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## ***AMISS, RIGATTIERI STAR ON OPENING DAY AT SUFFOLK DOWNS***

**EAST BOSTON, MA** – Jockey David Amiss and trainer John Rigattieri teamed up to win three of the 10 races on the Opening Day card at Suffolk Downs before a passionate crowd of 16,290.

Amiss started the day off with a three-length score aboard Dixie Red (\$3.60) in the season opener. He and Rigattieri teamed up to sweep the late daily double with Electric Mountain (\$5.00) and Northern Command (\$4.20), both in front-running fashion. The double returned \$11.00.

Amiss, a New Hampshire native, was second in the jockey standings in 2007 with 75 victories. Rigattieri has been leading trainer at Suffolk Downs the last four years, saddling 64 winners a year ago.

A day after celebrating her birthday and throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at Fenway Park, defending riding champion Tammi Piermarini was aboard two winners.

“It was a great day for us, despite the less than ideal weather,” said Richard Fields, the leading shareholder of Suffolk Downs. “The crowd showed tremendous enthusiasm and today’s success bodes well for us for another great season of racing.”

After the eighth race, the track introduced its "Community Winner's Circle" program by honoring ZUMIX of East Boston for their outstanding contributions to the local community. The program will recognize individuals and groups who have dedicated themselves to worthy causes in the community and will make a donation to their cause.

ZUMIX has nearly 17 years of experience serving underserved youth through music, technology and related arts. The mission of ZUMIX is empowered youth who use music to make strong, positive change in their lives, their communities and the world. ZUMIX has grown to serve over 350 youth per year in after-school and summer programs and reaches more than 6,000 additional youth and adults through workshops, community events, and outdoor concerts.

