

# Not Your Ordinary Plain Jane



## South Dakota-bred filly Jesa Plain Jane take the North Dakota Futurity



*Jesa Plain Jane and Don Proctor looking anything but ordinary in the North Dakota Futurity*

Glenn Ringgenberg didn't know what his two year-old filly was capable of heading into the \$9,700 North Dakota Futurity on the Horse Park's final weekend.

"I didn't have confidence," Ringgenberg laughed. "There were other nice colts in the race and fillies, so I wasn't sure." But doubt turned into crystal clear certainty on the turn for home as his bay filly pulled away in the stretch to capture the juvenile race by 12 ¼ lengths in a time of 1:11.20 for 5 ½ panels.

On paper, the race didn't look like such a cinch. Big Cats Echo, the winner of back to back races at Chippewa Downs, the last by over 11 lengths, was essentially the only accomplished horse in the race and was solidly backed at 9-5. Scott Horst's Pie Eyed Scott was unraced but showed in a workout a week earlier that he was ready for primetime. The others drifted up to 5-1 or higher in a field of six. And then there was Ringgenberg's Jesa Plain Jane who had only raced once before, a second-place effort at a short distance in the South Dakota Bred Futurity in May. But even Ringgenberg admitted she may not have been at her best. "She shin bucked," the owner said. "I wasn't sure if she shin bucked at Aberdeen or before." What followed was a long rest and over two months without a second race. But that race came in Fargo in the Futurity and boy did it ever come.

Perhaps it was the Bob Johnson/ Don Proctor connection but the betting public thought enough of the daughter of Pie's Prospect to make her the 9-5 betting favorite (just a few dollars more than Big Cats Echo) on the last tick of the toteboard. Jesa Plain Jane broke on top from the outside post and soon was engaged in a head to head struggle with the co-favorite. Midway into the race, Damon Leeds and Big Cat's Echo put a head in front be-

fore Proctor countered. Around the far turn though Jesa Plain Jane kicked free and coasted home on her way to a dozen length score. Big Cats Echo finished second while Butch Herman's Goddess Artemis ran third.

In the aftermath, as he accompanied the filly back to the barn, the Columbia, South Dakota horseman Ringgenberg handed out thank yous. "Kris Moen, the breeder, I got to give him credit," Ringgenberg said. "He sold me that mare when she was pregnant. I have got to be thankful for him and Scott Horst who gave me tips on the stud." Ringgenberg continued, "And I thank Bobby Johnson the trainer for having her ready for this as it is only her second out."

And was there a special sense of satisfaction for a South Dakotan to win in North Dakota, taking the \$5,000 winner's purse with him? "Wins are nice anywhere they happen in this game," Ringgenberg said. "We'll take her back home to South Dakota and turn her out and see what happens next year."