

Flatter This wins Calder stakes as favorite Motovato falters

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Flatter This improved his record in Calder stakes races to 2 for 2 on Saturday when he beat Stimulus Plan by 6 1/2 lengths in the \$75,000 Darn That Alarm Stakes.

Flatter This, ridden by Luis Jurado, won the 1 1/16-mile dirt race in 1:46.82 during rain and on a track listed as sloppy.

The race's outcome produced some unusually high show prices when Motovato, the 1-5 favorite, finished last.

A total of \$191,573 was bet in the show pool, with \$182,123 bet on Motovato.

With Motovato out of the money, the show pool payoff was divided among Flatter This, Stimulus Plan and third-place finisher Hear Ye Hear Ye.

Flatter This, at 6-1, paid \$15 to win, \$12 to place and \$40.60 to show. The show payoffs were \$61.40 for 23-1 shot Stimulus Plan and \$32.20 for Hear Ye Hear Ye at 4-1.

Motovato was favored based on his six victories in nine Calder starts. He broke slowly and then moved into second place after three-quarters of a mile before fading,

Flatter This was fourth before he took the lead entering the stretch and pulled away.

"He got the perfect trip," trainer Kathleen O'Connell said. "He loves wet tracks."

In his stakes debut, Flatter This won the Band Is Passing at 1 1/16 miles at Calder on Aug. 13.

The 4-year-old Flatter This is owned by Blackacre Farms in Davie, which is operated by Larry and Vicki Stumpf,

- Big Drama, the 2010 Breeders' Cup Sprint champion, will head the field in Sunday's \$75,000 Whippleton Handicap at Calder.

Big Drama is one of seven entrants in the 6 1/2-furlong race for 3-year-olds and up. He will be ridden by Daniel Centeno.

The field includes Black Diamond Cat, a winner of two sprint stakes at Calder this year.

Big Drama, trained by David Fawkes, began his career at Calder in 2008 when he swept the three-race Florida Stallion Stakes Series for 2-year-olds.
