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The Golden Boy has a Derby "glow" about it



A 3-year-old colt horse named "TheGlow" had his connections glowing and the champagne flowing after he upset the overwhelming favourite Secret Officer in the \$30,000 Golden Boy Stakes Wednesday at Assiniboia Downs.

The big chestnut colt by Five Star Day, trained by Chad Torevell, and still a maiden, pulled rider Rohan Singh up to the front to press the pace setter, Secret Officer, midway down the backstretch. The pair opened three lengths on the second tier of horses--Cooler Online and Back in a Flash.

Secret Officer, trained by Don Schnell, was never able to relax as TheGlow pressured him through the turn and took over in mid-stretch.

A late scratch of speed horse Star Power changed the game plan of TheGlow's rider, Rohan Singh, "I expected to sit in behind the leaders and be able to pull the trigger," said Singh, "but that's why I went as early as I did.

It was veteran trainer Torevell's first win of the year. "We were left with no options," said Torevell, "two different races didn't go before this. But it's a great spot to get my first win."

Mel Davis-trained Polish Game, who finished second to Secret Officer in the their last start, was only able to get up for third under jockey Larren Delorme after sitting next to last down the backstretch.

Last year's Winnipeg Futurity winner, Prayforthesoldiers, was last in the field early and gave owner/trainer Aaron Sayler a glimmer of hope for the longer races when his closing kick nabbed him fourth.

Harder gets her first-ever win

Manitoba native and local groom school graduate Alyssa Harder was able to grab her first career win with Sun Streaked in Wednesday's sixth race.

Paying a whopping \$83 to win, Harder stalked the pace on the rail throughout and rallied to get her nose in front in the last strides.

Sun Streaked, trained by Terry Roberts, came to Assiniboia Downs by way of Turf Paradise in Arizona.



The Texan invades again

Texan Charles Smith of Miss Missile fame has yet another filly that could give local horses a run for their money. Lady Countdown, winner of last year's Debutante Stakes, is back to follow in "the Missile's" footsteps in the \$30,000 Chantilly Stakes Friday night at Assiniboia Downs.

The runaway winner in her only other start at the track, Lady Countdown comes into the Chantilly with a win and second in her last two starts.

Carl Anderson-trained Inspeightofsuccess, who won her first start of the year, will be looking to get the better of the invader. A come-from-behind winner of a maiden special weight race on opening day, Inspeightofsuccess has not finished off the board in her four starts at Churchill Downs and Turfway Park in Kentucky.

Adventcia, the lone Manitoba-bred in the race, also trained by Carl Anderson, will be going for three straight wins which included an impressive win last year in the Buffalo Stakes. Adventcia won her first start of the year in the final strides on May 22.

“The Rock” ready to defend his title

Last year's Sprinter of the Year, Rock'n USA, puts the title belt on the line in this Saturday's Free Press Stakes.

Winner of five straight sprints in 2008, Rock'n USA, trained by Tanya Lindsay, won his first start of 2009 impressively, pulling away from most of the horses that are entered in this Saturday's race. The top three of that race – Rock'n USA, Mr Exspeedient and Monsoon Rain – will once again face off in what normally decides the Sprinter of the Year title. Last year, Rock'n USA never competed in the Free Press Stakes but captured Sprinter of the Year without it.

