



Breeders' Cup World Championships

Quotes for the \$2 Million Breeders' Cup Juvenile (Grade I)

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Martin Garcia (jockey, **New Year's Day**, 1st) – “My horse doesn't have that much pace. I was exactly where I wanted to be. I saved ground at every corner. The rail was open and I took it. I didn't panic. My horse was ready to start running. I thought I had a lot of horse. I had never ridden him in a race, but I have been getting on him in the morning most of the time. We're starting to get to know each other. It looks like a good team.”

Bob Baffert (trainer, **New Year's Day**, 1st) – “He showed us a lot in his two races at Del Mar. I know he's a two-turn horse and he's been showing us a lot here in the morning. I'm glad I skipped that two-year-old race here (FrontRunner) and trained him up to this one. He's been telling us in the mornings that he's ready. Martin (Garcia) rode a terrific race on him. I told him to take advantage of the rail and he did. I'm glad (Martin) got a chance to shine on a big day like this. This business is so tough. Here just a little bit ago I lost a two-year-old filly (Secret Compass) and now here I am winning a race like this.”

Todd Pletcher (trainer, **Havana**, 2nd and **We Miss Artie**, 7th) – On Havana: “I thought he ran super. He just came up a little tired in the very last part there. But he ran very well.”

Did the race develop as expected?: “I thought he actually settled beautifully. I'm really happy with the way he positioned himself. Gary said he got a little bit lost when he made the lead turning for home. Then he just got tired the last 100 yards.”

On We Miss Artie: “He ran well, too. He got into a good stalking position and put in a nice run, then he just leveled off a little bit the last part.”

Gary Stevens (jockey, **Havana**, 2nd) – “It was a great try. They just told me not to hit him. This is a serious horse.”

Joel Rosario (jockey, **Strong Mandate**, 3rd) – “Wayne (trainer Lukas) wanted me to put him in the race, which I did, he handled everything very well today. When Havana went by him, it looked like he slowed down for a few steps, but then he picked it right up again. He ran a huge race.”

D. Wayne Lukas (trainer, **Strong Mandate**, 3rd) – “We made the best of a bad situation. (breaking from post 14) I thought he had a good trip. No excuses. I'm looking forward to the three-year-old races next year with him.”

Mike Smith (jockey, **Tap It Rich**, 5th) – “Wait 'til next year. He's going to be a nice colt but he's pretty green right now. He's scared of the dirt. He wants to get out a little bit when the dirt comes up.”

This is jockey Martin Garcia's first Breeders' Cup victory.

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