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## CHARITIES WIN BIG AT PLAINRIDGE

Plainridge Racecourse's 8th Annual Kentucky Derby Charity event again exceeded expectations. The draw for the big bets on this year's Derby produced three lucky winners. Winning \$4,000 to wager was Mark Short of Harrington, Delaware (sold by Harness Horse Youth Foundation). Second prize of \$1,500 in wagers was George Zitone of Montague, New Jersey who bought his tickets from the Harness Horse Museum. Third prize went to Nick Bush of Plainville, MA who had \$500 to bet.



In addition, the charities who had a great week included: the Harness Racing Museum, which had \$3,125 in the bank plus \$960 to bet on the Derby; the Harness Horse Youth Foundation, which banked \$1,627 and had \$560 to bet; and the Plainville Athletic League, which sold and kept \$5,000 and wagered an additional \$1,680 to help the Little League in Plainville.

Others who scored big were the Disabled American Vets, Alzheimer's Association, Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization, the Plainville Lion's Club, and American Credit Counseling. All groups had a chance for a jackpot at this year's run for the Roses.

## FREEHOLD HANDICAPPING CONTEST WINNER



Lou Filoso, of Ocean, New Jersey defeated 60 fellow handicappers and won Freehold Raceway's Thoroughbred Handicapping Contest.

Filoso finished with a bankroll of \$610 to take the top prize of \$4,575. The nearest challenger was Anthony Montedoro of Neptune City, NJ who accumulated a bankroll of \$549.50. That was good enough for second place prize money of \$2,287.50.

In addition his winnings, Filoso gained entry into the 2008 Horseplayer World Series in Las Vegas.

# FEMALE DRIVERS RACE FOR CHARITY AT THE MEADOWLANDS

Harness racing's top female drivers competed in a race to benefit the Children's Miracle Network last Friday at the Meadowlands Racetrack in East Rutherford, New Jersey.



Members of the Mildred Williams Ladies Driving Series donated their earnings from the race to Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals across North America.

Now in its second year, the Mildred Williams Driving Series creates racing opportunities for female drivers in harness racing while raising money for charity. Named for 90-year-old Mildred Williams, one of the sport's first successful female drivers, it has expanded to include 37 venues across North America that host races for the series. Series participant Terry Donnelly, who operates a Dairy Queen restaurant in Newfoundland, New Jersey, suggested Children's Miracle Network be the recipient of the Meadowlands' donation, since it is the Dairy Queen system's charity of choice.

"This is a unique way to raise much needed funds and awareness for our member hospitals and to get the Dairy Queen operators in New Jersey involved in the effort," Donnelly said. "It is all about increasing Children's Miracle Network awareness."

Children's Miracle Network had tables located throughout the racetrack building, selling merchandise and collecting donations. Meadowlands guests wearing items with Children's Miracle Network or Dairy Queen logos received free racetrack admission.

In addition, all children received a free dessert at the racetrack's Terraces Restaurant that evening.



Alyssa Brandle, a 2007 Children's Miracle Network Champion Child, was at the Meadowlands to help the public understand the importance of the charity's efforts. Brandle, 16, suffered from frequent and severe seizures until she underwent surgery at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey, a Children's Miracle Network hospital.