

**ARIMA RACE CLUB**  
**RACE DAY PREVIEW**  
**DAY 27 SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010**

**Storm Street versus Sweet Alex**

STORM STREET and Sweet Alex will square off on Saturday when horse racing continues with an eight-race card at Santa Rosa Park, Arima. The American-bred six-year-olds are involved in the feature event, along with classy locally-bred four-year-old gelding Mister Kingston. Three others have been declared for the Handicap 1 event, but the matter should be settled among the top three. Storm Street was head and shoulders above everyone else in 2008 and the first half of last season. But then the Dachin Racing Stables son of Street Cry was forced to miss nine months because of injury and has not returned to his best since his return. However, Storm Street has been knocking on the door and Saturday could be the day. The two-time Stewards Cup winner and '08 Horse of the Year, has raced three times since his comeback in April and finished a close-up third behind Sweet Alex and Mister Kingston last time out on June 19. But Storm Street was actually expected to finish ahead of the John O'Brien-trained runners in that 1,300-metre Stakes & Lower Handicap after placing third behind last year's Horse of the Year Bruceonthloose and Sweet Alex in the Santa Rosa Dash five weeks earlier.

Like the \$150,000 "Dash", Saturday's race is the over 1,200 metres and, although he will carry 58.5 kilos, Sweet Alex will definitely have the edge on the other two over the trip. Unlike Storm Street, the quickest horse out of the gates in the country has been better than ever since he returned from a ten-month layoff in October. Sweet Alex has only won twice in his seven starts on the main course, but he has been second on the other five occasions, going down by less than a length in three of those runner-up finishes. The son of Personal First was beaten just over a length the last time he faced Mister Kingston in a Handicap 1 event. But Sweet Alex turned the tables last time out also over 1,300 metres and Saturday's shorter distance will definitely favour him.

Mister Kingston has been in tremendous form and has finished in the top three in the six times he faced the starter since failing on the turf in the Sian's Gold Sprint on New Year's Day. And it is interesting to note that when he defeated Sweet Alex, the '08 St James Stakes winner carried 49.5 kilos and was ridden by Ronald Ali, while the runner-up and Brian Harding took 58.5 kilos. The scenario will be exactly the same on Saturday. Mister Kingston finished a head in front of Storm Street on June 19 in receipt of seven kilos and will be getting eight this time. Storm Street's stable companion Tap To The Tune, also owned by "Dachin" and trained by Chester Roberts, has cooled off in his last two starts after finishing in the top two in six straight races on the main course. This American-bred four-year-old should get back into the swing of things soon, but is not expected to this time over such a sharp trip. Brickyard Crossing has done absolutely nothing since coming down from his base in Canada early in the year with a glowing reputation.

Rounding out the field for the 4.47 p.m. penultimate event is American-bred four-year-old Agra, who also been a big disappointment in his four starts at Santa Rosa Park. Just before, Royal Baby, who has not been the same horse since winning the first two juvenile events of last season, will race for the first time since the May 1 Gleneagle Stakes in a Conditional Handicap B. Injury-prone Dance Machine, the fifth-place finisher in all three legs of last year's Triple Crown, will be among the six in opposition over 1,350 metres at 4.12 p.m. Golden Millennium, the maiden who finished fourth in the Oaks Stakes in only her third start last time out on July 3, will compete in the day's fourth race at 2.53 p.m.

Seven West Indian-bred three-year-old will be opposition over 1,750 metres, including her O'Brien-trained stablemate Zen Master and Chief Crazyhorse, who have both won over the trip, and The General, a winner just last Saturday. HI-5 betting for the day will begin in the following race when 11 \$7,500 Optional Claimers are expected to line up over 1,200 metres at 3.35 p.m. The other HI-5 race, over the same trip, will take place about two hours later and the curtain event will feature ten horses in a Conditional Handicap D. After no one has been successful in the last two weeks, the Pick 6 will have a carryover of over \$3,500. This wager will begin in the third event at 2.17 p.m. with debutant Slippery Sam and seven other West Indian-bred three-year-old maidens racing over 1,100 metres.

Post time is 1:05 P.M.