

Sunshine Millions Report 2007



Longshot McCann's Mojave, Frank Alvarado up, scored his biggest career win in the Sunshine Millions Classic at Gulfstream Park.

CALIFORNIA OWNERS WON:

At Santa Anita

The Oaks

MISTICAL PLAN

J. Paul Reddam, owner

Doug O'Neill, trainer

David Flores, jockey

The Sprint

SMOKEY STOVER

Harry J. Aleo, owner

Greg Gilchrist, trainer

Aaron Gryder, jockey

The Turf

LAVA MAN

STD Racing Stable or Wood, owners

Doug O'Neill, trainer

Corey Nakatani, jockey

At Gulfstream Park

The Filly & Mare Sprint

SHAGGY MANE

IEAH Stables, Sanford H. Robbins LLC

& Jim Kwong, owners

Don Chatlos, Jr., trainer

Mark Guidry, jockey

The \$1,000,000 Classic

McCANN'S MOJAVE

Mike Willman, owner

Steven Specht, trainer

Frank Alvarado, jockey

California Connections Shine - Coast to Coast

January 27th was a West Coast kind of day – once again – as California owners took the lion's share of the purses in the 5th annual Sunshine Millions. Of \$3,600,000 in total purse money for the eight stakes races at Santa Anita and Gulfstream Park, California connections pocketed more than half – \$1,865,000.

The Sunshine Millions, which debuted in 2003, is the richest day of state-bred racing in Thoroughbred history. It matches the best California-bred horses against the best Florida-bred runners. The nationally-televised day is the result of a joint effort among the TOC, CTBA (California Thoroughbred Breeders' Association), the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association, the Florida HBPA, Santa Anita Park, Gulfstream Park, and MEC.

At Gulfstream Park, California runners captured two of the four stakes, the Filly & Mare Sprint and the Classic, despite the fact that only 12 of the 63 runners competing in Florida were California-breds.

At Santa Anita, California connections swept the Oaks (Mistical Plan, Tiz Elemental, Double Major, Super Freaky, and Sekira) and ran first through fourth in the Sprint (Smokey Stover, Proud Tower Too, Bordonaro, and Debonair Joe).

McCann's Mojave joined Lava Man (2006) and Musique Toujours (2005) to become the third consecutive California-bred winner of the \$1,000,000 Sunshine Millions Classic.

Congratulations to all California stables for another smashing performance in this popular, showcase event! And continued good luck to all.