

**ARIMA RACE CLUB**  
**RACE DAY REVIEW**  
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**Lawbreaker runs away in Arima**

LAWBREAKER turned in a scintillating performance as the two extremely short-priced favourites captured the showpiece events for West Indian-bred juveniles on the local horse racing calendar at Santa Rosa Park, Arima. The John O'Brien-trained gelding turned the St James Stakes into a procession to steal the spotlight from Oriental Appeal, who had to work surprisingly hard to take the fillies' equivalent of the feature, the St Ann's Stakes, on a very wet track. After winning the Nursery Stakes by 10 ¾ lengths in her only other start, Oriental Appeal was expected to prevail in similar fashion, especially since two-time winner Remember Me was not entered and her seven rivals were maidens. But the Douglas Bennett-trained bay filly was facing the starter for the first time in exactly three months and the absence could have contributed to the fact that she only scored by 2 ¼ lengths and her time was a pedestrian 1:25.19 seconds.

The shortest-priced favourite (1/9) of the day was followed home by 50/1 shot Big Mama, who came with an impressive late surge to catch fellow newcomer Tyler's Gold just before the finish line in the 1,350-metre contest. Earlier leader Captain Crook, who like Tyler's Gold is owned by Juan Navarro and trained by Derick Mosca, rounded off the top four. Owner Fredericks Stud Farm Limited secured \$90,000 for Oriental Appeal's success, the same amount collected by Mohali Sables for Lawbreaker's effortless triumph in the colts and geldings version of the \$150,000 Grade II affair. The son of Western Classic, who had scored by over eight lengths in his only other start, was even more spectacular this time as he pulled away to win by 10 ¾ lengths after being only about two lengths ahead at the far turn. Lawbreaker's splendid time of 1:22.17 seconds was a full three seconds faster than the time posted by fellow Jamaican-bred Oriental Appeal about an hour and a half later. The four Jamaicans finished in the top five and were only separated by runner-up Alexander. Debutant Loan Shark finished less than a length back in third.

The Allan Madoo-owned pair of D Girlz Dem Sugar and Frankenstein – who had scored in his only previous appearance and was one of just two winners in the contest -- ended up fourth and fifth, respectively. Brian Harding was astride both Oriental Appeal and 1/5 favourite Lawbreaker and the multiple champion jockey has now won the St Ann's Stakes four times and the 'St James' on six occasions. However this is only the second time that he has swept both races as he did way back in 1990 with Flag Woman and Pachinko. Gold Bead has been disappointing since he finished second in last year's St James Stakes. And this trend continued right after the St Ann's Stakes when the Madoo-owned chestnut finished a tame fourth in the curtain event of the first ten-race card since Republic Day (September 24).

The champion owner's stable jockey Nela Mohammed picked Gold Bead instead of Indian King and the shocking decision may have very well cost Madoo the \$20,000 Optional Claiming event as Chris Jadoo took 1.5 kilos overweight on Indian King, who was caught in the last stride. Kickupastorm, who was narrowly beaten by last year's St Ann's Stakes heroine Grand Riviere in the Turf Classic two weeks earlier, came thundering down the homestretch and just got up to defeat the favourite by a head in the 1,750-metre contest. The two had last met in the Republic Bank Trinidad Derby in late September when Indian King had finished fifth, more than eight lengths ahead of the eighth-placed Kickupastorm. This victory was only the second by Kickupastorm from 11 starts, but the Dr Ryan Shim-owned and trained daughter of Storm Report has been a model of consistency. In addition to finishing runner-up in the Turf Classic, she has also crossed the finish line third in both the Gleneagle Stakes and Oaks Stakes. All three races were won by Carib Brewery Guineas winner Grand Riviere.

Just before Lawbreaker had illuminated the track, another potential star had also given fans something to talk about with his fourth consecutive victory. Montejo, who had finished second on debut before embarking on his beaver-trick, defeated Cactus Amour by 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  lengths over 1,800 metres in the Stakes & Lower Handicap. Cactus Amour is the second highest rated horse in the country and the only one to have beaten last year's Horse of the Year Bruceontheloose. But, despite just winning the battle for favouritism, it was always going to be difficult for the President's Cup hero to come off a three-month layoff and beat the exciting American-bred three-year-old carrying as much as 6.5 kilos more. Still Cactus Amour, who has won five times and finished second on three occasions from eight starts this season, was far from disgraced and will be only three kilos heavier when they square off in the First Citizens Gold Cup on the Boxing Day holiday (December 27). Straight Ahead, who won the Gold Cup way back in 2006 as a three-year-old, returned from an absence of just over a year in this \$60,000 contest to 'prep' for another shot at the leading open staying contest in the country.

The Derick Mosca-owned and trained American-bred seven-year-old was clearly in need of the race as he finished fourth, only ahead of Caribbean Champion Stakes runner-up Sound Of Thunder, who blew his chances by walking out of the gates. Windjammer, a winner of five races this season, ended up eight lengths behind Cactus Amour in third. Although favourites were not as dominant as the previous Saturday when seven of nine prevailed, punters still had a great day as five leading fancies and three second favourites scored from the ten events. The only real outsider to win was Style And Attitude, who took second race – the 1,200-metre Conditional Handicap E for locally-bred horses – at odds of 13/1. Freddie Manrique booted home the Sonnilal Mahabir-owned four-year-old and the Venezuelan came back two races later to complete his very first double in the saddle at Santa Rosa Park. Manrique pushed favourite High Mas to a four-length triumph in the Restricted Handicap from Fresh Prospect and last year's Guineas winner Santa Rosa Boy.

Sara's Music, the '06 Derby winner who had run just six times in the last two years, trailed the field of seven in the 1,350-metre contest. The two other riders to achieve doubles do it on a regular basis. Harding won the two feature events and two-time defending champion jockey Ricky Jadoo was successful astride Montejo and made a 'spare' ride count when he booted home ten-year-old Wild Life in the opening event – the \$7,500 Optional Claimer over 1,750 metres.

Trainers O'Brien, Bennett and Juan Mosca also scored twice. Mosca started the day by saddling the first two winners – Wild Life and Style And Attitude. O'Brien was successful with Lawbreaker and Mirror Image, who won the 1,350-metre contest for West Indian-bred three-year-old maidens. Bennett had back-to-back wins with Kingmaker – in the \$25,000 Optional Claimer over 1,200-metres and Oriental Appeal.

Racing continues on Saturday with the 44th round of the Arima Race Club's 2010 Season. The imported juveniles will take the spotlight over 1,200 metres and the field is expected to include impressive debut winners Readbetweenthelines, Sacred Trust and Signal Alert.