

All Bets Off ties track record in Prix D'Ete

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Trois-Rivieres, QC --- The Ron Burke Stable had a sensational Sunday in Canada as their horses not only finished one-two in the \$200,000 Prix D'Ete at the Hippodrome 3R, but earlier on the afternoon the Burke Stable also finished one-two in the rain-delayed Gold Cup & Saucer Final at Charlottetown Driving Park on PEI.



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Driver Matt Kakaley and assistant trainer Mickey Burke Jr. give a thumbs up following All Bets Off's victory in the Prix D'Ete Sunday.

scouted home an easy winner by 3-1/2 lengths in 1:50.3. Limelight Beach was second with Somewhere In L A third.

"Once I cleared to the lead," Kakaley said. "I was able to back it down a little. Then when Somewhere In L A came first-over I just pulled the plugs and my horse got stronger. I knew at the start I wanted to get to the front and control the pace and everything worked out perfectly."

The time of the race tied the all-age track record at the Hippodrome 3R at 1:50.3, set last year in the revival of the Prix D'Ete by Sunfire Blue Chip. It also tied both Sunfire Blue Chip and Crombie A as the fastest Canadian race by a 4-year-old on a half mile oval.

"What a great day this has been for the Burke Stable," explained second trainer Mickey Burke. "We finish one-two in the Gold Cup & Saucer and then finish one-two in the Prix D'Ete. We have to come back and do this again next year for sure."

A stallion by Bettor's Delight, it was the third win this year for All Bets Off. He is owned by the Burke Racing Stable LLC, Weaver-Bruscemi LLC, Frank Baldachino and the Panhelleni Stable. All Bets Off now sports career earnings of \$1,505,481. Coupled with Limelight Beach in the wagering, they paid \$3.80 to win.

In the Prix D'Ete Grand Circuit race for 4-year-old pacers, it was action-packed right out of the starting gate as Limelight Beach (Mark MacDonald) shot like a rocket to the early lead from post six with Somewhere In L A (Daniel Dube) leaving and grabbing the two-hole spot with All Bets Off (Matt Kakaley) also on the move on the outside.

They flew to the opening quarter mile in :26.2 and Kakaley kept All Bets Off in gear until they finally cleared to the lead. After a short breather going to the half-mile marker in :55.2, it was Somewhere In L A and Dube taking up the chase first-over with Winds Of Change (Dustin Jones) grabbing the second-over trip down the backstretch and to the three-quarters in 1:23.

Then as they came around the final turn, All Bets Off was still the strong horse, turning back Somewhere In L A and with Kakaley raising his whip in the air and just lifting the line, All Bets Off