

Breeders' Cup World Championships

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

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Jose Lezcano (jockey, **Wise Dan**, 1st) – "He stumbled at the break and I had to go easy with him for awhile until he got his stride under him. About the five-sixteenths pole, I could see I could make my move. He ran really great coming home."

Charles LoPresti (trainer, **Wise Dan**, 1st) – "Holy straight. He's a real special horse. If you can get him covered up, he's a much easier ride. This one's for John Velazquez who was really keen to ride the horse, but we had every confidence in Jose (Lezcano) and we had to go to 'Plan B.'"

Christophe Clement (trainer, **Za Approval**, 2nd) – "It was a very fast-run race. I thought maybe he was moving a touch too early and I was wrong. He went very well. It took the Horse of the Year to beat him. It's annoying. I've finished second a few times in that race. But that's OK. We'll keep trying. He ran great. Just second-best."

Joel Rosario (jockey, **Za Approval**, 2nd) – "Had a perfect trip. When he made the lead I thought maybe he was going to get there. I knew somebody was coming and when I heard Wise Dan I said 'Oh, no!' My horse ran his best. Wise Dan is just too good."

Rafael Bejarano (jockey, **Silentio**, 3rd) – "I thought we finished second for sure. The number 10 (Za Approval) was all over the place and cost me second. He was a little intimidated by the horses coming up on the outside, but he ran really well."

Gary Mandella (trainer, **Silentio**, 3rd) – "He runs better fresh. I trained his father (Silent Name) and he was the same way. It was a perfect trip. He took advantage of his post and saved all the ground. This race set up for him. He doesn't want to be on the lead trying to steal the race. He wants to be on a loose rein and comfortable."

Robby Albarado (trainer, **Silver Max,** 3rd) – "That other horse (Obviously) busted away from there. I wanted to be on the lead, but I wasn't going to go out and run on a suicide pace. I stayed in good position and when this horse came back to finish fourth, that was a real game effort."

Richard Hughes (jockey, **Olympic Glory**, 9^{th}) – "He's run a respectable race really on ground that was too quick for him. I think he may need to step up to 10 furlongs next year on good ground.

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