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MUD STAKES

Though the calendar says Spring, a heavy fall of snow greets the crowd at the Jamaica opening, and not only is there snow overhead but slush underneath. It takes more than snow and slush to stop some fans, if it's racing he's going to be there fair or foul. Fourteen starters plod through the mud, the going's sticky and dangerous but the mud stakes are on and now they're off. Peter's Fair is setting the pace at the half mile post, but up 'til now it's anybody's race. Five year old Portranto, 13th at the start is up in the front with the leaders, second from the rails. An 11 to 1 chance he just lays back his ears and sails through the slime like nobody's business. Calkin and Zakotine are moving up on the outside and it's going to be a close finish. Portranto wins by a neck and that's just where the jockies get it. It's the mud stakes with a vengeance.