



News Alert

RAGING BULL (FR) WINS SHOEMAKER MILE AT SANTA ANITA PARK AND GAINS FREE BERTH INTO TVG BREEDERS' CUP MILE

ARCADIA, Calif. (May 25, 2020) — Peter M. Brant's 5-year-old **Raging Bull (FR)** unleashed a powerful drive in the final furlong to capture Monday's 1-mile, \$300,000 Shoemaker Mile (G1) on turf by 2 ¼ lengths over **Next Shares** at Santa Anita Park, and earned an automatic berth into the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) through the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series.

The Breeders' Cup Challenge, now in its 14th year, is an international series of stakes races whose winners receives automatic starting positions and fees paid into a corresponding race in the Breeders' Cup World Championships, which will be held this year on Nov. 6-7 at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky.

Today's Shoemaker Mile kicked off the 2020 Breeders' Cup Challenge Series in the U.S.

Raging Bull (\$7.80), ridden by Joel Rosario and trained by Chad Brown, who won last year's TVG Breeders' Cup Mile with Uni (GB), joins Kantor, Blank, Sarkis & Yutar's 4-year-old gelding Vardy (SAF), winner of the L'Ormarins Queen's Plate (G1) at Kenilworth Racecourse in South Africa in January, as the first two automatic qualifiers this year for the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile.

As part of the enhanced benefits of the Challenge series, Breeders' Cup will pay the entry fees and guarantee a starting position for Raging Bull to start in the TVG Breeders' Cup Mile. In addition, Breeders' Cup will provide a \$40,000 travel stipend to the connections of all Championship starters from outside of North America, and a \$10,000 travel allowance for starters within North America that are stabled outside of Kentucky.

Raging Bull, a bay son of Dark Angel (IRE) out of Rosa Bonheur by Mr. Greeley, covered the 1 mile in 1:32.73 over a course listed as firm. Next Shares (18-1) was followed by the Brown-trained and 2-1 favorite **Without Parole (GB)** in third, with **River Boyne (IRE)** in fourth. The 2019 Preakness Stakes winner, War of Will, finish fifth but was disqualified and placed sixth for interference at the start. **True Valor** was moved up to fifth.

"He broke well and it looked like there was a good pace, he was very controlled," said Rosario, who had ridden Raging Bull 10 times prior to today's race. "He just came with his run like he does all the time. He put in a nice run. It's beautiful, nice to be back here and be back in action."

Raging Bull was making his first start since finishing third in the Ricoh Woodbine Mile (G1) in Canada last September. He was second in the Fourstardave (G1) at Saratoga one start prior to that. Today's win was his first since capturing the Hollywood Derby (G1) at Del Mar in December of 2018.

Raging Bull, bred in France by Dayton Investments Limited, has now won 6 of 13 starts, increased his career earnings to more than \$1 million.

ABOUT BREEDERS' CUP

The Breeders' Cup administers the Breeders' Cup World Championships, Thoroughbred horse racing's year-end Championships, as well as the Breeders' Cup Challenge qualifying series, which provides automatic starting positions into the Championships races. The Breeders' Cup is also a founding member of the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition, an organization composed of industry leaders committed to advancing safety measures in Thoroughbred racing and improving the well-being of equine and human athletes.

The 2020 Breeders' Cup World Championships, consisting of 14 Championship races, is scheduled to be held on November 6-7 at Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Kentucky and features a total of \$35 million in purses and awards. The event will be televised live by the NBC

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