

**DEL MAR - August 15, 2004 - Race 2**

STAKES Best Pal S. Grade 2 - Thoroughbred

FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. By subscription of \$150 each, which shall accompany the nomination, or by supplementary nomination of \$1,500 each by closing time of entries, \$1,500 additional to start, with \$150,000 Guaranteed, of which \$90,000 to first, \$30,000 to second, \$18,000 to third, \$9,000 to fourth and \$3,000 to fifth. Weight 122 lbs.; Non-winners of \$50,000 allowed 2 lbs.; of a race of \$25,000 other than maiden or claiming, 4 lbs.; of a race other than claiming, 6 lbs. A trophy will be presented to the owner of the winner. Nominations closed Thursday, August 5, 2004 with 10 nominations.

Six And One Half Furlongs On The Dirt **Track Record:** (Native Paster - 1:13.60 - September 4, 1988)



**Purse:** \$150,000 Guaranteed

**Available Money:** \$150,000

**Value of Race:** \$147,000 1st \$90,000, 2nd \$30,000, 3rd \$18,000, 4th \$9,000

**Weather:** Clear **Track:** Fast

**Off at:** 2:44 **Start:** Good for all

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
19Jun04 <sup>6</sup> HOL <sup>1</sup>	2	Roman Ruler (Nakatani, Corey) 	118 BL	2 5	4 <sup>4</sup>	4 <sup>5</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>7</sup>	0.50*	stdied 5/16, ridden out	
17Jul04 <sup>3</sup> HOL <sup>2</sup>	1	Actxecutive (Flores, David)	118 BL	1 2	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>5</sup>	2 <sup>10</sup>	4.90	bid, dueled, 2nd best	
21Jul04 <sup>5</sup> DMR <sup>4</sup>	4	Slewsbag (Valdivia, Jr., Jose)	116 BL	4 4	5	5	4	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	26.70	spill, swerved 5/16	
15Jul04 <sup>4</sup> HOL <sup>1</sup>	5	Things Happen (Pedroza, Martin)	118 BL b	5 1	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	4	3.20	speed, dueled, wkened	
24Jul04 <sup>2</sup> DMR <sup>1</sup>	3	Wetherly (Desormeaux, Kent) 	118 B	3 3	3 <sup>7</sup>	3 <sup>4</sup>	---	---	11.20	broke down turn	

**Fractional Times:** 21.82 44.93 1:09.68

**Final Time:** 1:15.93

**Split Times:** (23:11) (24:75) (6:25)

**Run-Up:** 0 feet

**Winner:** Roman Ruler, Dark Bay or Brown Ridgling, by Fusaichi Pegasus out of Silvery Swan, by Silver Deputy. Foaled Mar 20, 2002 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Needham/Betz, Liberation Fm & Ashford Stud. **Winning Owner:** Fog City Stable

**Total WPS Pool:** \$507,276

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
2	Roman Ruler	3.00	2.20	2.10	\$1.00 Exacta	2-1	4.20	325,013
1	Actxecutive		3.00	2.10	\$2.00 Quinella	1-2	32.20	38,095
4	Slewsbag			2.10	\$2.00 Daily Double	1-2	32.20	131,111

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**


Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	Str	Fin
2	Roman Ruler	5	4 <sup>8 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>2</sup>	1 <sup>7</sup>
1	Actxecutive	2	2 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>7</sup>
4	Slewsbag	4	5 <sup>12 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>10 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>9</sup>	3 <sup>17</sup>
5	Things Happen	1	1 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>7</sup>	4 <sup>18 1/2</sup>
3	Wetherly	3	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	---	---

**Trainers:** 2 - Baffert, Bob; 1 - Baffert, Bob; 4 - Polanco, Marcelo; 5 - Jones, Martin; 3 - Currin, William

**Owners:** 2 - Fog City Stable; 1 - James McIngvale; 4 - Gary David Spencer; 5 - Harris Farms, Inc. and Antonsen, Per; 3 - Currin, William L. and Eisman, Alvin;

**Footnotes**

ROMAN RULER broke a bit slowly and was squeezed back, drifted out and settled off the pace, angled in some leaving the backstretch, steadied at the fallen horse midway on the turn, came out leaving the bend, swept to the front in upper stretch and drew off under a moderate hand ride. ACTXECUTIVE broke outward, stalked the early leader inside, bid along the rail and dueled for the lead, inched away leaving the turn, was no match for the winner in the stretch but clearly second best. SLEWSBAG off a bit slowly, settled out from the inside, angled in on the turn then swerved outward around the fallen foe, came out into the stretch, then drifted back to the rail but got the show. THINGS HAPPEN had good early speed three deep, inched away and angled in some, dueled outside the runner-up on the turn, began to weaken approaching the stretch and gave way. WETHERLY broke inward, raced between horses early, chased off the rail on the backstretch and into the turn and broke down midway on the turn.

 Denotes a Keeneland Sales Graduate