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CAT FIGHT IN THE SAN RAFAEL?

El Gato Malo (El Corredor) has indeed proved to be one bad cat in his two starts to date. The West Point Thoroughbreds colorbearer opened his career with a 5 1/2-length maiden score at Hollywood Park Nov. 18 and came back to take the Gold Rush S. going a mile at Golden Gate Dec. 15 by 4 1/4 lengths. The \$95,000 FTKOCT yearling



El Gato Malo

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takes another step up the ladder here, and trainer Craig Dollase feels he is ready for the test. Dollase, looking back on the Gold Rush, told *Daily Racing Form*, "He did it the right way. He got two turns and he handled the ship. He's coming into the [San Rafael] with lots of confidence." El Gato Malo isn't the only top cat in the one-mile race. **Talk of a Cat** (Tale of the Cat) is another that has shown a lot of promise. Third in his debut at Keeneland Oct. 25, the \$625,000 FTSAUG yearling purchase followed up with an eye-catching score at Hollywood Dec. 1. The chestnut colt grabbed the lead early in that 6 1/2-furlong affair, dashed off six furlongs in 1:08 flat and hit the wire 5 1/2 lengths to the good. The runner-up that day, Coast Guard, came back to break his maiden with a handy win Dec. 29. Jockey Garrett Gomez, aboard for that victory, is not worried about the added distance this afternoon. "He actually did something [in the maiden win] that, with his stride, you wouldn't think he could get done sprinting," Gomez told *DRF*. "He's got a nice long stride; he'll go further." **Cont. p2**



Talk of a Cat

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PRECIOUS KITTEN SOLD TO LAEL STABLE

Kenneth and Sarah Ramseys' **Precious Kitten** (Catienuis--Kitten's First, by Lear Fan), an Eclipse Award finalist for champion female turf horse, has been sold to Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stable for an undisclosed amount, it was announced yesterday. The five-year-old captured two wins at the highest level under the tutelage of Bobby Frankel in 2007, including the GI John C. Mabee H. at Del Mar in August and the GI Matriarch S. at Hollywood in late November. She will remain in training with Frankel. "We hope that she brings as much pleasure to the Jacksons as she did to us," Ken Ramsey said. "Selling her was a tough decision and



Precious Kitten

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we'll miss running her in the big races this year. We hope she wins a 2008 Eclipse Award for the Jacksons and goes on to an equally successful career as a broodmare. We will be following her closely and hope to see them in the winner's circle with her often this year." Bred in Kentucky by the Ramseys, the dark bay is a half-sister to champion Kitten's Joy (El Prado {Ire}) and MSW Justenuffheart (Broad Brush), the dam of champion Dreaming of Anna and GSW Lewis Michael. To date, Precious Kitten has won seven of 19 career starts, for \$1,419,688 in earnings.

“SCAT DADDY.....showed good form in the traditional key races, winning the GI Sanford and GI Champagne at two (and also second in the GI Hopeful and fourth in the GI Breeders' Cup Juvenile). At three, the son of **Johannesburg** won both the GI Fountain of Youth and GI Florida Derby..... he's got the right credentials”

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