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Alex's group aglow in Preakness glory

The heroics of the Delaware Park-based horse and jockey Jeremy Rose are starting to sink in for the Philadelphia owners.

to win the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of horse racing's Triple Crown.

That is all part of horse-racing lore now, with a horse, trainer and jockey from Delaware Park, and all those Philadelphia owners. If Afleet Alex had won the Kentucky Derby, instead of finishing third, and still was trying for the Triple Crown, they would already be selling the movie rights. Saturday's race was that dramatic. In one terrifying and acrobatic moment, Afleet Alex had put his sport temporarily back in the spotlight.

It has a fraction of the fan base from See HORSE on A6



JOAN FAIRMAN KANES / Inquirer Suburban Staff

Afleet Alex relaxes at a Pimlico, a day after his dramatic win in the Preakness, with Carol Zacney, wife of co-owner Chuck Zacney.

Inside

A day after the Preakness, another scary moment for Jeremy Rose at Delaware Park. A6.

By Mike Jensen INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

BALTIMORE — Jeremy Rose walked into the restaurant late Saturday night and instantly the place became the loudest spot in the Inner Harbor. Anybody who knew anybody connected with Afleet Alex was there, chanting, "Jeremy" — 14 times. On cue, that day's Preakness Stakes replayed on an overhead screen.

The group watched it again, holding champagne glasses, ready to toast the outcome. When it came to the race moment that Rose, the jockey for Afleet Alex, will be describing for the rest of his life, there was a collective "Ooooooh," except from Rose. He smiled a little bit, watching himself barely stay on his horse after it clipped heels with Scrapy T. Afleet Alex nearly buckled to the dirt, then righted himself and went on

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Protesters greet first lady

At two sacred sites in Jerusalem, small crowds heckled Laura Bush.

By Steven Erlanger NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

JERUSALEM — Laura Bush found herself immersed in the passions of the Middle East yesterday, as her trip to places holy to both Muslims and Jews attracted small numbers of vocal protesters.

Bush, on the third day of her five-day trip to the region, faced demonstrators at the Dome of the Rock mosque and the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

"You are not welcome here!" shouted a protester near the Dome of the Rock. "Why are you hassling our Muslims?" The protester apparently was referring to the mistreatment of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and in Afghanistan. Another woman said loudly: "Koran! Koran!"

Later in Jericho, Bush spoke of "what an emotional place this is as we go from each one of these very, very holy sites to the next." After meeting separate groups of Israeli and Palestinian women, she said: "What we all want is peace, and the chance that we have right now to have peace. To have a Palestinian state living by a secure state of Israel, both living in democracy, is as close as we've been in a really long time." The process will take "a lot of baby steps," she added, "and I'm sure it will be a few steps backward on the way."

The United States will help, the first lady continued. But "it also requires the work of the people here, of the Palestinians and the Israelis, to come to the table, obviously, and we'll see."

The main purpose of Bush's visit to the region was to attend the World Economic Forum meeting on Saturday in Jordan, where she highlighted education and women's rights as central to See FIRST LADY on A6



EMILIO MORENATTI / Associated Press

Surrounded by Israeli police, Laura Bush arrives for a visit at the Western Wall and the Dome of the Rock shrine in Jerusalem's Old City. Both Muslim and Jewish protesters shouted at her.

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Laura Bush

Dean hasn't mellowed — and that could hurt party

He speaks! Howard Dean, so loquacious as a presidential candidate in 2004, has largely dodged the national limelight as Democratic chairman in 2005. But in his 99th day on the job, the pugilistic darling of the liberal wing finally resurfaced on national TV yesterday — and promptly buttressed his reputation for lobbing rhetorical grenades.

He said that the Hammer would probably wind up in the slammer.

He said that even though the owner of that nickname, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, had not been charged with any crime in any criminal court.

On NBC's Meet the Press yesterday, host Tim Russert asked Dean about a quip he made on

THE AMERICAN DEBATE



Dick Polman Political Analyst

May 14, when he told Massachusetts Democrats that DeLay, the powerful Texas Republican who has been rebuked by colleagues for ethics violations, "ought to go back to Houston where he can serve his jail sentence down there." Was it fair, Russert asked, to convict a man who hasn't been charged with anything?

"He hasn't been convicted See POLMAN on A12

Bending over backward to raise funds



SCOTT S. HAMRICK / Inquirer Staff Photographer

Yoga Unites, a yoga class and health expo at the Art Museum yesterday, raised money for Living Beyond Breast Cancer, a nonprofit based in Ardmore that provides educational resources and support for patients and their families. Cara Bradley, 40, of Wayne, Pa., is in the foreground. The hourlong yoga session drew 500.