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Nicole's Dream Rockets to Mamzelle Repeat

by Evan Hammonds

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Breaking like a rocket from the gate, Nicole's Dream shot to the early advantage and led all the way to win the \$100,000 Mamzelle Stakes to kick off a deep and rich Kentucky Derby (gr. I) stakes weekend. The 5-year-old Florida-bred mare defended her title in the Mamzelle, having won the race last year by a nose.

Owned by Dare to Dream Stable and trained by Larry Rivelli, Nicole's Dream covered the five furlongs on turf in :56.41. Rallying to finish second was Mocha Queen, and Singit also came from off the pace to run third.

"The way she runs, if she breaks on top, it's all over," Rivelli said. "She did, and it was."

At the break, Nicole's Dream, with Eddie Martin Jr. aboard, grabbed the lead and led the field through an opening quarter in :21.85. While hugging the hedge, the daughter of Northern Trend out of the Two's a Plenty mare Flying Twosie, got the half-mile in :44.33.

"We got such a clean break that we left two (lengths) on top," Martin said. "That gave me a chance to angle down on the fence and rate her. She still did the half in 44 and that was with a hold. Turning for home, all I did was gather her up and chirp to her and off she went. I glanced back twice at the eighth pole but she was just coasting on home."

The 5-2 second choice, Nicole's Dream paid \$7.80, \$4.20, and \$3.20. Mocha Queen paid \$4.80 and \$3.60. Singit returned \$3.80 to show. The exacta, 6-8, paid \$42.40.

A five-furlong turf specialist, Nicole's Dream now has a 16-5-2 slate from 34 career starts -- 12 of those wins

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coming at the distance on grass.

Frank and Irene Weaver bred Nicole's Dream.

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