

LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE, CYPRESS, CA... After a train hit a truck that Warren Shelley was driving in 1973 - nearly killing him - the horse owner figured that at the very least the accident would mark the end of his involvement with Arabian horses.

"The train was doing 65 miles per hour and I was doing 22 miles per hour," Shelley began. "I ended up on crutches for two years."

Standing proudly on his own two feet, Shelley was in the winner's circle Saturday at Los Alamitos Race Course, his horses having just swept the two richest and most important Arabian races in California. Shelley and his wife, trainer Helen Shelley, first won the \$75,000 Daughters of the Desert Oaks courtesy of Burning Perfume MKP and less than an hour later, they completed the double with Qjuick Sand PW in the \$81,500 Drinkers of the Wind Derby. Both races were contested at 6 furlongs.

In typical Shelley fashion, both Burning Perfume MKP and Qjuick Sand PW ended up in Helen's barn through private purchases. They purchased both horses from owner Mark Powell, whose family operation has quickly become one of the major forces in Arabian racing. Powell was the leading owner at Delaware Park last year. Meanwhile, the Shelleys purchased Burning Perfume MKP only a few days ago. They acquired Qjuick Sand PW last fall after he won the Grade 1 Delaware Juvenile Championship.

Bred by Pamela Weidel, the Burning Sand colt Qjuick Sand PW broke from post seven before jockey Otto Arriaga smartly maneuvered him to the rail before the clubhouse turn. Qjuick Sand PW duelled with multiple stakes winner Golly Bret for the lead for a couple of furlongs in the 6-furlong test before moving past that rival heading home. Theoretically, who finished ahead of Qjuick Sand PW in the Lone Star Futurity in Texas only five weeks ago, threatened late but in the end the 8-5 favorite Qjuick Sand PW had enough to record his fifth win in 12 starts in a time of 1:19.03.

Ridden by Joy Scott, Burning Perfume MKP took control during the backstretch run and never looked back on the way to a 2- $\frac{3}{4}$ -length victory in a time of 1:20.04. Sent off at odds of 9-1, Burning Perfume MKP was picking up her third win in 14 starts.

Otto Arriaga has now won the Drinkers of the Wind two straight years. He piloted Walk The Line to an easy win last year. Helen Shelley becomes only the second trainer to win both the Drinkers and Daughters in the same year, joining Lynn Ashby's accomplishment in 1998. Warren Shelley also becomes the first owner since HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum to win the both races in the same year.

Qjuick Sand PW earned \$34,188 for the win to take his career bankroll to \$79,219. Theoretically, Tiki Barber, Golly Bret, Burning Speed MKP, Foray, Topule and Stirgess followed him across the wire. Geniunely At Risk and Tunnate were scratched.

In the Daughters, Burning Perfume MKP earned \$31,500 for the win to take her career figure to \$54,283. Later Ala Gatour, A Second Wind, Ooh Lay La, Gleiry, Im Adorable Too, Galaavi, Always And Forever and My Lady Su completed the field.