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Way With Words victorious in Blue Sparkler Stakes



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George L. Schwartz's Way With Words, the reigning New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year, notched her second consecutive stakes victory in the Blue Sparkler Stakes on June 27 at Monmouth Park. The 6-year-old mare, trained by Mary Eppler, completed the six furlongs in 1:10.39.

Way With Words was three lengths behind a fast pace set by Saarligh and Rated Fiesty, who went the opening quarter in :22.75 and the half in :45.39. She was still two lengths behind with a furlong to go and closed in to beat Saarligh by a neck.

"I wasn't sure she was actually going to get up," Eppler said. "I know that she's tenacious and that she tries. She just dug in and kept coming."

Way With Words, the lone New Jersey-bred in the field of six, beat state-breds in her previous victory, the Open Mind Handicap. The daughter of Sefapiano (out of Swiftly Tilting, by Belong to Me) won for the eighth time at Monmouth Park in 15 career starts.

Way With Words earned an additional \$11,000 for her owner in the form of a 20 percent bonus that is awarded to a New Jersey-bred who finishes first, second or third in any open company race.

Way With Words, bred by George and Margaret Schwartz, has a career record of 11 wins in 27 starts with earnings of \$543,900.

Evenings End captures Bernie Dowd Handicap



Daniel J. Ljoka's 5-year-old homebred Evenings End earned his first career stakes victory when he was victorious in the \$100,000 Bernie Dowd Handicap on June 20 at Monmouth Park.

Evenings End was making his second start of the year, having previously won a six-furlong optional claimer at Penn National. The son of Evening Kris—Dancing Proof, by Sun War Dancer, had made most of his starts at six furlongs but he proved more than up to the task at the one mile and 70-yard distance of the Dowd.

Evenings End stumbled at the break, and Francisco Maysonett eased him off a fast early pace set by Hermosillo. Maysonett took aim at the pacesetter down the backstretch, and after a brief duel, Evenings End edged clear on the final turn to beat Luna Park by one and three-quarters lengths with Clear Faith third.

"This race was our goal from last year," trainer Tim Kelly said. "Everything worked to absolute perfection, which in this game is very rare. The jock worked him all winter long, which really helped a lot, I think. I'm really proud of this horse."

Evenings End, bred in partnership with Sharon Biamonte, has career earnings of \$256,206 from 25 career starts and six wins.

General Perfect wins John McSorley Stakes



Pasquale Vizzoni's General Perfect grabbed the lead right out of the gate and led every step of the way to capture the \$100,000 John McSorley Stakes on July 11 at Monmouth Park.

Trained by Frank Costa, General Perfect covered the about five and a half furlongs over firm turf in 1:01.40 as he reported home a length and a half winner. Silver Timber, the odds-on favorite, rallied to finish second and it was two and a half lengths back to Just Playin Around.

"My horse likes to run on the lead," said winning jockey Pablo Fragoso. "I just wanted to break well and give him the opportunity to race on the lead. I had plenty of horse the whole way and I knew nobody was going to be able to run us down."

Bred by Lyno Maraspin, General Perfect is by New Jersey stallion Perfect from the General Assembly mare General Tree. General Perfect earned an additional \$11,000 for his owner in the form of a 20 percent bonus that is awarded to a New Jersey-bred who finishes first, second or third in any open company race. He now has nine wins from 34 starts and has earned \$393,709.

Perfect, a graded-winning son of Affirmed, stood the 2010 breeding season at Maple Hill Farm in Ringoes.

Moneigh Lisa stars in Spruce Fir Handicap

Rookie Thoroughbred Racing Stable's Moneigh Lisa powered to an impressive two and three-quarter-length victory in the Spruce Fir Handicap on July 11 at Monmouth Park.

Moneigh Lisa rated under jockey Jose Lezcano in her first start around two turns and captured her first stakes victory over a quality field of New Jersey-bred fillies and mares. Pacesetter Love That Dance held the place and Way With Words was another three-quarters of a length back in third. The final time was 1:42.17 for the mile and 70 yards.

"We thought if we're going to stretch her out, let's try her in a state-bred stakes, and this race came up," said winning trainer Jane Cibelli. "She certainly runs six furlongs like the added distance would be no problem, but of course you never know until you do it. Her mother could run long and this horse is going just terrific right now. Everything worked out great today."

Bred by Dianne Boyken and Amy Bondon-Peltz, Moneigh Lisa is a 4-year-old daughter of Boyken's stallion Mo Mon out of the Dove Hunt mare Dove Creek. The only other foal of racing age out of Dove Creek, a 2-year-old full brother to Moneigh Lisa named Loving Dove, broke his maiden two weeks later in his second start, a Monmouth Park maiden special weight, worth \$41,250 to the winner. The win boosted Loving Dove's earnings to \$45,000. Moneigh Lisa has four wins in 17 starts and earnings of \$220,332.

Mo Mon stood the 2010 breeding season at Boyken's Four Winds Farm in Clarksburg.

