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## **YELLOW CARD EDGES JOE SHIESTY TO WIN TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT IN STAKES-RECORD TIME**

**LOUISVILLE, KY (Saturday, May 2, 2026)** – James Daniell’s **Yellow Card** surged between horses to edge longtime leader **Joe Shiesty** by a neck with favored **Litigation** another head back to win the 32nd running of the \$600,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint (GII) presented by Accenture for 3-year-olds and up Saturday afternoon.

Trained by **Michael McCarthy** and ridden by **Flavien Prat**, **Yellow Card** completed the 5 ½ furlongs on a firm Matt Winn Turf Course in a stakes-record 1:02.20.

**Joe Shiesty** quickly assumed command after breaking second and led the field of 10 through an opening quarter-mile in :22.39 with **Yellow Card** tracking in second.

**Joe Shiesty** carried the advantage to the top of the stretch where he was confronted by **Yellow Card** to his immediate outside and **Litigation** three wide. The trio raced as a team through the stretch with **Yellow Card** narrowly prevailing.

The victory was worth \$354,500 and increased **Yellow Card**’s earnings to \$1,099,245 with a record of 14-5-4-1 with his first stakes victory.

**Yellow Card** is a 5-year-old Kentucky-bred son of **Lost Treasure (IRE)** out of the Pulpit mare **Paris Girl**.

**Yellow Card** returned \$7.80, \$4.24 and \$3.02. **Joe Shiesty**, ridden by **Fernando De La Cruz**, returned \$6.60 and \$4.10 with **Litigation** paying \$2.76 to show under **Irad Ortiz Jr.**

It was another nose back to **My Boy Prince** with **Possiblemente**, **Mondogetsbuckets**, **Full Disclosure**, **Bear River**, **Its Bourbon Thirty** and **Wendelsohn** following in order.

### **TWIN SPIRES TURF SPRINT QUOTES**

**Flavien Prat (Jockey, Yellow Card, winner)** – “He broke well and we got into a good spot. He really showed a lot of courage. The whole race was a battle, and he fought to get to the wire first.”

**Michael McCarthy (Trainer, Yellow Card, winner)** -- “Last time at Keeneland he got banged around at the half-mile pole and it wasn’t his day. I’m so proud of him and the effort he was able to put in today. I’m so glad **Flavien (Prat)** decided to stick with him. (Owner) **Jim Daniell** needed this one, I needed this one.”

**Fernando De La Cruz (Jockey, Joe Shiesty, second)** – “We were able to get to the lead and he was traveling well. He tried hard, he just got caught in the last couple jumps.”

**Irad Ortiz, Jr. (Jockey, Litigation, third)** – “We got a beautiful trip and it was a great race. He ran well, we were just not quite able to get there.”

**Jose Ortiz (Jockey, My Boy Prince, fourth)** – “I had a good trip. I was tucked in just behind the speed, tipped out at the top of the stretch and made a strong run. It was just three tough horses that kept going. I think **Yellow Card** is a nice horse, and the others around him were very good as well. It was a thrilling finish.”

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