

March 25, 2017
Turfway Park
Race 10: 46th Running of the JACK Cincinnati Casino Spiral Stakes (G3)
\$500,000 guaranteed | 3yo, One Mile and One-Eighth
Race Quotes

85-Point Race for the Kentucky Derby
50 (winner) | 20 (2nd) | 10 (3rd) | 5 (4th)

Winning horse: Fast and Accurate

Winning jockey: Tyler Gafflione

“The race set up beautifully. My horse broke well. I looked to the outside and I saw (trainer) Mike (Maker’s) other horse (En Hanse) going to the lead and he (Maker) told me if the other one broke better to just sit behind him. We had a beautiful trip going into the far turn, I put him on the outside and he just hit another gear. Down the lane he just kept lengthening in stride.”

Winning trainer: Michael J. Maker

“We had a lot of confidence. He’s kind of a thin-looking horse, but he had put on some weight (after breaking his maiden). (Regarding the decision to run him in a maiden claiming race in December, which he won) We were trying to get some more winners for (sire) Hansen, and we had so many of them that we were just trying to fill in the blanks.”

Second horse: Blueridge Traveler

Second jockey: Channing Hill

“I did my best Calvin Borel impression; I just didn’t get up. He ran good. I was super happy with him. First time Polytrack kind of got him, but otherwise he was good. He’s still a bit green. He tried all the way to the wire. I really thought I was going to run fourth, then I thought third, then all of a sudden I thought we might win it. He kept digging, kept grinding. He’s got a long, bright future.”

Second trainer: Michael Kleier (assistant to Ken McPeck):

“I was very pleased with his effort. He took a lot of sand in his face in the first turn and he still came through very courageously.”

Second owner: Ross Whipple

“We were looking for something that had some test to it and I think this had it. Now we’ll have to have the wait-and-see approach on what’s next. Could be the Arkansas Derby, could be the Illinois Derby.”

Third horse: Convict Pike

Third jockey: Angel Cruz

“I thought he was a winner. He was coming. He waited a little bit and when he heard horses behind him he came again. Then he waited again.”