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**GULFSTREAM****Graded stakes next for Endorsement**

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HALLANDALE BEACH, Fla. — Endorsement came within days of participating in the 2010 Kentucky Derby, only to be sidelined by a condylar fracture discovered shortly after an impressive workout on the morning entries were to be taken for the race. Now, the talented colt is ready to return to top-level competition once again following his easy 2 1/4-length allowance victory here Wednesday.

Endorsement, a son of Distorted Humor, was making his third start on the comeback trail for owner Bill Casner and trainer Eoin Harty. Breaking from the rail, Endorsement was allowed to set a leisurely pace under jockey Julien Leparoux, opened a commanding advantage near midstretch, and won with something left. His final time of 1:42.35 was the fastest posted since 1 1/16-mile races were re-instated with a second finish line at Gulfstream Park at the beginning of the 2011-12 meet.

Endorsement was owned by WinStar Farm when he won the Grade 3 Sunland Derby for trainer Shannon Ritter as a prep for the 2010 Derby. Casner bought out WinStar's interest in the horse during Endorsement's rehab period in 2011, according to Harty.

"I didn't realize he'd set a track record until Brian [assistant trainer Brian Ainge] brought it to my attention," Harty said by phone from his



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**Endorsement will go in a graded stakes for his next start.**

regular base at Santa Anita. "I was really surprised he could have set a record off those slow fractions he set, although I guess they haven't run that many races at the distance up to this point."

Harty said he hasn't sat down and mapped out a plan for Endorsement's next start, but said it would definitely come around two turns and in a graded stakes.

"Originally, we had talked about

setting the Dubai World Cup as a goal while he was rehabbing, but I don't think I've done enough with him yet to get him there this year," Harty said. "I suppose our options would include the Santa Anita Handicap, the Oaklawn Handicap, or the New Orleans Handicap. The only potential race down there would be the Gulfstream Park Handicap, but that's at a mile and I don't want to turn him back. I think this horse

is definitely at his best around two turns."

**Toby's Corner eyes General George**

Trainer Graham Motion also is weighing his options for the return of Toby's Corner who has not started since upsetting Uncle Mo 10 months ago in the Grade 1 Wood Memorial. Toby's Corner has been training steadily for his return since arriving along with stablemate Animal Kingdom at Palm Meadows last month.

"Right now, I'm thinking about pointing him for the General George, with a race in New Orleans as a backup," Motion said. "I was thinking about taking him to Tampa on the 18th, but that race is coming up a little too soon. The only other alternative would be if an allowance race comes up in the condition book here that he might be eligible for. The timing is good for the De Francis, it would fit his schedule nicely, and Laurel is a track I like to run at anyway."

Motion also is considering the Grade 2 Davona Dale here Feb. 25 for his undefeated 3-year-old filly Table Three Ten who posted her second straight impressive victory in as many starts when rallying to a 1 3/4-length allowance win here last weekend. Table Three Ten was purchased privately by Team Valor and turned over to Motion following her easy maiden win at the Fair Grounds in November.

"We'll nominate her to the Davona

Dale and the Silverbulletday at the Fair Grounds," Motion said. "I thought she ran very nicely, very professionally when she won here the other day. I was very pleased with her."

**Algorithms's Beyer changed to 105**

Algorithms, a runaway winner of the Grade 3 Holy Bull Stakes here Sunday, had his Beyer Speed Figure for the race elevated from a 98 to 105. That's the highest number earned by any 3-year-old to this point of the season.

Andrew Beyer of Beyer Associates said the change was made due to what he believes is a problem with the timing system.

"We made the decision to change the figure when we became aware that the official time of the race was probably not accurate," he said.

Beyer said Gulfstream's electric timer, operated by the Televue Racing Patrol, posted a final time of 1:36.17 for the one-mile race. However, the Trakus system, introduced at Gulfstream this season, timed the Holy Bull in 1:35.09.

"There have been many questions about times of races out of the one-mile chute this year, and we may never know the accurate time of the Holy Bull," Beyer said.

Gulfstream stood by the final clocking. "I checked with Televue and nobody is aware of any timing issues with the Holy Bull," said Tim Ritvo, president of Gulfstream Park.