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ANN ARBOR EDDIE SCORES EASY WIN IN SUNDAY RETURN FOR O'NEILL;

THREE MORE VICTORIES FOR TALENTED APPRENTICE EVIN ROMAN

CYPRESS, Calif. – Making his first start since finishing a well-beaten fifth in the Grade II San Felipe March 11, Ann Arbor Eddie responded with an easy victory in the \$54,556 feature Sunday at Los Alamitos.

Cutting back in distance and returning to the track where he won the King Glorious Stakes last Dec. 18, the 3-year-old Square Eddie gelding was reserved off the pace set by favored Microrithms and Mr. Opportunity, swung to the outside for the stretch and powered away in the final eighth of a mile to win by 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ lengths.

Trained by Doug O'Neill for owner-breeder J. Paul Reddam's Reddam Racing LLC, Ann Arbor Eddie, who was ridden by Mario Gutierrez, completed the six furlongs in 1:08.35. He paid \$9.40, \$3.80 and \$2.40 as the 7-2 second choice in a field reduced to five after the O'Neill-trained What's on the agenda and Westwood's Wizard were scratched.

Ann Arbor Eddie, who is out of the In Excess mare Repo, has won four of seven and earned \$294,580.

Mr. Opportunist outfinished Microrithms by a half-length for second and returned \$5.20 and \$2.60. The show price on the even-money choice was \$2.10. Love My Bud and Junior Gilliam completed the order of finish.

Although he missed with Microrithms, apprentice jockey Evin Roman continued his Los Alamitos roll. He won three more races Sunday, giving him nine for the first week of the Summer Thoroughbred Festival. The Puerto Rican-born rider, who shared the jockey title with Flavien Prat at the recently-concluded Santa Anita Spring season, also won Sunday's third (May B) and sixth (Family Girl).

With four days remaining, Roman, 19, could challenge the record for most victories at a meet since thoroughbred racing returned in 2014. The record is currently held by Fernando Perez, who won 15 races during the 10-day Los Angeles County Fair meet in 2015.

Racing resumes Thursday at Los Alamitos. Post time is 2 p.m.