. In his last race on January 30, the son of Anjiz was seventh in the Grade III Aqueduct

Brice said, "He threw in a bit of a clunker last time out. We had him all ready to go and they postponed the race for a week due to bad weather. So that hurt his chances a bit. He's doing great now. We're still on the fence about this weekend's spot."

With Rogue Agent questionable, second choice on the morning line at 9-2 falls to Michael Gill's Lusty Latin, whose last win was the Schapiro Handicap in September and who hasn't run since November. Lusty Latin, starting on the rail, could inherit the front end should Rogue Agent pass the race. Erick Rodriguez will ride the El Prado gelding, who has been in the money five times in six starts at the distance for trainer Mark Shuman.

The ever erratic Little Matth Man is listed next at 5-1. He popped up on the Triple Crown trail last year as a promising sophomore and ran eighth in the Preakness. He was then out of action until December and has posted two nice efforts and two clunkers in his last four starts. Todd Glasser will ride the colt for Philadelphia Park trainer Marty Ciresa.

Another 5-1 morning line entry is Ouagadougou. A slow starter who rallies into the picture in most of his starts for trainer Tim Tullock, he put up three fourth place finishes in stakes last year. Steve Hamilton will ride.

Jim Thirds Bolero (6-1) won the Native Dancer Stakes at Pimlico to start 2005. Ryan Fogelsonger, his regular pilot, will ride the 6-year-old gelding for trainer Annette Eubanks.

Penobscot Bay (6-1) has won two straight at the allowance level for trainer Rodney Jenkins and will have the services of leading rider Ramon Dominguez. The five-year old has won two of three at the distance and has been training well.

At 8-1 is Stepatatime, who started only five times in 2004-2005 but appears to be on the improve. This will be his first stakes try since the 2003 Maryland Million Classic. Horacio Karamanos rides for trainer Chris Grove.

Completing the field is 10-1 shot Marina Minister from the red-hot barn of Ferris Allen.

The race kicks off the popular Magna 5™ wager.

Uncle Pick Six Scores In Highly Anticipated Finale



LAUREL, MD. 03-18-05---In a race complicated by the appearance of six first-time starters among the ten colts and geldings entered, Uncle Pick Six emerged as the best newcomer with a strong gate to wire effort in today's finale, a \$24,000 maiden special weight test at Laurel Park.

Jockey Erick Rodriguez hustled the bay son of Boston Harbor right after pacesetting Sunshine Stalker as they raced down the backstretch. Uncle Pick Six pushed to the front before reaching the far turn and fended off all comers the rest of the way, winning by a neck in 1:11.51. The winner paid \$22 for trainer Dale Capuano and owner H. Neil Glasser.

"You don't see many first time starters run that big," said Rodriguez. "Nobody seemed to want the lead so we took advantage of that and he was in control the entire race. He is going to be a nice one."

Xcessive Heat, a full brother to the champion sprinter Xtra Heat, finished ninth as the second choice.

The field was filled with solid horses as six of the starters produced bullet works leading up to the race.

CAMACHO MOVES AHEAD OF DOMINGUEZ IN RIDER STANDINGS

Apprentice Eric Camacho scored twice on Friday's card and moved ahead of Ramon Dominguez atop the standings for the winter meeting. The 21-year old visited the winners' circle aboard Wooden Angel (\$6.80-first) and Crossing Again (\$4.20-second). He now has 42 victories at the major Maryland tracks this year, one more than Dominguez. Ryan Fogelsonger sits third with 35 first place finishes. Camacho, who has 154 career winners, has seven weeks remaining as a bug rider, losing the weight allowance after the May 6 card.

ROGUE AGENT WILL NOT RUN IN HARRISON JOHNSON

Rogue Agent, the morning line favorite in Saturday's Harrison Johnson Memorial Handicap, will not ship to Laurel Park tomorrow for the \$75,000 stakes race. Instead trainer Michael Brice decided to run his charge in an allowance race this afternoon at Aqueduct where he finished second.

