



**Iron Maidens Thoroughbreds**  
**San Felipe Stakes (G-2)**  
**March 13, 2010**



In 2000 Fusaichi Pegasus used the San Felipe Stakes (G-2) at Santa Anita as a prep for a successful run in the Kentucky Derby. The following year, Point Given won this race and went favored in the Derby, but it wasn't meant to be. Last year, Pioneerof the Nile followed the same route and was a strong second in a shocking Derby result.

This year, unbeaten Caracortado "Scarface" in Spanish, takes on an interesting group of three year olds in the San Felipe Stakes (G-2) at Santa Anita at 1 1/16 miles. He's already beaten Dave in Dixie and American Lion. Interactif tries Pro-Ride for the first time and Sindy's Candy will attempt to carry his speed.



*Fusaichi Pegasus*

**Stephen's Got Hope** (Stephen Got Even – Susan's Hope, by Our Emblem) is still a maiden. He found trouble at the 1/8 pole last time out and was beaten by two lengths by Erbeia in a one mile maiden race. . His sire is a G-1 winner at 9 furlongs and is the sire of this year's Whirlaway winner Peppi Knows and last year's Derby hopeful I Want Revenge. Our Emblem is best known for siring Kentucky Derby winner War Emblem and Susan's Hope is an unraced half sister to a stakes winner. Stephen's Got Hope's second dam is a stakes winner and that's about it for this distaff family. O'Neil/Baze are 10% together but the trainer is 20% with the second race after a claim angle.



*Interactif - Photo: Coglianese*

**Interactif** (Broken Vow - Broad Pennant, by Broad Brush) finished out of the money only once, and that was an uncharacteristic eighth place finish in the Grade 2 Sanford, which can be excused since he was making only the second start of his career. In his first start of the year, he was second by a scant nose going 1 1/16 miles over the turf. This will be his first try over Pro-Ride. Interactif has a strong classy pedigree. His sire Broken Vow is an excellent Pro-Ride sires and he produces graded stakes winners up to nine furlongs. Interactif's dam Broad Pennant hails from the elite Phipps family breeding program and Interactif proudly claims the undefeated Personal Ensign as his third dam. His second dam Pennant Champion is a full sister to Grade 1 winning stallions Miner's Mark, Traditionally and Our Emblem. Pennant Champion is a half sister to the fantastic champion mare My Flag, who won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies and produced champion Storm Flag Flying and Leading the Parade, dam of Grade 3 winner Parading. Pletcher and Bejarano are 24% together.

**Erbeia** (Pulpit – Corrazona, by El Gran Senor) broke his maiden in his first start of the year after four attempts last year. His two subsequent works haven't been inspiring. Erbeia sire Pulpit is on the leading sire lists year after year. Erbeia's dam is a Grade 1 winner over turf and she is a half sister to Thirty Six Red, who was second in the 1990 Belmont. Erbeia is a 3/4 brother to multiple graded stakes winner Olmodavor. His fourth and fifth dams are blue hens. Mandella and Solis have a 12% win rate.

**American Lion** (Tiznow - Storm Tide, by Storm Cat) adds blinkers after pressing the pace and tiring to finish third 2 1/2 lengths behind Caracortado in the Robert B. Lewis. Since it was his first race of the year, he may have been too sharp. His sire Tiznow gets long winded runners but they are much better over dirt than synthetics. His dam is a half sister to two minor stakes winners, but that's about it for the female family. The barn has a 15% win rate with first time blinkers.



*American Lion - Photo: Benoit*

**Sidney's Candy** (Candy Ride – Fair Exchange, by Storm Cat) led all of the way in the seven furlong San Vicente (G-2) and he's had two strong stamina works since that race. His sire's offspring are generally at their best up to nine furlongs, however his son Misremembered just won the Big 'Cap at ten furlongs, so there is still hope this young sire can get a classic winner. Fair Exchange didn't live up to her lofty breeding, placing only once in seven tries. Her dam Exchange was a multiple Grade 1 winner. Sadler/Talamo are wining at 18% together.

**Dave in Dixie** (Dixie Union – Risk, by Wavering Monarch) came storming down the stretch to just miss to Caracortado in the Robert B. Lewis (G-2) last time out and came back with two very quick works. Dixie Union's offspring win up to 1 1/8 miles. Dave's damsire is the grandsire of Kentucky Derby winner Monarchos and the damsire of Preakness winner Prairie Bayou. Dave in Dixie is a half brother to stakes placed Risky Trick and his dam is an unraced half sister to two stakes winners, one of whom is the granddam of the old warrior, Nightmare Affair. Sadler/Rosario are a strong combo with a 27% win rate.

**Caracortado** (Cat Dreams – Mons Venus, by Maria's Mon) is undefeated in five starts. He hasn't won his races by much, but has been professional winning on and off the lead. He showed his class in the Grade 2 Robert Lewis Stakes last time out. His sire Cat Dreams was injured after a scintillating debut and is a son of Storm Cat out of JJ's Dream, a very fast sprinter. His offspring tend to be fast and precocious. Caracortado's dam is unraced and his second dam was unplaced in two starts, but did produce a minor stakes winner. He's had a couple of good works and you can't beat a 100% trainer/jockey combo.



*Caracortado - Photo: Benoit*

### **Selections:**

How the track is playing: So far this meet, stalkers have won 41% of the races at 1 1/16 miles, but this week over 70% of the races have been won by horses on or near the lead and 25% of those wired the field.

**Sidney's Candy**, **Interactif**, and **American Lion** will all be on or pressing the pace. The latter is adding blinkers, which may help him ease off the pace a little and finish up better at the end. **Caracortado** can sit a couple of lengths off the front runners and with his outside post, can get a good position out of traffic. **Dave in Dixie** will come storming down the stretch with his late running move and should move forward in his second start off the layoff. **Erbeia** broke his maiden last time out and **Stephen's Got Hope** was two lengths behind him. Both are stepping way up in class against more experienced horses.

**Dave in Dixie**  
**Caracortado**  
**Interactif**  
**American Lion**