

Arabians at Delaware
Park

- > Don't miss the July 4 weekend of stakes and social events. Details inside.
- > Trainers please give us your contact info so we can update our newsletter and online trainer list.
- > Live racing Mon., Tues., Wed. and Sat. Post time for the first race is 1:15pm.

The Inside Track

T M Fred Texas Victorious at Churchill Downs

By Darren Rogers, Churchill Downs Communications

T M Fred Texas became the first winner of an Arabian race at the world-famous home of the Kentucky Derby when he drew past **Dixies Valentine** down the stretch to win the Grade I, \$52,500 President of the United Arab Emirates Cup by 9 ¼ lengths on Saturday afternoon at Churchill Downs.

The President of the United Arab Emirates Cup was made possible due to a one-year partnership between **Churchill Downs**, United Arab Emirates capital city **Abu Dhabi** and the **Emirates Equestrian Federation**. The race was one of five stakes races on the 12-race Stephen Foster Day program, which was presented by Abu Dhabi.

T M Fred Texas, a 4-year-old Texas-bred son of Burning Sand, ran 1 ¼ miles over a track rated "sloppy" due to heavy overnight thunderstorms and showers. **Santos Chavez** rode the winner for owner **Sam Vasquez** and trainer **Ron Martino**.

"Everyone has been saying that

horses by (sire) Burning Sand can't go long, but we proved them wrong today," Martino said. "I was never concerned about the distance."

The gray gelding banked \$31,500 for the triumph and improved his record to six wins and one second from eight starts. He's earned \$79,605.

Dixies Valentine, the 3-1 second wagering choice under **Calvin Borel**, and 3-5 favorite **Grilla**, ridden by **Bill Hollick**, set the early pace and took the field through early fractions of :25.32 and :51.95 and 1:19.79. T M Fred Texas, who was untested beyond one mile, rated about six lengths back in third along the inside before commencing his winning move from the outside. He caught the leaders while entering the far turn, poked his head in front of Dixies Valentine at the head of the stretch as Grilla faded and inched clear down the lane.

T M Fred Texas paid \$12.20, \$5.40 and \$3.40. Dixies Valentine returned \$4.40 and \$3.20. **Ovour the Top**, under leading rider **Corey Lanerie**, was another 16 ½ lengths back in third and paid \$4. **Grilla**, **Crown**

Royal, Vip, Wodkka and **Another Color** completed the order of finish in a strung out field of eight pure-bred Arabians.

The President of the UAE Cup Series was established 20 years ago to promote and celebrate the Arabian breed internationally. It was the first international racing series for Arabian horses and continues to be considered as the world's premier racing series for the breed.

"This was awesome," Martino said. "We thank Churchill Downs for allowing us to run here. It means a lot to our industry. Hopefully we can run here again."



Delaware-based trainer Ron Martino saddled T M Fred Texas for owner Sam Vasquez. Photo by Reed Palmer, Churchill Downs.



T M Fred Texas winning the biggest race of his career in the first-ever Arabian race at Churchill Downs.





July 4th Weekend of Racing

As is tradition for the Arabians at Delaware Park, the July 4th weekend is once again a big one for racing.

The highlight of the weekend will be Saturday, July 2. At the races that day will be the prestigious \$40,000 added Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Arabian Cup Open S. (G2) for 4-year-olds and up at a distance of 1 1/16 miles and the \$15,000 added Dr. Sam Harrison Juvenile Arabian Fillies S.

for 3-year-old fillies going 6 furlongs.

Saturday night will feature the EARA banquet when the leading 2010 Delaware Park horses and humans will be recognized. The complimentary dinner will begin at 6:00pm at the Bella Vita at the Cavalier Country Club.

Sunday morning enjoy brunch at the White Clay Creek Country Club courtesy of Shaikh Zayed Global Festival sponsors.

That night you might want to take in the world-renowned fireworks at nearby Longwood Gardens. Tickets must be purchased in advance. They are \$31 and for more information, go to www.longwoodgardens.org.

Monday then wraps up the festivities with the \$15,000 added Alec Courtelis Juvenile Arabian S. for 3-year-olds racing 6 furlongs.

EHV-1 Update from the USDA

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Equine Herpesvirus (EHV-1) infection in horses can cause respiratory disease, abortion in mares, neonatal foal death, and/or neurologic disease. The neurologic form of EHV-1 is called Equine Herpesvirus Myeloencephalopathy (EHM). While EHV-1 and EHM are only officially listed as reportable diseases in some states, private veterinary practitioners are encouraged to notify their State Animal Health Officials of any suspected or confirmed cases, regardless of current official state reporting requirements.

