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Belmont-G1



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1 Artax Too

Own: Paraneck Stable
Black Cherry Ball
SANTOS JA (94 16 20 16 .17) 2002:(431 56 .13)



B. c. 3 (Jan) EASOCT00 \$220,000
Sire: Marquetry (Conquistador Cielo) \$15,000
Dam: Done With Pleasure (Foolish Pleasure)
Br: Audley Farm Inc (Va)
Tr: Pedersen Jennifer L (1 1 0 0 1.00) 2002:(2 1 .50)

Previously trained by Aquilino Joseph
15May02-9Bel gd 1 @ :234 :474 1:123 1:363 Alw 46000N2L
28Apr02-1Aqu sly 1 1/8 @ :48 1:124 1:39 1:522 3+ Md Sp Wt 42k
14Apr02-5Aqu fst 1 :23 :46 1:103 1:362 3+ Md Sp Wt 42k

Previously trained by Lundy Richard J
30Mar02-9Aqu fst 7f :222 :45 1:102 1:24 3+ Md Sp Wt 41k
Previously trained by Pedersen Jennifer L
14Jly01-3Bel fst 5 1/2 f :223 :461 :583 1:051 Md Sp Wt 41k

WORKS: Jun3 Aqu 5f fst 1:001 B 1/3 May28 Aqu 7f fst 1:244 B 1/1 May8 Aqu 5f fst 1:023 B 4/7 Apr25 Aqu 5f fst 1:022 B 1/3 Apr8 Aqu 4f fst :493 B 4/12 Mar24 Aqu 5f fst 1:041 B 6/6
TRAINER: 1stW/Tm(.38 \$7.04) Turf/Dirt(1.00 \$0.00) Dirt(22.18 \$2.90) Routes(10.10 \$0.71) GrdStk(5.20 \$7.12)

L 126

Life	5	2	0	1	\$59,830	85	D.Fst	3	0	0	1	\$7,030	73
2002	4	2	0	1	\$59,830	85	Wet(290)	1	1	0	0	\$25,200	84
2001	1	M	0	0	\$0	49	Turf(290)	1	1	0	0	\$27,600	85
Bel	1	0	0	0	\$0	49	Dst(200*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

2 Like A Hero

Own: Columbine Stable
Blue, Yellow Ball, Yellow
DAYP (-) 2002:(525 119 .23)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Jan)
Sire: Pleasant Colony (His Majesty) \$75,000
Dam: Like a Hawk (Silver Hawk)
Br: Andrea Singer Pollack Revocable Trust (Ky)
Tr: Greely C Beau (-) 2002:(34 5 .15)

23May02-2Hol fst 1 1/8 :474 1:123 1:374 1:501 Alydar77k
19Apr02-8SA fst 1 1/8 :233 :473 1:113 1:43 OCIm 80000N
24Mar02-2SA fst 1 :221 :452 1:103 1:363 Md Sp Wt 50k
18Feb02-8SA fst 6 1/2 f :221 :453 1:103 1:171 Md Sp Wt 46k

WORKS: Jun2 Bel 4f fst :49 B 40/89 May18 Hol 4f fst :492 H 26/40 May12 Hol 7f fst 1:274 H 3/4 May6 Hol 5f fst :594 H 3/41 Apr29 Hol 3f fst :382 H 14/19 Apr14 Hol 5f fst 1:011 H 9/20
TRAINER: Dirt(101.11 \$1.35) Routes(85.13 \$1.35) GrdStk(32.09 \$1.86)

L 126

Life	4	3	1	0	\$118,910	96	D.Fst	4	3	1	0	\$118,910	96
2002	4	3	1	0	\$118,910	96	Wet(325)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2001	0	M	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(300)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Bel	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dst(340)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

3 Wiseman's Ferry

Own: Fink Morton & Sacks Lee & Swifty Fm
Colors Unavailable
CHAVEZ J F (72 14 9 8 .19) 2002:(533 107 .20)



Ch. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP00 \$300,000
Sire: Hennessy (Storm Cat) \$45,000
Dam: Emmaus (Silver Deputy)
Br: Nursery Place & Robert T Manfuso (Ky)
Tr: O'Callaghan Niall M (-) 2002:(115 21 .18)

11May02-8LS fst 1 1/8 :461 1:10 1:362 1:494 LoneStar DbyG3
14Apr02-6Kee sly 1 1/8 :23 :472 1:12 1:432 Alw 56000N2L
16Mar02-5GP fst 7f :223 :451 1:10 1:23 Alw 34000N1X

Previously trained by Aidan O'Brien
14Sep01♦ Doncaster(GB) yl 7f @ Str 1:262 Champagne Stakes-G2
Timeform rating: 102

12Aug01♦ Leopardstown(Ire) sf 6f @ Str 1:131 Phoenix Stakes-G1
Timeform rating: 100

14Jly01♦ Curragh(Ire) yl *6f @ Str 1:164 Anglesey Stakes (6f,63y)-G3
Timeform rating: 101

22Jun01♦ Ascot(GB) fm 5f @ Str 1:01 Windsor Castle Conditions Stks
Timeform rating: 90+

26May01♦ Curragh(Ire) yl 5f @ Str 1:012 Marble Hill Stakes (Listed)
Timeform rating: 90

11May01♦ Cork(Ire) fm 6f @ Str 1:122 EBF Race
Timeform rating: 92

WORKS: May31 CD 5f fst 1:014 B 11/21 May25 CD 4f fst :483 B 12/38 May6 CD 5f fst 1:00 B 3/33 Apr27 CD 4f fst :482 B 12/53 Apr10 CD 5f gd 1:011 B 1/18 Mar12 Pay 4f fst :513 B 7/28
TRAINER: Dirt(266.18 \$2.28) Routes(257.17 \$1.94) GrdStk(51.24 \$3.22)