Dominguez Presented With Isaac Murphy Award



LAUREL, MD. 03-19-05 ---In a winners' circle presentation before this afternoon's fourth race, Ramon Dominguez was given the 2004 Isaac Murphy Award trophy by Baltimore Sun reporter Tom Keyser. The award is given by the National Turf Writers Association to the jockey with the highest winning percentage during the year.

In 2004, Dominguez won 383 races from 1,353 mounts for a strike rate of 28.3% to unseat Northern California star Russell Baze, who had won the award each year since its inception in 1995. The Isaac Murphy Award is named in honor of the legendary 19th Century black jockey who won with 44% of his career mounts.

Dominguez, who led the nation in victories in 2001 and 2003, credited his agent Steve Rushing.

Dominguez said, "This award is definitely a great honor. I think this reflects what a good job my agent has done with me and the support that we get on a daily basis everywhere we ride. If we don't get the animals there's just so much we can do. I definitely think this is a result of teamwork."

Camacho Rides A Career-Best Four Winners



LAUREL, MD. 03-19-05 --- Apprentice Eric Camacho rode a career-high four winners on Saturday's card and increased his lead over Ramon Dominguez atop the standings for the winter meeting. The 21-year old visited the winners' circle aboard Silent Splendor (\$6-second), Mazel Tov Betty (\$9.80-fourth), Quick Punch (\$4-seventh) and Seven Talents (\$5.80-eighth).

"Big day," said Camacho. "I went into the gate for the last one saying, 'I have won three races three times and never got the fourth, so get it'."

The Baltimore native now has 46 victories at the major Maryland tracks this year, four more than Dominguez. Ryan Fogelsonger sits third with 35 first place finishes. Dominguez and Fogelsonger have dominated the colony this decade.

"I am very fortunate to be in this situation," added Camacho, who wrestled and played soccer at nearby Arundel High School.

"I have support from many of the top trainers and that is what's getting me home."

Camacho, who has 158 career winners, has seven weeks remaining as a bug rider, losing the weight allowance after the May 6 card.

Lusty Latin Dominates Harrison Johnson Handicap



exacta and a \$403.80 triple.

Lusty Latin, whose last win was the Schapiro Handicap at Pimlico last September, had not run since November.

“He just needed a little break, so we freshened him up,” said trainer Mark Shuman. “Around the first of the year, I sent him down to Gammy Vasquez at Fair Grounds. He backed up on him, walked him for months – just made sure he was back together. He’s in great shape now – all set up for the spring.”

Shuman said his pupil, who competed in the 2002 Kentucky Derby, would be pointed to the \$200,000 Jim McKay Breeders’ Cup at Pimlico on April 23.

“There wasn’t a lot of speed in the race,” said Rodriguez. “My instructions were to get to the lead if I could and if not just settle down. But we got the lead and set a nice slow pace which certainly didn’t help the closers. I could feel the horses behind me, but at the turn I let him go and he responded.”

The win moved Rodriguez into a fifth place tie in the rider standings with Mario Pino. The 25-year old took over as the stable rider for Team Gill last month when Jeremy Beasley returned to Texas.

“I have to thank Mike Gill, Kenny Cox and Mark Shuman,” added Rodriguez. “Business can be up and down but I am working hard and this is working out great.”

LAUREL, MD. 03-19-05---Michael Gill’s Lusty Latin, the only speed in the \$75,000 Harrison Johnson Memorial Handicap, dashed to the lead from his inside post and left six rivals in his wake. The end result was a sharp victory in Laurel’s Saturday feature.

Under jockey Erick Rodriguez, the almost all-white son of El Prado completed the nine furlongs in 1:52.03 over a main track rated fast. The winner was five lengths ahead of Ouagadougou at the finish. Jim Thirds Bolero pushed after Lusty Latin throughout and held onto third.

Lusty Latin paid \$7.20. He topped a \$75

Over 850 Win Magna 5™



LAUREL, MD. 03-19-05---The Magna 5™ paid \$469.60 to 855 winners Saturday as four out of five favorites were victorious. The popular \$2 pick five wager links races from three major racetracks in an hour with a guaranteed \$500,000 pool every Saturday afternoon. A total of \$515,180.70 was bet into today’s pool.

