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FAVORED FACT OF LIFE SCORES IN RETURN FOR BAFFERT

CYPRESS, Calif. – In her first start since finishing eighth of nine in the Grade I Starlet last Dec. 18, heavily-favored Fact of Life earned her second lifetime win at Los Alamitos in Thursday's \$47,656 feature.

Owned by Fog City Stables and trained by Hall of Famer Bob Baffert, the 3-year-old daughter of The Factor tracked the pace while outside, collared 7-1 shot Cioppino Pasadino inside the final eighth of a mile and went on to prevail by two lengths .

A \$250,000 purchase at the Keeneland September sale in 2015, Fact of Life, who is out of the Tale of the Cat mare Mir Cat, completed the six furlongs in 1:09.93. She returned \$3, \$2.20 and \$2.10 as the 1-2 favorite under jockey Martin Garcia.

Favored against eventual multiple Grade I winner – and current stablemate - Abel Tasman – in a Del Mar allowance last Nov. 18, the gray is now 2-for-5 in her career with earnings of \$74,305. She broke her maiden in her second start last Sept. 8 during the Los Angeles County Fair meet at Los Alamitos.

Reiki Baby, the 3-1 second choice and a debut winner June 11, finished 2 ¾ lengths ahead of Cioppino Pasadino and returned \$2.80 and \$2.10. The show price on Cioppino Pasadino was \$2.60.

Dashin Ashen and Be a Lady completed the order of finish. Sly Humor and Holy Mosey were scratched.

The start of the race was delayed due to an incident in the paddock involving Be a Lady and jockey Chantal Sutherland.

A 4-year-old Cindago filly making her first start Sept. 10, 2016, Be a Lady was fractious and unseated Sutherland. The rider, who was reportedly complaining of pain in her left arm and leg, was taken to nearby Los Alamitos Medical Center for examination. Vinnie Bednar replaced Sutherland on Be a Lady.

Leading jockey Evin Roman won two more races Thursday, giving him 11 victories through five racing days.

Fernando Perez, who won 15 races during the 10-day LACF season in 2015, owns the record for most victories at a meet since thoroughbred racing returned to Los Alamitos in July, 2014.

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