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Juvenile Fillies

Hector Berrios

John Sadler

Terry Finley

Press Conference



Q. It was across the finish line, stand up on the irons. What do you think of that moment, it was special for you?

HECTOR BERRIOS: Very special. I want to thank John Sadler for trusting me. I like it when I feel confidence for me and the filly.

For me, this moment is very, very special. My whole family is here, my kids, my children. Very excited. It's amazing. Thank you, Lord.

Q. John, this filly has obviously done well since going two turns. Was that your expectation with her initially? Or was that something that you learned as you went along with her?

JOHN SADLER: No, I always expected her to improve around two turns. The Gun Runner's, there's not a hotter stallion in the country than Gun Runner. And to me they move up, or they go from a six-furlong to a mile.

So we had high expectations. And the last race, you know, wasn't just that she broke her maiden. She was aggressive. She won by eight and a half. She could have won by 15.

We took a little chance and wheeled her back in three weeks and it worked out.

Q. Speaking as I did with Hector before he left about the strategy in here, was that your intention, what you had told him, that you wanted to take the track from everybody?

JOHN SADLER: I did. I feel she's very rhythmic and she's got a beautiful stride. Even if she was going a little fast, I felt if she was comfortable, she would keep going.

Q. Terry, how does it feel to be reunited with the Flightline team with you and John here?

TERRY FINLEY: Actually, pretty good. I'm usually the one to cry, and after Flightlines I thought I held it together until

THE MODERATOR: We're joined by Terry Finley of West Point Thoroughbreds, winning jockey Hector Berrios and winning trainer John Sadler. Hector, this is your first Breeders' Cup win. How does it feel?

HECTOR BERRIOS: Wow, it's amazing, amazing. The last medal, I watched the TV. I feel the other filly come back. He won at the finish line. I want to cry. Very excited for my first Breeders' Cup.

I want to say thankful to John Sadler and the owner for this moment. For me it's great.

Q. Regarding the race, it looked like leaving the gate you were very intent on getting to the front. Was that the plan going in?

HECTOR BERRIOS: Yes, he told me (indiscernible) right. Let's go to the lead, I need to go to the lead. The other people I see, he may (indiscernible), she is long shot. You lead, all right? She do the race perfect. (Indiscernible) go to the lead. She go very comfortable. (Indiscernible) I ask, and she respond.

Q. Very well. You had the horse under you the whole way, right?

HECTOR BERRIOS: Yes.

Q. People keep saying that you're a really good Turf rider. Do you think this means they'll start recognizing your talent on the dirt as well?

HECTOR BERRIOS: I try (indiscernible).

he started.

I'm a huge fan of John Sadler. I wasn't around him all week. But the times I was around, the last day, I could feel his confidence. I would not say it was at the level of a Flightline confidence, but it was pretty darned good. I can't say enough about John and his team.

And I was a little surprised when he called and said, I'd like to take a hard look at the Breeders' Cup. Of course, the first thing you think about is the three weeks.

But he's one of the best trainers of all time. I truly believe that. I think he should go to a ceremony at Saratoga in the coming years. I really do.

Q. He was just talking about you getting emotional. You seemed a little emotional when you first came in and sat down. Can you kind of go through how your mental, your state was after the race?

JOHN SADLER: My journey has been, there was a time when they'd say he's the best trainer that hasn't won a Breeders' Cup. They stopped asking that after Accelerate. So we've won quite a few of them now. So I'm very pleased with that.

And as you're an older trainer, which I am at this point, these are the races you want to win. I've won a lot. I think I hold all -- most of the categories here in Del Mar, right behind Baffert -- number of wins, number of stakes wins and money earned. The big days are especially rewarding.

I want to say thank you to West Point Thoroughbreds. I want to say thank you to my staff, Juan Leyva, especially, and the whole crew.

Q. John, when did you notice that Super Corredora was a different filly?

JOHN SADLER: We brought our 2-year-olds in in the spring. She was the one that was training the best. She didn't run the best the first time out, but she always -- we always liked her from day one. She had a beautiful stride.

A very sound filly. She's just beautiful soundness on her. And even though she's not big, she's a little bit undersized, she takes training really well. We had high hopes for her right from day one.

Q. And for West Point, for such an important racing operation, what does this win mean?

TERRY FINLEY: I want to say a word about David Ingordo. He does all of our work. He does a lot of work for

John. And, overall, he's been one of the best, or the best thing to happen to West Point Thoroughbreds. We got together in 2017.

There's a lot of good people, and we enjoy each other's company, and we're comfortable with each other. And I think one of the big things is that we, over the years, we've learned, right, you never second-guess; you turn the page.

That's why people and trainers appreciate working with us. I certainly try to set the example. You try new things, and they don't work out a lot of times -- every once in a while they do -- but the key is you've got to turn the page.

So when you're around somebody like John Sadler and the David Ingordo's of the world, you learn that, you have to learn to be a good owner. It doesn't just come overnight. I think that's one of the things we've worked on. It's great to be with true pros like John to teach you really how to be a good owner.

Q. Could you just, you mentioned David Ingordo. That would probably be the buy at Keeneland. Could you just walk me through the Keeneland process of what you thought of the filly?

TERRY FINLEY: At that time, Gun Runner was the talk of the town. Obviously, now it's Gun Runners and Not This Times, but we were, like, we played 400,000 for her and we were, like, what did we miss? Because they were going for so much money. But she's not a big, strapping filly, but very athletic, really the kind we like to send to somebody like John.

We felt good when we sent her to Ocala. And Dr. Eisaman in Ocala broke her. We sent her out to John probably in May, and we started to hear that we had a pretty good prospect on our hands, but not to get in a hurry.

I remember John saying very early, we're not going to get in a hurry with this filly, we're going to run her, but she's going to get better and better and better.

So it's pretty cool to be sitting here on the 31st of October and we didn't get in a hurry, and John just applied his magic, and we are Breeders' Cup champions.

Q. Is there any significance to Corredora?

TERRY FINLEY: I should know.

Q. Did the name come from anything in particular?

TERRY FINLEY: I have to check my notes. I should have checked it before.

