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Great Cross takes First at Gulfstream Park

February 12th turned out to be a big day for Great Cross and Exceller Fund member, Holly W., when the 3-year-old filly soared to her first win in the eighth race at Gulfstream Park. This past October, Holly was the winning member of The Exceller Fund's 2013 membership drive drawing, which featured an honorary ownership package in the 2011 Kitten's Joy filly courtesy of Contessa Racing.

This package included 10% of the net earnings for the first six months of Great Cross' racing career unless she was claimed or retired early. In addition to the earnings, the honorary owner was also entitled to enjoy other perks such as backside and owner's box privileges, access to the paddock and inclusion in the win photo when applicable.



Great Cross at Belmont Park



Great Cross preparing for her third start at Gulfstream Park

"Although we only drew one name, many Exceller Fund members have followed Great Cross and kept in touch with us regarding her career," commented Nicole Smith, Executive Director for The Exceller Fund. "It has been a lot of fun for the entire organization and we have really enjoyed getting to know so many new members."

The Exceller Fund's membership is made up of individuals who donate a minimum of \$15 per month to go toward the retired Thoroughbred racehorses being cared for by the non-profit organization. While The Exceller Fund does offer an adoption program for horses that are able to go onto second careers, the focus is on horses requiring permanent retirement with special attention paid to "Racing Warriors", those horses that have spent years on the track.