

**132ND PREAKNESS****Curlin catches Street Sense for head win***Continued from previous page*

he would consider the Belmont for Curlin.

Xchanger and Flying First Class came blazing away from the gate and set fractions of 22.83 seconds for the opening quarter-mile and 45.75 for a half-mile. Hard Spun, sitting in the garden spot in third, moved aggressively as the field neared the far turn and took the lead through six furlongs in 1:09.80.

At that point, Curlin was closer to Hard Spun than Street Sense, but Street Sense was flying. Under jockey Calvin Borel, Street Sense threaded his way through traffic without having to lose much ground, and got through inside of Curlin. But Curlin, who Albarado said had trouble negotiating the turns, came back once he straightened away in the homestretch.

"It feels awesome," Albarado said. Compared to the Derby, Albarado said Curlin "felt like a different horse the first quarter-mile, he felt like different horse the last quarter-mile."

"The first part of the race he felt like a 2-year-old, the last part of the race he felt like a 5-year-old," he said.

Curlin won the first three starts of his career, including the Rebel Stakes and Arkansas Derby. The Kentucky Derby was only his fourth start.

Curlin did not make his debut until Feb. 3. Following his runaway victory that day against maidens, he was purchased privately by a partnership that includes Jess Jackson's Stonestreet Stables, Satish Sanan's Padua Stables, and George Bolton, and was transferred from trainer Helen Pitts to Asmussen. The original owners, the Midnight Cry Stable of Shirley Cunningham Jr. and William Gallion, retained 20 percent of Curlin.

Street Sense had been 3 for 3 around two turns on conventional dirt. Neither Borel nor Nafzger offered any significant excuses for the loss.

"He just got outrun the last part a little bit," Nafzger said, adding that Street Sense "backs out" of the bridle when he makes the lead.

"He pulled up a little bit the last 40 yards," Borel said, "but I can't take anything away from the winner. I went by the winner. I thought I was home free."

Todd Pletcher, who sent out both Circular Quay and King of the Roxy, is now 0 for 28 in Triple Crown races.

— *additional reporting by David Grening*

**TWELFTH RACE  
Pimlico  
MAY 19, 2007**

1.3 MILES. (1.522) 132ND RUNNING OF THE PREAKNESS. Grade I. Purse \$1,000,000. FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS. \$10,000 to pass the entry box, \$10,000 additional to start, with \$1,000,000 guaranteed, of which 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth and 3% to fifth. Weight 126 lbs. A replica of the Woodlawn Vase will be presented to the winning owner to remain his or her personal property.

Value of Race: \$1,000,000 Winner \$600,000; second \$200,000; third \$110,000; fourth \$60,000; fifth \$30,000. Mutuel Pool \$20,392,435.00  
Exacta Pool \$11,499,591.00 Superfecta Pool \$7,007,668.00 Trifecta Pool \$14,699,667.00

Last Raced	Horse	M/Eqt.	A.	Wt	PP	St	¼	½	¾	Str	Fin	Jockey	Odds \$1	
5May07 10CD3	Curlin	L	3	126	4	6	6 <sup>hd</sup>	72	63	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>hd</sup>	Albarado R J	3.40	
5May07 10CD1	Street Sense	L	f	3	126	8	5	82½	83	7 <sup>hd</sup>	11½	24	Borel C H	1.30
5May07 10CD2	Hard Spun	L	3	126	7	9	31½	32½	12	31½	31½	Pino M G	4.10	
28Apr07 8Aqu2	C P West	L	3	126	9	3	53	41½	32½	45	41½	Prado E S	24.90	
5May07 10CD6	Circular Quay	L	3	126	3	7	9	9	9	5 <sup>hd</sup>	53½	Velazquez J R	6.00	
7Apr07 6SA2	King of the Roxy	L	b	3	126	5	2	4½	54	66	66½	Gomez G K	14.20	
28Apr07 8Aqu4	Mint Slewlep	L	bf	3	126	1	8	71	6½	82½	73	78½	Garcia Alan	40.10
21Apr07 8Pim1	Xchanger	L	b	3	126	2	1	1½	11	2 <sup>nd</sup>	85	84½	Dominguez R A	23.00
28Apr07 10CD1	Flying First Class	L	b	3	126	6	4	23	23½	41	9	9	Guidry M	16.60

OFF AT 6:18 Start Good. Won driving. Track fast.

TIME :22.4, :45.3, 1:09.4, 1:34.3, 1:53.2 (:22.83, :45.75, 1:09.80, 1:34.68, 1:53.46)

**\$2 Mutuel Prices:**  
 4 - CURLIN ..... 8.80 2.80  
 8 - STREET SENSE ..... 3.00 2.40  
 7 - HARD SPUN ..... 3.00 3.00

**\$2 EXACTA 4-8 PAID \$23.20 \$1 SUPERFECTA 4-8-7-9 PAID \$340.30  
 \$2 TRIFECTA 4-8-7 PAID \$50.00**

Ch. c, (Mar), by Smart Strike - Sherriff's Deputy, by Deputy Minister. Trainer Asmussen Steven M. Bred by Fares Farm Inc (Ky).

