

Top of the Morning

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“And they’re off! Boredom takes the lead out of the gate and into the mud, followed closely by Tedium with Monotony running a close third! Nearing the first turn, Ennui takes the rail and gains the advantage over Fatigue, holding a slight lead over Exhaustion! But wait! Emerging under sunny skies we now see Amusement overtaking Monotony and gaining on Tedium! On the outside Joy makes a move and is determined to outpace Ennui! Fun has found an opening and is running strong through the pack! Moving into position on the far side, Tedium is threatening to overtake Boredom, but his strength is failing. Into the turn now with Amusement on the right flank of Boredom! And now they’re in the backstretch and it appears that Boredom, Tedium, and Monotony have lost all steam! Exhaustion and Ennui have lost their rhythm! This race is being dominated by Amusement and Joy with Fun gaining the inside and racing for the finish line – and it’s Fun by a nose!”

Yes, I’m excited and looking forward to my first excursion to The Louisiana Derby Day’s annual Natchez Classic Race at the Fairgrounds Racecourse in New Orleans. This race will be held Saturday, March 6. The Fairgrounds officials and Mayor Hank Smith have put together a package which includes admission, a program, and a sumptuous luncheon buffet – all for the price of \$22.50 per person. Following the “City of Natchez Classic” run, Mayor Smith will present the owner of the winning horse and its jockey with wine coolers and julep cups. The “City of Natchez Classic” trophy remains on display at the racetrack. Several months ago the Natchez Women’s Book Society chose “Seabiscuit” as the book of the month to be reviewed. All members were intrigued with the story and thus decided to make the Natchez Classic an event to remember. We have chartered a bus and, in honor of Seabiscuit, are going to dress 1930’s-style for our trip to New Orleans. Of course, hats and gloves are mandatory! If you are interested in joining the ladies for a day at the races, you may call Casey Hughes at 601-446-6282. (Ladies only, please!) There are still a few seats available on the bus. Naturally, we will not wait until we gain New Orleans to begin the feasting – we are all bringing our favorite snacks and refreshments to enjoy during the trip.

Please consider attending the races on March 6 as Natchez makes its presence known in The Big Easy. For those ladies and gentlemen who do not wish to travel with the NWBS, you may request more information by calling the mayor’s office at 601-445-7555.