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## ***“Baze”ing Hot!***

Jockey Vicky Baze has the old boys club shaking in their jockey boots after an amazing weekend of racing. Wednesday evening Vicky rode four into the winner's circle in a row, and won a total of seven for the entire weekend.



Baze, a three-time leading rider in Washington, started riding at the Downs just four weeks ago, and since then has been scorching hot. She began Wednesday slowly with three third place finishes in the first three races, and then launched her winning streak in the fifth race with Canyon Farm's Force Field trained by Carl Anderson. She booted home the post-time favourite after stalking the leaders throughout.

Next up was Proper Causeway, a well-bred 4-year-old chestnut gelding by champion Giant's Causeway. It was a mirror image ride to her first win, stalking the leaders and drawing away in the final eighth of a mile. Proper Causeway is trained by first-year trainer Rob Atras.

Then came wire to wire winner Star Power, out of the powerful K5 Stable of Phil Kives. Trained by Emile Corbel, Star Power and Manitoba Derby contender

Wooden Ya Know It flew down the backstretch setting fractions of 23 seconds for the first quarter, 45.2 for the half and 58.2 for the six furlongs.

Baze rounded out her four bagger with Sam's Delight trained by all-time leading trainer Gary Danelson.

The ever-humble Baze admitted it was not her first time to win four-in-a-row.

"I have won six in one day before," said Baze. "It was at Longacres (Washington). I don't pay attention to those things, I just ride'em."

Her amazing weekend didn't end there. Vicky Baze guided home three more winners and captured four seconds on Friday and Saturday. Benzerella, trained by Clayton Gray was her only winner of Friday, while Jack's Lady Luck, trained by Marvin Buffalo, and Shelley Brown's Izzy Belle gave her two more on Saturday.

Vicky Baze started riding at ASD after her husband, Hall of Fame jockey Gary Baze had to hang up his tack due to a knee injury. In the four weeks since claiming her spot in the jockey's room, Vicky has quickly moved up the standing to sit eighth. She has amassed 23 wins, only two shy of Gary, and seven wins away from claiming a top five spot on the leader board.

Imagine what might have happened had she been here since day one!

**Photo one: Vicky Baze is setting the track ablaze** (Rob Bye photo)

## ***A big bargain takes the CTHS Sales Stakes***



It was a stretch drive you could only hope for to promote the upcoming Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society annual yearling sale this coming Sunday. An \$800 yearling sale purchase from last year, Applicant won the \$40,000 CTHS Sales Stakes on Friday evening.

Trained by Lorna Gray for owners Right Attitude and partners, Applicant stalked the leader Mt. Charles three wide from the very beginning. After falling back just slightly to take the turn, the big, almost-black gelding re-grouped and came back to rundown the leader for an exciting finish in the final strides.

This blue-light special looked to be beaten turning for home according to jockey Darren Delorme.

“The leader kinda sped away from me at the top of the lane so I thought I was running for second money,” said leading rider Delorme, “but at the eighth pole I thought I could get him so I started riding a little harder.”

Mt. Charles, one of only three winners in the seven-horse field, grabbed the lead early down the backstretch and looked to have the race clearly in hand turning for home. But it was not to be, just getting caught at the wire by the winner.

Mt. Charles is owned by A-Z Stables and Charles Fouillard and trained by Chad Torevell. Another A-Z Stables entry, Battle Advance, was able to pass the tiring Country Home to finish third.

Applicant paid \$10.50 to win on a \$2 ticket.

**Photo two: Applicant runs down Mt. Charles in 2009 CTHS Sales Stakes** (Gerry Hart photo)

## ***Extreme Day set for Labour Day afternoon***

A popular event at Calder Race Course in Florida and Canterbury Park in Minneapolis, Extreme Day, comes to the ‘Peg.

With the norm thrown out the window, ASD will be going to extremes on Labour Day Monday starting at 1pm.

Extreme distances come into play: the longest race (one and  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles), the shortest race (one quarter mile). The shortest thoroughbred race ever run at Assiniboia Downs – The Speedball – will give the track its first track record in several years.



The All Grey will make people think they are watching a black and white movie as all horses running will have to be a shade of grey.

The Mascots will also be returning to highlight the day in the Great Mascot Race. Mascots from all over Manitoba will compete in a foot race for charity. “Wagers” in the form of donations to Child Find Manitoba will give everyone a chance to win cash prizes in a draw from all who have “wagered” on their favourite fuzzy creature.

Family Fun events such as free pony rides, petting farm and bouncy castles will be there for the kids. First post on the first-ever Extreme Day will be 1pm.