CURLIN stumbled a bit at the start and was unhurried in the early stages while moving to the inside, angled out leaving the first turn, was unhurried while four wide along the backstretch, closed the gap from outside leaving the far turn, circled five wide to reach contention approaching the quarter pole, lagged slightly behind STREET SENSE in upper stretch, dug in under strong urging, nearing the eighth pole then battled back gamely under right hand encouragement to get up in the final stride. STREET SENSE tucked in soon after the start, was rated well off the pace for a half, moved out a bit to launch his run at the half mile pole, angled back to the rail while gaining on the far turn, swung out approaching the quarter pole, split rivals while four wide entering the stretch, charged to the front in upper stretch, opened a clear advantage in midstretch, continued on the front into deep stretch then yielded to the winner in the closing strides. HARD SPUN broke a bit slowly, was under a firm hold while ranging up in the early stages, advanced five wide into the backstretch, made a strong middle move under a strong hold from outside along the backstretch, opened a clear lead on the far turn, set the pace into upper stretch and weakened under pressure through the final eighth. C P WEST raced in the middle of the pack while four wide leaving the first turn, gradually gained while continuing wide along the backstretch, closed the gap from outside on the far turn, angled into the three path while just behind the leaders nearing the quarter pole, dropped back a bit in upper stretch and weakened in the final eighth. CIRCULAR QUAY trailed six furlongs, angled four wide while gaining slightly at the three-sixteenths pole then closed some ground with a mild late rally. KING OF THE ROXY was taken in hand while saving ground early, moved out after a half, swung four wide on the turn and lacked a late response. MINT SLEWLEP checked after being bumped off stride at the start, raced well back for six furlongs, swung out in upper stretch and failed to mount a serious rally. XCHANGER broke inward causing crowding at the start, rushed up inside, set the pace along the rail to the far turn and steadily tired thereafter. FLYING FIRST CLASS pressed the pace in the two path between rivals to the half mile pole and gave way.

Owners- 1, Stonestreet Stables Padua Stables Bolton George and Midnight Cry Stables; 2, Jim Tafel LLC; 3, Fox Hill Farms Inc; 4, LaPenta Robert V; 5, Tabor Michael B and Doreen; 6, Team Valor Stables LLC; 7, Dowell Marshall E; 8, Circle Z Stables Joseph Masone & Mark Shuman; 9, Johnston Ellwood W

Trainers- 1, Asmussen Steven M; 2, Nafzger Carl A; 3, Jones J Larry; 4, Zito Nicholas P; 5, Pletcher Todd A; 6, Pletcher Todd A; 7, Bailes W Robert; 8, Shuman Mark; 9, Lukas D Wayne

**\$2 Pick Three (12-9-4) Paid \$349.20; Pick Three Pool \$430,670.**

**\$2 Pick Four (1/4/6-12-9-4) Paid \$440.20; Pick Four Pool \$1,544,672.**

**\$1 Pick Six (2/5/8/10-2/4-1-4-6/12-9-4) 6 Correct Paid \$789.50; Pick Six Pool \$417,501.**

**\$1 Pick Six (2/5/8/10-2/4-1/4/6-12-9-4) 5 Correct Paid \$15.20.**

**\$2 Daily Double (9-4) Paid \$42.20; Daily Double Pool \$474,101.**

**\$2 Daily Double (B.E.SUSAN-PREAKNESS 2-4) Paid \$34.80; Daily Double Pool \$586,774.**

**Chelokee and Matz win Barbaro****By JAY PRIVMAN**

BALTIMORE - Michael Matz had run horses at Pimlico since last year's Preakness Stakes, but not until Saturday had he actually set foot in the place since Barbaro's tragic injury.

"It didn't present itself for me to come back," Matz said.

The occasion to return proved a far happier one, because Matz sent out heavily favored Chelokee to a popular victory in the first running of the \$100,000 Barbaro Stakes.

In the winner's circle, Matz was presented with a trophy by Roy and Gretchen Jackson, the owners of Barbaro, fulfilling a scene that was rudely, grimly interrupted last year.

Matz hugged the Jacksons, then minutes later acknowledged that winning the first running of a stakes named for his 2006 Kentucky Derby winner was satisfying.

"This is pretty big for me, to have had a horse like Barbaro," he said as his eyes began to well with tears.

Chelokee (\$2.60) was a sentimental favorite, and with the scratch of Soaring By, which reduced the field to five, he was an overwhelming choice in the betting, too. Under jockey

Ramon Dominguez, Chelokee sat second for the first half-mile of the race, then surged past pacesetter Stonehouse as the field neared the far turn.

