

March 21, 2009
Turfway Park
Race 10: 38th running of the Lane's End Stakes (G2)
\$500,000 guaranteed
3yo, one mile and one-eighth
Race Quotes

Winning horse: Hold Me Back

Winning Owner: Doug Cauthen, President WinStar Farm

"This was a \$500,000 race and it gave us graded earning if we want to dream big and we're dreaming big.

"He's really strengthened and matured since last year. Kent rode a great race. He has that long stride and just kept going. The credit really goes to (Trainer) Bill (Mott) and the horse. We are very fortunate to have Bill and Elliott Walden plotting his course.

"He's named after (owner) Kenny Trout. He's always saying 'Hold Me Back' if you're joking with him. We've had a lot of luck with horses named for people in our organization like Colonel John and Sharp Susan."

Winning owner: Elliott Walden, Vice President

"The Derby is definitely our plan, but we'll let the horse and Bill tell us if that is the right place. Our goal is the Derby every year.

"He had won two races last year as a two-year-old, so there weren't many allowance races that were going to fill for him at Gulfstream. One option was the Fountain of Youth, but we didn't think the one-turn mile was the right place.

"He's three for three on the synthetics, so that's why we thought of this race to bring him back. He just didn't show up in his last race in the Remsen. He was all legs and bones. I think he's probably put on 150 pounds since then. He's a bigger horse and running with a purpose now.

"We'll let Bill make the call, but I would think we'd probably go straight into the Derby, but the Blue Grass is also a nice race to win."

Winning jockey: Kent Desormeaux

"I thought I was hopelessly beaten the second the doors opened. He just stood there and it worked out really well in the end because closers perform so much better on it (Polytrack). I had the favorite in my sights and I thought he looked like he wasn't handling the going today.

"After a fearful start he carried me around the racetrack in great fashion, strong, in the bridle, continued to move forward, and I allowed him to do that passing the half-mile pole and just collected the frontrunners continually until we made the lead.

“Bittel Road was struggling down the backside. Garrett (Gomez) was already knuckling and he wasn’t progressing, so I just peeled out from behind him and just went about my own business. He just powered for the wire, full of energy.

“I’m a true fan of Polytrack and I think there may have been circumstances where the lead horse just went to fast on the Poly, but I think the best horse wins more often than not on the Polytrack.”

2nd horse: Flying Private

2nd jockey: Israel Ocampo

“I want to thank the connections, Wayne Lukas and all his team. I am blessed for the opportunity to ride a horse like this. I got a perfect trip. I settled down exactly where I wanted to be down the backside. For a second I thought I was going to get the job done, but that other horse came flying. I switched to the left hand stick when I heard him coming, but he just passed by me. I have no excuse. I told Wayne (after his last race) this horse is getting better and better. He’s definitely improving. He’s shown he can do it sprinting and running long and on Polytrack too.”

3rd horse: Proceed Bee

3rd trainer: Terry Gestes

“I thought he ran good. We really didn’t want to be up that close. We just wanted to get a good position, but it seemed like nobody was sending. Everybody took back at the start, so that put us real close off the lead. It seemed like they were running off the pace a little stronger. The colt relaxed. He did everything fine. (Jockey) Rodney (Prescott ran a good race. We’ll see how he comes back and look at our options.”

3rd jockey: Rodney Prescott

“I had a pretty good trip from the outside. He broke well enough and we’re able to save plenty of ground. We didn’t have to work to get position. Around the turn, he got out a little but he was still controllable. He ran his eyeballs out. He just got out-footed in the last part. He was a little green last time (winning the Battaglia). He ran in spots. He would take the lead and let up so I thought there was room for improvement and he stepped up and ran a better race today. He’s still young and learning.”

4th horse: Parade Clown

4th trainer: Katherine (K. K.) Ball

“Like the jock [Eibar Coa] said, I wish he’d finished up a little better. I don’t really have any excuses. He ran hard.”

6th horse (beaten favorite): West Side Bernie

Trainer: Kelly Breen

“I’m going to watch the replay. It seemed like—we tried to push him a little bit early [because of the way speed was playing] and the jockey [Edgar Prado] said he sort of resented it. We’ll put our heads together and see what we’re going to do.”