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“CHELSEA DAY” CELEBRATED AT SUFFOLK DOWNS

EAST BOSTON, MA – Jockey David Amiss rode three winners on Saturday's nine-race card at Suffolk Downs as the East Boston racetrack celebrated “Chelsea Day.”

Amiss started his triple with a three-length win aboard the heavily favored Put it Back Opie (\$2.80) in the first race. In the third, he went gate-to-wire with Brogue (\$5.20). In the ninth and final race of the afternoon, Amiss guided Western Scandal (\$4.80) to a 16-¼ length triumph.

Prior to the day's first race, Terrell James, a junior at Chelsea High School, sang the national anthem as the Chelsea Soldiers' Home Honor Guard presented the colors. James has been a member of the Boston Children's Chorus for four years and is currently taking part in the Berklee School of Music Mentoring Program.

The following Chelsea organizations were recognized in the track's “Community Winner's Circle”: the Chelsea Council on Elder Affairs, Chelsea Soldiers' Home, Chelsea Hunger Network, Charcoll - Chelsea Artists' Collaborative, Jordan Boys & Girls Club, Chelsea Pride Football and North Shore Young Marines.

The “Community Winner's Circle” was established last year by Suffolk Downs in a continuation of the track's long-standing community outreach program. Each “Community Winner's Circle” honoree is recognized by the track in a post-race winner's circle ceremony and with a contribution to their cause.

“We are grateful to Suffolk Downs for helping us to recognize the champions in our community,” said Chelsea City Manger Jay Ash, who was on hand to participate in the day's festivities. “Like every race at Suffolk Downs, we have winners who should be hailed for their efforts.”

Additional beneficiaries of the Chelsea Day activities were Interact of Chelsea H.S. and Chelsea Green Space.

Parking and admission were free for Chelsea residents. In addition to a full card of live racing, the track provided free family entertainment, including pony rides, carnival games, face painting and a balloon artist, at its outdoor tent, picnic area and playground. All in attendance had the opportunity to have their picture taken with a racehorse and jockey at the track's “Fan Photo Experience.”

The remaining schedule of “Commitment to Community” days at Suffolk Downs is as follows: Salem (July 11), Lynn (July 18), Winthrop (July 25), Revere (August 1), Saugus (August 8) and East Boston (August 22). Everett Day was celebrated on June 13.