Chelokee was asked aggressively on the far turn by Dominguez, who hit the colt several times left-handed before switching to a right-handed stick at the top of the stretch. By then, Chelokee was comfortably in front, and he galloped home 4 3/4 lengths the best in 1:43.44 for 1 1/16 miles on the fast main track.

Silver Express finished second, 3 3/4 lengths in front of third-place Zephyr Cat.

Matz was followed by cameras, both still and video, as he entered a dangerously cramped and crowded winner's circle. Asked if he felt like a fish in a fishbowl, he said, "I feel like a big fish right now."

"I couldn't be any happier," Matz said.

Chelokee, owned by the Centennial Farms partnership headed by Don Little, has now won 3 times in 7 starts. He had finished third in the Florida Derby in his most recent start.

**Street Magician gets rail-skimming win**

Street Magician showed a new dimension and a lot of guts winning the Grade 3, \$100,000 Hirsch Jacobs by a length.

Having raced on or near the lead in each of his first four starts, Street Magician, under Rafael Bejarano, was 7 1/2 lengths off the pace after an opening half-mile run by Southwestern Heat in 45.17 seconds.

Street Magician moved into third at the quarter pole, but Southwestern Heat was still five lengths in front at the eighth pole. Southwestern Heat, under Eric Camacho, began to drift out at that point and Bejarano took his horse to the inside.

As Street Magician was trying to come up the fence, Southwestern Heat came over on him, forcing Street Magician to steady and brush with the rail. Southwestern Heat drifted back out and Street Magician regrouped and continued his rally to get the win.

"When [Southwestern Heat] came in again I was in my spot on the rail," Bejarano said. "He [felt] a little intimidated when he saw the other horse come back in, but he ran good. He's a

nice colt."

Southwestern Heat held second by 2 1/2 lengths over Hobbitontherocks. Heart Throbbin', Like Mom Like Sons, Finallymadeit, and Stormin Baghdad completed the order of finish.

Street Magician, owned by Larry Johnson and trained by Michael Trombetta, covered the six furlongs in 1:10.91 and returned \$5.60 as the favorite. It was the third victory in five starts for Street Magician, a son of Street Cry, who is also the sire of Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense.

Trombetta said he was surprised to see his horse that far back early, but was happy that he could win in that manner.

"You love to see these horses be versatile," Trombetta said. "I knew [Southwestern Heat] was going to set a pretty good pace, I didn't expect him to shake the whole field like he did. It was nice he came back to us that we could get there in time."

Trombetta said that he would consider running Street Magician back in the Grade 2, \$250,000 Woody Stephens at seven furlongs at Belmont Park on June 9.

— *additional reporting by David Grening*

**'News' all good for Penna in Dixie****By DAVID GRENING**

BALTIMORE, Md. - A bad post draw and an iffy weather forecast had trainer Angel Penna Jr. seriously contemplating not shipping Remarkable News down to Pimlico from New York for Saturday's \$250,000 Dixie Handicap.

But the way the horse was acting - and his belief that it wouldn't rain - prompted Penna to come. And is he ever glad he did.

Receiving a perfect ride from Ramon Dominguez and benefiting from the unfortunate breakdown of pace-setting Mending Fences, Remarkable News recorded a three-quarter-length victory over Cosmonaut in the Grade 2 Dixie. Outperformance finished third.

The race was marred by the fatal breakdown of Mending Fences, who broke his right front leg nearing the far turn. Einstein, the second choice, fell over that rival, unseating jockey Robby Albarado. Neither Eddie Castro, the rider of Mending Fences, nor Albarado was injured. Mending Fences had to be euthanized.

Dominguez, who did a terrific job maneuvering Remarkable News from the outside post in the 11-horse field to the two-path entering the first turn, had moved his horse to within a length of Mending Fences at the time of the breakdown. While Remarkable News was able to avoid him, Cosmonaut jumped over the fallen horse.

"I was lucky to barely be out of his path," Dominguez said. "I couldn't really avoid him even if I wanted to because I was that close. I just happened to be very close to him, but he didn't interfere with me as I was going by. It's an unfortunate event; I hate to see that happen."

Remarkable News inherited a huge advantage around the turn and was able to hold off Cosmonaut, the 2-1 favorite, who rallied gamely after having to hurdle Mending Fences. Remarkable News, a 5-year-old Venezuelan bred son of Chayim, covered the 1 1/8 miles in 1:46.36, just missing the course record of 1:46.34 set by Mr. O'Brien in this race in 2004. Remarkable News paid \$13.80 to win.

"With all the grass horses I've had in my life I read the Weather Channel pretty good," said Penna, who was fortunate that the rain held off till right after the race. "I decided it wasn't going to rain. I took a shot because the horse was doing really, really good."

Remarkable News has learned, Penna said, to "settle a little better, and that's why I took the shot to stretch him out a mile and an eighth."