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Hesitate – No way!

There was no hesitation by jockey Mike Iammarino after getting bumped at the start. Mike guided Hesitate to the front to lockstep with Tramontane down the backstretch.

Hesitate, a 3-year-old gelding trained by Clay Brinson, then took the lead going into the turn and pulled away from the pack to win the Wednesday night feature easily.

Copper Badges, trained by Blair Miller, sat in the back of the pack early and started to pick up horses going into the turn, overtaking the tiring Tramontane to earn second.

River Fly, out of the Faith Bauman barn, sat in behind the leaders to nab third.

Fung gets his first!

After an uneasy break in the seventh race Wednesday, apprentice Christopher Fung steadied Flying Helmsman, moved into position just inside early leader Silent Victory ridden by three-time leading rider Alan Cuthbertson, dueled him into submission, then held off Clint Magera aboard Tony's Lil Polly to post his first-ever win.

Congratulations Chris!



Second chance for the Queen

Finishing sixth in her first start of the year, last year's Manitoba-bred Horse of the Year, Queen Tina, will try to make amends Saturday night when she takes on seven in an open company allowance feature.



But she will have to do it against horses who beat her last time: At First Glance, Little Miami and Bearslittlewhisper.

Winner of three in 2008, including the RC Anderson and Distaff, Queen Tina, trained by Becky Welch, will have to take on open company most of the year before she gets a chance to defend her Distaff win against Manitoba-breds. But that is familiar ground for this filly, having run against Miss Missile in the Chantilly and Assiniboia Oaks last year.