Lusty Latin (\$7.20) wired the field the Harrison Johnson Handicap at Laurel Park, Imagoldseeker (\$3.60) took a claimer at Santa Anita, Cape Hope (\$5) was

much the best in the Grade III Herecomesthebride at Gulfstream Park, Chinese Dragon (\$9.40) was impressive in the Pasadena over the Santa Anita Park grass and Winneratthewindow (\$5) cashed in with an allowance score at Gulfstream Park.

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March 12	\$474,784.40	6	\$ 65,000.00
March 19	\$515,180.70	855	\$ 469.60

Eleven Set To Go In Private Terms Stakes



LAUREL, MD. 03-24-05---The top three finishers from February's Miracle Wood Stakes return on Saturday in the \$50,000 Private Terms Stakes at Laurel Park. The one-mile, one-turn test, which has attracted a field of eleven 3-year-olds, is the first leg of the popular Magna 5™ wager.

Malibu Moonshine, Legal Control and Seize were 1-2-3 under the finish line in the Miracle Wood. They are joined by six other runners who won their last start. The outcome appears ambiguous.

Track handicapper Frank Carulli established Malibu Moonshine as the 3-1 favorite, with Legal Control next at 7-2. Flaminsun is 4-1, Monster Chaser and Timely Bid are 9-2 and Seize is 10-1. Touched By Madness, Passover Broadway and Mr. Cliveden are 20-1. Hello Jerry and B Trick are the outsiders at 30-1.

Malibu Moonshine, who is not nominated to the Triple Crown series, looked every bit a Classic contender when he won the Miracle Wood for trainer King Leatherbury. The conditioner was quick to test the son of Malibu Moon at Turfway Park in the Battaglia Memorial and he ran a willing fourth under jockey Steve Hamilton. Hamilton retains the mount on Saturday.

"We were a little disappointed in his last," said Leatherbury, who ranks third on the all-time win list with 6,065 career victories. "There were six speed horses in there so we decided to take him back. Four of them dueled for the lead – but those son of a guns didn't come back to us. Malibu Moonshine is training well and we expect him to give a good account of himself Saturday."

Legal Control was the favorite on the day Malibu Moonshine won the Miracle Wood. The Richard Small trainee closed gamely to be second under Jozbin Santana. The son of 1995 Kentucky Derby winner Thunder Gulch has finished in the money six times in seven career starts, including a win in the Maryland Juvenile Championship. Legal Control's dam Miss Legality, won the 1992 Black Eyed Susan.

Small said, "He's doing great. Last time out he kind of got tangled up, missed the break and was bumped around. I feel good about the outside post for Saturday. He's Triple Crown nominated but we're going to take our time with him. He's a late [June] foal – so he still has some growing to do."

Flaminsun, third choice on the morning line, has raced only three times but was very impressive when he broke his maiden in his most recent start. He won by more than twelve lengths under jockey Ryan Fogelsonger, who will ride him again in the Private Terms. Joe Devereux trains the son of Smoke Glacken, who worked a bullet with Fogelsonger aboard Sunday morning.

The trainer said, "He's bred to handle an off track. He really seemed to love the mud (in his last start). He's never run a bad race. In his debut, he lost a shoe, grabbed a quarter and only lost by a nose. It took a five minute photo to separate them. In his second race, he made a winning move and then got tired over a drying-out track."

Rain is in the forecast for Friday night and into Saturday morning.

Timely Bid is a solid 2 for 3 in his career and takes the next logical step against stakes competition. Mario Pino has secured the mount from trainer Michael Trombetta. The son of Mr. Greeley, who beat Flaminsun by a nose in their debuts in December at Pimlico, had a bullet work over this surface last Saturday.