Cases of EHV-1 and EHM have been identified recently in horses that attended the National Cutting Horse Association (NCHA) Western National Championship event in Ogden, Utah held from April 29 to May 8, 2011. The NCHA has notified State Animal Health Officials of horses from their states that were entered in the event and may have been exposed to the virus. State Animal Health Officials have contacted the owners of potentially exposed horses. Standardized recommendations were developed by state and federal officials and are

being followed to isolate exposed horses, monitor them for clinical signs of EHV-1, and work with private veterinary practitioners to test and treat horses affected with the disease. Biosecurity procedures have been recommended for premises with suspect and confirmed cases to mitigate further disease spread.

Summary Information on Current Situation

- Owners of horses known to have been exposed in this incident have been contacted by State Animal Health Officials.
- Suspect and confirmed cases are reported to be under voluntary or state quarantine.
- Known exposed horses are reported to be under either voluntary or state quarantine.
- A total of **90** confirmed EHV-1 or EHM cases have been reported in **10** states (AZ, CA, CO, ID, NM, NV, OK, OR, UT, WA)
- Of the **90** confirmed EHV/EHM cases, **54** (corrected from previous reports) cases are horses that were at the Ogden, Utah event.
- There are **13** horses associated with this incident that are dead or have been euthanized.
- There is **1** newly identified premises with suspect or confirmed cases identified this reporting period.



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Highlights of the Global Arabian Racing Conference

The Hague, The Netherlands
It was another milestone reached as the **Second World Arabian Racing Conference** organized by the **HH Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival** in June.

Said H.E Ali Thani Al Suwaidi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to The Netherlands: *"I hope the Conference will go a long way in improving Purebred Arabian racing here in The Netherlands and all over Europe. The three-day conference and the race meeting on June 19 will reflect the role of the UAE leadership in preserving Arabian Horse Racing which is part of the UAE's culture and heritage."*

H.E Sheikha Najla Al Qassimi, Ambassador to the UAE in Swe-

den and HE Noora Khalifa Al Suwaidi, Director of the UAE General Women's Association and Chairwoman of the UAE Women's Sports Committee, Lara Sawaya, Director of HE Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Flat Racing Festival, Sami Al Bunain, Chairman of the International Federation for Arabian Horses (IFAHR) along with some of the world's top breeders, owners, trainers, veterinarians and officials connected to Purebred Arabian racing were all in attendance as the three-day conference opened with a lot of excitement and expectations.

IFAHR Secretary Mats Genberg welcomed the delegates and guests and said, *"The opportunity which was given to us in Abu Dhabi was a fantastic experience for all of us and see-*

ing that being repeated here gives us an equally great feeling. Seeing people of high standing in various sections of society is fantastic for all of us at IFAHR."

HE Mohammed Khalaf Al Mazrouei, Director General of the Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage said in a message, *"The World Arabian Racing Conference falls within our strategy to safeguard our heritage and use its elements to communicate with the rest of the world."*

"We look forward to the discussions and papers of the Conference, which will give us an insight into the way the world is looking at Arabian horses and its characteristics," he said.



"We hope this is the best way to bring all member countries together and create a strong forum for the Arabian horse."
-Sami Jassim Al Bunain, the chairman of IFAHR.

Leading Ladies Participate in Conference

During the recent Global Arabian Racing Conference held at the Hague in the Netherlands, several high profile ladies from the United States took part in important discussions. Deb Mihaloff of Cre Run Enterprises LLC touched on her own experiences breeding, owning and racing Arabian horses during

the session focused on breeding the Purebred Arabian.

Later leading Delaware Park trainer Tracey Nunley was one of two female trainers on the panel that spoke about training the Arabian racehorse.

And then Kathy Smoke, AJC Racing Committee Chair and owner of MoKee Arabians, gave

her insight during the session on women in Arabian racing.

The U.S. Arabian racing industry in general, and Delaware Park specifically, were well represented by these ladies at this important world-wide conference. Congratulations ladies for a job well done.

We're on the web!
www.easternarabianracing.org

The Eastern Arabian Racing Alliance, better known as EARA, is open to anyone who wants to be involved with Arabian racing at Delaware Park. There are no membership dues or any types of fees required to join—just an interest in racing at one of the most historic tracks in the country.

We are here to help make your racing experience a good one. Please contact us at 302-653-2908 or EARA1@aol.com if you have questions or need any help with racing at Delaware Park. We look forward to seeing you at the races!

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