

**GOLDEN GATE FIELDS - December 20, 2008 - Race 8**

STAKES Gold Rush S. Listed - Thoroughbred

FOR TWO YEAR OLDS. BY SUBSCRIPTION OF \$50 EACH TO ACCOMPANY THE NOMINATION OR BY SUPPLEMENTARY NOMINATION OF \$1,250 AT TIME OF ENTRY WHICH INCLUDES ALL FEES. \$750 to enter. Weight: 120 lbs. Highest earnings preferred. A trophy will be presented to the winning owner. Closed Saturday, December 13, 2008 with 18 nominations.

One Mile On The All Weather Track **Track Record:** (Trick of the North - 1:35.92 - January 5, 2008)

**Purse:** \$75,000 Guaranteed

**Available Money:** \$75,000

**Value of Race:** \$75,000 1st \$45,000, 2nd \$15,000, 3rd \$9,000, 4th \$4,500, 5th \$1,500

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

**Off at:** 4:21 **Start:** Good for all



[Video Race Replay](#)

Last Raced	Pgm	Horse Name (Jockey)	Wgt	M/E	PP	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin	Odds	Comments
2Nov08 <sup>6</sup> GG <sup>1</sup>	5	Merus Miami (Bisono, Alex)	120	BL	3	3	4 <sup>2</sup>	7	7	3 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	6.80	forced 5w, steady run
21Nov08 <sup>2</sup> GG <sup>1</sup>	4	Adriatic Moon (Baze, Russell)	120	BL	b	2	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>Head</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	6.80	bid 2w, dueled, caught
30Nov08 <sup>8</sup> HOL <sup>1</sup>	3	Cut the Check (Duran, Francisco)	120	BL	1	1	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>2</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	1.40*	bid 3w, dueled, outfnshd
13Nov08 <sup>3</sup> GG <sup>2</sup>	9	Skimasco (Alvarado, Frank)	120	BL	7	7	7	3 <sup>Head</sup>	4 <sup>1/2</sup>	5 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	3.60	early bid, 4w, even late
23Oct08 <sup>2</sup> GG <sup>5</sup>	6	A K Racer (Gonzalez, Roberto)	120	BL	4	4	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>Nose</sup>	20.50	set pace, weakened
31Oct08 <sup>2</sup> HOL <sup>1</sup>	8	African Diamond (Blanc, Brice)	120	BL	6	5	5 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>1/2</sup>	6 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	7	6 <sup>3/4</sup>	8.30	settled, 3w, empty
30Nov08 <sup>7</sup> GG <sup>1</sup>	7	Run It (Kaenel, Kyle)	120	BL	by	5	6 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	5 <sup>Head</sup>	6 <sup>1</sup>	7	5.50	svd grd to no avail

**Fractional Times:** 23.18 48.06 1:13.01 1:25.85

**Final Time:** 1:38.48

**Split Times:** (24:88) (24:95) (12:84) (12:63)

**Run-Up:** 85 feet

**Winner:** Merus Miami, Bay Colt, by Friends Lake out of Profit System, by Copelan. Foaled Mar 21, 2006 in Kentucky.

**Breeder:** Brereton C. Jones & B. Ned Jones. **Winning Owner:** West Point Thoroughbreds

**Scratched Horse(s):** Backbackbackgone (Trainer), Free Action (Trainer)

**Total WPS Pool:** \$158,943

Pgm	Horse	Win	Place	Show	Wager Type	Winning Numbers	Payoff	Pool
5	Merus Miami	15.60	7.20	3.60	\$1.00 Exacta	5-4	37.50	83,075
4	Adriatic Moon		7.00	4.80	\$1.00 Trifecta	5-4-3	91.20	72,766
3	Cut the Check			3.00	\$1.00 Superfecta	5-4-3-9	400.00	49,080
					\$2.00 Daily Double	2-5	93.80	9,454
					\$1.00 Pick 3	3-2-5 (3 correct)	306.80	12,048
					\$2.00 Quinella	4-5	29.60	5,740

**Past Performance Running Line Preview**

Pgm	Horse Name	Start	1/4	1/2	3/4	Str	Fin
5	Merus Miami	3	4 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	7 <sup>4</sup>	7 <sup>5 1/4</sup>	3 <sup>1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>
4	Adriatic Moon	2	3 <sup>3</sup>	4 <sup>2</sup>	3 <sup>3</sup>	1 <sup>Head</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>
3	Cut the Check	1	2 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>1</sup>	2 <sup>Head</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>
9	Skimasco	7	7 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	3 <sup>2</sup>	4 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/4</sup>	4 <sup>4</sup>
6	A K Racer	4	1 <sup>1 1/2</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	1 <sup>1</sup>	4 <sup>3/4</sup>	5 <sup>5 1/2</sup>
8	African Diamond	5	5 <sup>5 1/2</sup>	5 <sup>2 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	7 <sup>4 3/4</sup>	6 <sup>5 1/2</sup>
7	Run It	6	6 <sup>6 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup>	5 <sup>3 1/2</sup>	6 <sup>3 3/4</sup>	7 <sup>6 1/4</sup>

**Trainers:** 5 - Jauregui, O.; 4 - Specht, Steven; 3 - Solis, Walther; 9 - Specht, Steven; 6 - Bonde, Jeff; 8 - Harty, Eoin; 7 - Patterson, Dennis

**Owners:** 5 - West Point Thoroughbreds; 4 - Smolich, Andy and Marilyn, James and Rob; 3 - Abdala, Margaret, Broguiere, Ray, Gramer, Bob, Pycz, David and Solis, Walther; 9 - Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Larry D.; 6 - Alan Phillip Klein; 8 - Phillip D. Scott; 7 - Mercedes Stables LLC;

**Footnotes**

MERUS MIAMI was settled early and dropped back to last, commenced a bid leaving the half mile pole, was forced five wide while circling rivals to the stretch then continued to respond and drew clear late. ADRIATIC MOON tracked the pace to the second turn, rallied two wide to get to terms to mid stretch while between rivals, took a short lead to deep stretch but could not stall the winner. CUT THE CHECK pressed the pace three wide to the second turn, rallied three wide and dueled to mid stretch then was outfinished late. SKIMASCO was outrun early then made a bid and improved position to the half, pressed the pace four wide to the stretch but could not mount the needed late response. A K RACER set the pace while well off the rail to the second turn, came two wide to the stretch, was overtaken in mid stretch then weakened. AFRICAN DIAMOND was also settled to the half, tried to rally three wide on the second turn but came up empty in the drive. RUN IT saved ground to no avail.

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