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2006 Juvenile

Street Sense

Owned by James B. Tafel

Street Sense's Perfect Trip

'Calvin Bo-Rail' Moves Up from Ninth for Dramatic Win

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If ever a horse and rider were made for each other, it was Street Sense and Calvin Borel.

James Tafel's homebred son of Street Cry wasn't in any big hurry early on in his races, and the patient Borel is quite comfortable settling toward the back of the pack, then making a big move up the rail, hence his nickname of 'Calvin Bo-Rail.'

The combination worked to perfection in the 2006 Breeders' Cup Juvenile at Churchill Downs, when Street Sense had exactly one horse beat after a quarter mile and was ahead of just two horses after a half mile. With 3/8s to run, he was still in ninth place.

But coming off the rail on the far turn, Borel guided his mount past a tiring foe, then dove straight back down to the fence, from where they began passing the entire field with authority.

In the most dramatic move the Juvenile had seen since Arazi 15 years earlier, Street Sense not only made the lead, he ran away to win by a dramatic 10 lengths.



"My feelings early on in the race were, 'Gee, I hope this horse has the kick we think he does,'" said Tafel. "And thank goodness he did. When you're that far behind, you have some concerns. But that was his running style, and Calvin fit him so well. When he pulled the trigger, why, Street Sense would go, and go fast."

Six months later, Street Sense would

become the first Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner to also capture the Kentucky Derby. Over the same layout, Borel magically rode a nearly carbon-copy version of the Juvenile, angling quickly to the rail and drawing off to win the roses convincingly. This tandem knew a good thing when they saw it, combining for two Perfect Trips when they counted most.

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