

March 27, 2010
Turfway Park
Race 9: 39th running of the Lane's End Stakes (G2)
\$500,000 guaranteed
3yo, one mile and one-eighth
Race Quotes

Winning horse: Dean's Kitten

Winning jockey: Cornelio Velasquez

"I really like this horse. He's why I came here today. He has a lot of try. He loves Polytrack. He can run on grass, but this is his track. Mr. Maker never gave me any instructions. I just wanted to keep him off the pace. I had a ton of horse at the top of the stretch. I was very confident in him. He's a nice horse."

Winning trainer: Mike Maker

"We were looking for just what we got. He did not get good trips at Gulfstream. That course has been favoring speed horses all meet so we pointed for this race and it paid off for us. I thought he was laying perfect. He's been laying a little closer the farther he's been going."

[On going to the Derby, with a grin as at an understatement] "Well, you'd have to talk to the boss but I'd have to say he'd be inclined to go. I do know that Mr. Ramsey is excited, and that he's still awake [in Dubai where Furthest Land ran in the Dubai World Cup]. I stayed here because I had Les over in Dubai, and I thought it would be overkill to have two people there with the horse."

(Second Lane's End win for Mike Maker; won in 2006 with With a City)

2nd horse: Northern Giant

2nd jockey: Calvin Borel

"He ran a beautiful race. He's just a little green and it showed. I wouldn't go by the winner. But, it was a good effort and I think the owners will be happy with that."

2nd trainer: Sebastian Nicholl, assistant to D. Wayne Lukas

"We're very happy with his performance. It worked out for us. I thought he was placed beautifully in the race. He just got beat by a better horse today."

3rd horse: Connemara

3rd jockey: Russell Baze

"I got him where I wanted down the backstretch. He wasn't handling it completely, but once I got him out, he really came running. He galloped out beautifully. I thought he ran very well. Overall, it was a solid effort."

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3rd trainer: Mike McCarthy, assistant to Todd Pletcher

“Two things hurt him. One was a slow pace and Russell said the track was coming out from under him. The post position was no factor. I was pleased with his effort and he was running hard at the end. It’s too early to tell what we’ll do next. We’ll take him to Churchill and go from there.”

Other: Eoin Harty on scratching Kettle River: I just felt it wasn’t the spot for him. We will try for the Lexington.”