Monster Chaser won the Rollicking Stakes and placed in three others as a promising juvenile but the Eddie Gaudet trainee had an accident and physical problems getting back to the races this year and turned in a so-so effort in his 2005 debut, a third place finish in the Horatius earlier this month. However the son of Meadow Monster did post a bullet work two weeks ago at the Bowie Training Center.

Seize has been off since the third place finish in the Miracle Wood.

Mr. Cliveden will make his third straight added money start after off the board finishes in the Miracle Wood and Horatius.

Touched By Madness, Passover Broadway and Hello Jerry each prepped for the race with a score at Philadelphia Park, while B Trick won an allowance race at Laurel last week.

DUBAI WORLD CUP RACES TO BE SIMULCAST SATURDAY

Laurel Park will simulcast the final three races of the Dubai World Cup from Nad Al Sheba Racecourse in United Arab Emirates. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. The Golden Shaheen (10:55 post) features three horses with Maryland flavor as 2005 General George Handicap winner Saratoga County, 2003 General George winner My Cousin Matt and 2004 Barbara Fritchie winner Bear Fan will compete in the \$2 million sprint. Other races available are the \$2 million Duty Free (11:35 post) and \$6 million Dubai World Cup (12:20 post), the world's richest horse race. First post for Laurel's nine-race card is 1:10 p.m.

SENSIBLY CHIC AND SILMIRAL ARE BIG APPLE BOUND

Sensibly Chic and Silmaril, Maryland's top female sprinters, are headed to New York this weekend for the \$150,000 Distaff Breeders' Cup at Aqueduct. The pair finished second and third in the Grade II Barbara Fritchie Handicap at Laurel Park last month. The winner of that race, Cativa, is also entered in Saturday's seven-furlong test.

Ramon Dominguez will make the trip to pilot Sensibly Chic for trainer Tim Tullock. The 28-year old has six mounts on the nine-race card.

Chris Grove will use New York-based jockey Stewart Elliott for Silmaril and Gold Cluster, who will run in an allowance race earlier on the program.

Malibu Moonshine Begins To Shine In Private Terms Stakes



LAUREL, MD. 03-26-05---The real Malibu Moonshine showed up today, swooping a field of rival 3-year-olds and driving to a narrow victory in the \$50,000 Private Terms Stakes, all while in complete command.

The chestnut son of Malibu Moon had created a flurry of interest when he won Laurel Park's Miracle Wood in February but raised some doubt when he ran 4th in the Battaglia Memorial at Turfway Park on March 5th.

Today the newest star of the King Leatherbury stable cemented his credentials as one of the leading 3-year-olds in Maryland as he

won by a neck and completed the race in 1:40.04 for the one mile distance. Ridden again by jockey Steve Hamilton, Malibu Moonshine ran down a determined 50-1 longshot Hello Jerry in deep stretch to secure the win. Monster Chaser finished third.

Malibu Moonshine paid \$8.60. With the longshot finishing second, the exacta returned \$272.20 and the triple paid \$1409.40.

Hamilton said, "The race set up pretty good. We were stuck down on the inside and the horse doesn't particularly like being down there. He overcame a lot today. A horse ran up on the inside of him and he picked it right up on his own. It all came out well in the end. He is getting better all the time and hopefully he'll keep progressing."

Leatherbury said, "We analyzed the [Battaglia Memorial] and found out it was a much faster race than we originally thought. Our horse kind of ran his race down there. The ones that beat him just ran a little faster." Leatherbury added, "He had to come from way back today. He's a nice horse. I don't think he'll have any problem stretching out [in distance] as the year goes on."

Malibu Moonshine wasn't one of the 358 three-year-olds named to the Triple Crown during the early nomination period that closed in late January. Leatherbury indicated he will pay the \$6,000 late nomination before tonight's midnight deadline.

"If he shows that he's worthy of it, we'll point for the Preakness." As for now, Leatherbury concluded, "We have another 3-year-old race coming up in Maryland. We'll probably wait for that."

Leatherbury, who ranks third on the all-time win list with 6,066 victories, has saddled three Preakness starters in his legendary career: Indigo Star (fifth-1978), Thirty Eight Paces (fourth-1981) and I Am The Game (fourth-1985).

