

Vargas notches 3,000th career win at Suffolk Downs

Veteran jockey Jorge Vargas recorded his 3,000th career victory on Monday, August 8 at Suffolk Downs when his mount Want Ad was elevated via disqualification to win the fourth race of the afternoon.

"That wasn't how I wanted to get it," said Vargas, a 53-year old veteran of New England racing. "But, it is been a long career with a lot of injuries and I'm just glad I made it here. It meant a lot to do this here, at home."

Want Ad, a three-year-old son of Mass Media trained by Robert Monahan II, paid \$28.60, 7.60 and 4.00.

Vargas, a native of Puerto Rico, scored the first win of his stateside career on May 20, 1979, also at Suffolk Downs. In 1980, his 227 victories were second among all apprentice riders and he was the leading rider for the Spring meet at Suffolk Downs, the first of his four meet titles at the East Boston oval.

Also on the nine-race card, Jacqueline Davis rode three winners and is currently second in the jockey standings with 36 victories, 13 behind 2010 leading rider Tammi Piermarini.

Davis began her hat trick by sweeping the early double with Be That It May (\$3.00) and Leon's Rose (\$11.80).

She was back in the winner's circle following a victory in the featured eighth race with Victoria Drive (\$7.60).