

Stolen Glimpse surges to upset in Tattersalls

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LEXINGTON, KY—Stolen Glimpse surged down the center of the track and by Western Fame battling at the pylons to upset in the first of two divisions for the \$416,000 Tattersalls in 1:49.2.

Check Six took control through a :26.4 opening quarter, soon losing it to Western Fame down the backstretch. Western Fame led through a :54.1 half before being challenged by Dr J Hanover into the far turn. Past three-quarters in 1:22.2, Dr J Hanover took a short lead from Western Fame, who fought back to take the lead midway through the stretch. Ambushed by Lindy Beach from second over, Dr J Hanover, Check Six, and Stolen Glimpse, Western Fame maintained control up until the wire, when Stolen Glimpse got his neck in front on the grandstand side.

Earning \$228,695 for owners Burke Racing Stable, Stable 45, Jerry & Theresa Silva Stables and Weaver Brusceci, Stolen Glimpse, by Art Major out of the Jate Lobell mare Jated Love, won his third race in 19 starts. Trained by Ron Burke and driven by Brian Sears, he returned \$41.40 to win.

“We played a little game today,” Mickey Burke Jr. said, “we pulled his back shoes and the horse seemed to really respond to it, plus Brian [Sears] drove him perfectly.”

“I think Brian just drove a perfect race,” co-owner Jerry Silva said. “I didn’t expect him to do as well as he did. But Ronnie [Burke] expected him to be a top horse at the beginning of the year, but then he sort of became an average horse, but today he showed he’s much better than an average horse.”

Racing Hill took control at the quarter and held onto command to win the other division of the Tattersalls in 1:49.4. He set fractions of :26.4, :55, and 1:23.2 before being confronted by Big Top Hanover from first over. Lyons Snyder chased the two battling through the stretch from third while American Passport drifted towards the center of the track attempting to sweep by Racing Hill. Big Top Hanover cut into Racing Hill’s lead through the stretch, but managed only for second.

By Roll With Joe out of the American Ideal mare Chasing Ideals, Racing Hill won his 11th race in 23 starts, amassing \$1,462,876 for owner Tom Hill. Trained by Tony Alagna and driven by Brett Miller, he paid \$3.80 to win.

“This is a tremendous colt, but to be honest, I have to start racing him a different way,” Brett Miller said. “I’ve been racing him very aggressively all year and the colt’s just getting tired of doing all the work. I was kind of planning on not leaving today, but he drug me out of there and we ended up on the front. I just have to start taking better care of him. I have to start racing him from off the pace.”