

Wire to Wire

FLORIDA'S DAILY RACING DIGEST



Florida-bred Unlimited Budget/COGLIANESE PHOTO

Crupi's New Castle Farm grads make Aqueduct stakes pick 3

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Owner Mike Repole, trainer Todd Pletcher and their three graduates of Crupi's New Castle Farm in Ocala won three of the four graded stakes run at Aqueduct Racetrack in Jamaica, N.Y., Saturday.

Starting with the Grade 2 Demoiselle Stakes for 2-year-old fillies going 1 1/8 miles on the main track, the team began their streak with Florida-bred Unlimited Budget going gate-to-wire to take home the winner's share of the \$237,000 purse.

Breaking on top with jockey John Velazquez Jr., aboard, Unlimited Budget went right to the lead and lead the field of four

through fractions of :24.36 for the first quarter and :48.73 for the first half-mile. Odds-on favorite Emollient came up to challenge Unlimited Budget midway down the backstretch and stayed close around the far turn. Those two took their battle into the stretch with Unlimited Budget pulling away in the final furlong to win by a length and one-quarter over Emollient, who was another four and three-quarters lengths ahead of Giant Cats Eye in third. Flash Forward rounded out the order of finish.

The time for the Demoiselle was 1:52.16 over the track rated fast.

"No problem," Valenzuela said after the race. "The inside is slower, so I wanted to keep [Emollient] inside a bit. I wanted to keep her down in there and make her try to get by me there."



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