"I almost got it," said Dyn Panell, who rode the runner-up. "I think he just got tired. We just missed it but the horse that beat us is great."

GOVERNOR EHRLICH TO VISIT LAUREL PARK ON MONDAY

Maryland Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. is scheduled to visit Laurel Park from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, March 28. The Governor will tour the renovated track with a visit to the new Horse Wizard™

Lounge and will meet with the media in the upgraded dining room.

SARATOGA COUNTY WINS \$2 MILLION GOLDEN SHAHEEN

Saratoga County, who won the Grade II General George Handicap at Laurel Park last month, won today's \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen at Nad Al Sheba Racecourse in United Arab Emirates.

Magna 5™ Pays Nearly \$100,000



POPULAR WAGER WILL CONCLUDE ITS SECOND SESSION NEXT WEEK

LAUREL, MD. 03-26-05--- The Magna 5™ paid \$97,500 to four winners Saturday. A total of \$437,349.92 was bet into today's pool.

Malibu Moonshine (\$8.60) got up in the final jumps to win the Private Terms Stakes at Laurel Park, Military Singer (\$6.60) took a claimer at Santa Anita, Interpatation (\$79.20) shocked the field in Grade III Palm Beach Stakes at Gulfstream Park, Summer Bay (\$14.60) broke her maiden at Santa Anita Park and Fortunate Buy (\$7.20) sprinted to victory at Gulfstream Park.

Magna Entertainment Corp. announced today that its weekly Magna 5™ wager will close its second season on Saturday, April 2, after ten consecutive Saturdays of challenging and exciting racing action. To date, the popular \$2 pick five wager, which links races from three major racetracks in an hour with a guaranteed \$500,000 pool every Saturday afternoon, has averaged over \$558,600 in wagers, surpassing \$600,000 three times.

Since the launch of the Magna 5™ wager on January 29, there have been 4,804 winning Magna 5™ tickets paying an average of \$72,152.69, with individual payoffs as high as \$406,985.80 for a base wager of \$2. Jack Knowlton, the principal owner of Funny Cide, has cashed twice (February 26 and March 19).

Last year during a 12-week span, the pick-five wager drew an average pool of \$545,275, with 1,091 winning tickets paying a total of \$427,227.40.

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March 26	\$437,349.92	4	\$ 97,500.00

Pimlico To Host Miss USA Event This Friday

BALTIMORE, 03-30-05---The Maryland Jockey Club today announced that it and parent company, Magna Entertainment Corp., will host a one-of-a-kind auction at Pimlico Race Course this Friday, April 1 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The invitation only event will feature Shandi Finnessey, the reigning Miss USA, and all 51 Miss USA contestants. Each competitor will provide a gift from her state that will be auctioned off to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The 54th Annual Miss USA competition will be shown live on NBC from the Hippodrome Theatre in downtown Baltimore on April 11.

During the summer of 2003, the Maryland Jockey Club teamed up with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for a gala fundraising event surrounding an advance screening of the movie Seabiscuit.

“The Maryland Jockey Club is honored again to partner with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in this exciting and unique event,” said Karin De Francis, Executive Vice President of the Maryland Jockey Club. “We are thrilled to welcome the reigning Miss USA Shandi Finnessey and all 51 Miss USA Pageant contestants to Pimlico, home of the Preakness Stakes®, and look forward to a special evening of celebration and support for CF.”

The 130th Preakness Stakes®, the middle jewel of the famed VISA Triple Crown, will be run at the historic Baltimore track on Saturday, May 21.

Joining the Maryland Jockey Club in support of this event is Remy Amerique, a division of Remy-Cointreau Group, the premier importer and marketer of one the best portfolios of wine and spirit brands for consumers seeking new sensations and uncompromising quality. Remy Amerique has been a Maryland Jockey Club and Preakness sponsor since 2001.

Fillies Move Up In Smart Halo Stakes



LAUREL, MD. 03-31-05---Five of the seven 3-year-old fillies named to start in Saturday's \$50,000 Smart Halo Stakes won their last start but finished first against restricted, allowance or claiming company.

