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Highestdistinction Makes Quite the Statement in Oceanport Stakes Win

After bragging on his stellar form in last month’s newsletter, Highestdistinction (Point of Entry - Honor Your Gift, by Sightseeing) rolled right into the month of August carrying that momentum into a stakes victory! Last seen winning an allowance race at Delaware Park in July, the bay gelding got to stay home and race from his homebase at Monmouth Park in the \$120,000 Oceanport Stakes. Off as the fourth choice at 11/1 in a field of 10, Highestdistinction broke alertly from the 9 hole and established his position just off the pace. He was forced wide for the entire race, but the six-year-old had plenty in the tank so it was no issue. Highestdistinction inched into the lead at the top of the stretch, then there was no catching him after that. He rode off and cleared the field for a 1 ½ length score. He now joins the ranks of his older half-sister, Morning Molly, as a stakes winner! Fantastic job training by Lindsay Schultz and great ride by pilot Jairo Rendon. Congratulations to John Kuehl’s Willow Lane Stable on yet another stakes win with a homebred! This horse just keeps getting better.



Pratt Prevails in Stretch Duel at Penn National

Here’s another six-year-old gelding who just keeps finding ways to win! Pratt (Race Day - Bluegrass Gin, by Bluegrass Cat) picked up his fourth career victory at Penn National on August 8th. He beat the heavy favorite with a final head bob, leaving the rest of the field 15 lengths behind! That’s a pretty dominating performance. The Pennsylvania-bred has now earned over \$100,000 for his owner and breeder, JRita Young Thoroughbreds. Really nice work by trainer William Stites and jockey Ricardo Chiappe. Keep it up team!



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