

March 21, 2009
Turfway Park
Race 8: 27th running of the Bourbonette Oaks (G3)
\$150,000 guaranteed (includes \$75,000 Breeders' Cup Fund)
3yo fillies, one mile
Race Quotes

Winning horse: Hot Cha Cha

Winning trainer: Philip Sims

"We decided to take a shot. She ran so well last time that I told (owner) Mr. McMakin that we should take a chance here. Her last race was her first time around two turns and she loved it. She has the pedigree for it.

"The race just set up perfect for us with the speed and the 10 hole. We were happy when we got that.

"It's just too soon (for the KY Oaks). It's a long summer. There are races like the Arlington Oaks, which is on the Polytrack. I think that's where she needs to be and maybe turf."

2nd horse: Fitz Just Right

2nd jockey: Cornelio Velasquez

"She ran ok. She got a little tired the last part of the race. That other filly went by me pretty fast. She ran a very good race. I have no excuses, that other filly just beat us."

3rd horse: Instrumentalist

3rd trainer: Thomas Drury Jr.

"I'm just thrilled. Obviously coming out of the sprints, as Garrett (Gomez) said, she was a little sharp, a little on the bridle, but she settled in, and I think she's going to be just fine. We'll try to find something at Keeneland, maybe a little softer company. As much as she looks like she has to be in front on paper, we've covered up a few times in the morning and I figured she'd rate. The first time around two turns, I just couldn't be happier with her."