Flashy Three (9-5), a chestnut daughter of Pulpit trained by Rodney Jenkins and ridden by Jozbin Santana, has won two races in four starts with a second in the Toddler and a fourth in the Marshua Stakes. Last time out she won an nw/1 allowance by sweeping five wide and just getting up to win by a nose.

Ryan Fogelsonger rode Flashy Three in the Toddler. He said, “She didn't have anything go her way (on race day). She came over a little antsy, was washed out in the post parade, had to walk around when the horse got loose, stumbled out of the gate, got nailed in the face by the whip at the quarter-pole, didn't want to switch leads and she still finished second. I think you are going to see a great deal from this filly.”

Trainer Jenkins said, “She's just like her mother [Flashy Four, a Storm Cat mare]. She's a talented runner—but is quite nervous and difficult to ride. If she handles herself well in the paddock, I expect

her to run a big race on Saturday.” Jenkins added, “It’s hard to find local races for 3yo fillies going long. They don’t write many route stakes until Pimlico – and it’s tough to get non-winners of two allowance races to go at this time of the year.”

Jet Set Citi (5-2) is a promising, one for one after leading throughout on March 12th for trainer Hamilton Smith. The Unbridled Jet filly will skip conditions and move directly into stakes territory with Steve Hamilton riding for the first time on Saturday.

“I usually don’t like to go from maidens to stakes company,” said Smith. “But the next allowance is about three weeks away and she’s ready to run now. She’s shown great speed in the morning. She’ll go as fast as you want her to. But she’s also a kind horse. I’ve worked her behind horses, teaching her to rate, and she’s done just fine.”

Missile Bay (7-2) is a quick starter who has already won at Laurel. Scott Lake recently claimed the Yes Its True filly for \$75,000 at Aqueduct in a race where she grudgingly relinquished the lead to finish second. Abel Castellano will ride.

“We loved the way she looked on the track,” said Lake. “She’s also shown speed and consistency and looked like she had a lot of upside.”

Speed Bag (6-1) has four wins in eleven starts. The New York bred beat state-breds at Aqueduct in her latest try and is riding a two win streak. Jeff Odintz trains Speed Bag and Dyn Panell will ride.

Race For Freedom (8-1) left the allowance ranks for trainer Dale Capuano in her second start on February 10th. Richard Monterrey retains the mount.

Loch Nessie (12-1) has been claimed three times during her short career, going from Vincent Blengs to Scott Lake to Kenny Cox to Laura Dennis. Her last victory came against \$40,000 claimers at Laurel in a sprint.

Hanalei Bay’s (15-1) best try was a third place finish behind Flashy Three in last year’s Toddler. She was off the board in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship and tired to seventh in an allowance start. Mary Eppler hopes to turn things around with jockey Horacio Karamanos.

TEAM GILL GETS DEEPER

Michael Gill, who has dominated the Maryland standings for the last three years, has bolstered his local roster with the transfer of his Fair Grounds stable under the direction of trainer Gamaliel Vazquez, who finished second in the recently completed meeting at the New Orleans track. Carlos Marquez, Jr., who was a top ten rider in the Maryland in 1997 and 1998, will ride first call for Vazquez.

Team Gill leads all owners with 33 victories during the winter stand with Kenny Cox topping the conditioner standings. Erick Rodriguez is the stable rider for the Cox barn.

MJC SETS STRANGLES POLICY

The Maryland Jockey Club will require all horses shipping from racetracks and training centers in Florida and Kentucky to Pimlico, Laurel Park and the Bowie Training Center to have a certificate of veterinary inspection dated within two days of their arrival. The certificate must include a declaration by the examining vet that the horse has not been on premises under quarantine for, or exposed to, strangles, or has not shown signs of the disease, and has not had a fever in the previous three weeks.

The MJC will require the examining vet to list the horse’s temperature on the health certificate. This policy will be enforced immediately and continue until further notice.