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**PHANTOM PROTON (\$9.20) OUTFINISHES FAVORED JEWELLED ON OPENING DAY**

CYPRESS, Calif – Adding blinkers in her second start after a layoff was the winning formula for Phantom Proton in Thursday's \$46,380 feature on opening day of the Los Angeles County Fair meet at Los Alamitos.

Trained by Hall of Famer Neil Drysdale for Stepside Farm LLC, the 3-year-old Ghostzapper filly out of the Smoke Glacken mare Quantum Miss rallied in tandem with 6-5 favorite Jeweled, then asserted her superiority over that one in the final sixteenth of a mile to prevail by 1 ½ lengths.

Ridden by Mario Gutierrez, the 7-2 third choice in the field of nine returned \$9.20, \$3.60 and \$3.20 for her first win in three starts. The payday increased Phantom Proton's earnings to \$37,745.

The loss was the fourth for Jeweled, who has always been the public choice and has never been higher than 9-5 for owners Mike Pegram, Karl Watson and Paul Weitman and Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert.

Jeweled, who finished seven lengths clear of the rest of the field, paid \$2.60 and \$2.40. Morning Dance, a debuting 3-year-old daughter of Broken Vow, rallied to finish third under jockey Santiago Gonzalez. The show price on the 33-1 outsider was \$9.40.

Trappiza, Cool Munnings, Starlet Storm, the 3-1 second choice, Relentless Miss, Kitty's Girl and La Samp completed the order of finish.

Jockeys Edwin Maldonado and Evin Roman both doubled while Sasha Risenhoover, who earned her first Del Mar victory with an upset aboard Terra's Angel in Monday's Del Mar Juvenile Fillies Turf, collected her initial win at Los Alamitos, guiding Holy Mosey to a come-from-behind score in Thursday's fifth.

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