L 126

Life	9	3	1	2	\$366,867	104	D.Fst	2	1	0	1	\$281,580	104
2002	3	2	0	1	\$316,552	104	Wet(290*)	1	1	0	0	\$34,972	96
2001	6	1	1	1	\$50,315	-	Turf(335)	6	1	1	1	\$50,315	-
Bel	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dst(305)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

4 Essence Of Dubai

Own: Godolphin Racing Inc
Royal Blue White Chevrons On Sleeves
BAILEY J D (58 20 5 11 .34) 2002:(341 90 .26)



Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP00 \$2,300,000
Sire: Pulpit (A.P. Indy) \$60,000
Dam: Epitome (Summing)
Br: Jonabell Farm Inc et al (Ky)
Tr: Suroor Saeed bin(4 1 0 0 .25) 2002:(6 1 .17)

4May02-9CD fst 1 1/4 :47 1:113 1:363 2:01 Ky Derby-G1
23Mar02♦ NadAlSheba(UAE) fst *1 1/4 LH 2:024 UAE Derby-G2
Timeform rating: 115

28Feb02♦ NadAlSheba(UAE) fst *1 LH 1:363 UAE 2000 Guineas-G3
Timeform rating: 109

Previously trained by Harty Eoin
27Oct01-8Bel fst 1 1/8 :233 :464 1:11 1:421 BC Juvenile-G1
29Sep01-8SA fst 1 :233 :474 1:111 1:37 Norfolk-G2

15Aug01-7Dmr fst 6 1/2 f :221 :441 1:082 1:15 Best Pal-G3
8Jly01-2Hol fst 6f :22 :451 :572 1:101 Md Sp Wt 42k

WORKS: Jun4 Bel 5f fst 1:034 B 16/17 May29 Bel 5f fst 1:01 B 6/24 May23 Bel 5f fst 1:034 B 20/22 May17 Bel 5f fst 1:004 B 4/30 Apr30 CD 5f fst 1:014 B 20/33 Apr25 CD 7f fst 1:282 B 1/3
TRAINER: 31-60Days(12.08 \$0.38) Dirt(26.19 \$1.43) Routes(36.19 \$1.36) GrdStk(24.13 \$1.14)

L 126

Life	7	4	0	1	\$1,543,200	95	D.Fst	7	4	0	1	\$1,543,200	95
2002	3	2	0	0	\$1,350,000	95	Wet(393)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2001	4	2	0	1	\$193,200	93	Turf(258)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Bel	1	0	0	0	\$0	63	Dst(348*)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

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119 b - Essence Of Dubai1193 Total Impact1282 Ibn Al Haitham1193 14

126 b - Essence Of Dubai126 Firebreak1262 State City1261 8

L 122 b 33.25 66-12 Johannesburg1221 Repent1221 Siphonic1223 Chased 3 wide, tired 12

LB 118 b *1.00e 86-14 EssenceOfDubai1183 IbnAlHaitham1183 RomnDncr118nk Rallied inside 6

LB 117 b 2.60 87-09 Officer1217 Metatron1173 Essence Of Dubai117 Angled in, weakened 3

LB 118 b *.30e 89-13 EssncOfDubai1181 TmlyActon1182 FuturMnstr1185 3wd into lane, driving 7

A CLOSER LOOK

10th Belmont

Artax Too

Team Paraneck always thought highly of this 220k yearling purchase; so highly, in fact, that they named him after their champion sprinter Artax; didn't set the world on fire with his recent turf win; well-held early while racing in and among horses, he made a 3 wide move to take the lead, but lugged out when tiring; didn't beat much in the lone dirt win (2nd and 3rd finishers now a combined 0-14); Pedersen/Santos/Paraneck combo sent out Lord Of the Thunder to a NY-bred N2X win here on Wednesday, and Santos denied Charismatic's Triple Crown bid with Lemon Drop Kid in the 1999 Belmont; it's tough to stretch out 4 furlongs, and his Beyers pale in comparison to those of the main contenders; looks overmatched.

Like A Hero

His sire captured the first 2 jewels of the Triple Crown in 1981, but was defeated in the Belmont by Summing; overcame a speed/rail bias in winning the Alydar, but don't think he defeated much that day (runnerup World Light is still a non-winner while 3rd finisher Wheels N Wings' sole victory came in a maiden claimer), and lugged in during the drive; attracts 3-time Belmont winner Day, and would benefit from a fast, contentious pace; gets his class quiz today, and has yet to Beyer 100 (the top contenders are capable of a 110+); makes a late rally, but must improve in order to win this; not convinced.

Wiseman's Ferry

Chavez gunned him to the lead from the far outside post in the Lone Star Derby, and he led impressively from gate to wire; unfortunately, that scenario doesn't seem likely to repeat itself today as War Emblem figures to be up and on the pace as well; didn't come home very quickly at Lone Star (the last 3/8ths in a pokey 39.80), and was beating a bunch of 2nd-stringers that day; don't know if his pedigree will give him the stamina to last 12 panels (Hennessy never won a route, and his progeny seem better suited to sprinting and middle distances); has the speed to go with War Emblem early, and that last Beyer must be respected; improving colt can make his presence felt, but might fit best on bottom of exotic wagers.

Essence Of Dubai

The UAE Derby hero flopped badly in Louisville; found himself in a personal bumping match with Medaglia d'Oro, but never made a strong move; it's great to see 1991 Belmont winner Bailey climb aboard, and this colt has had plenty of time to acclimate to his Big Apple surroundings; owns the tactical speed to sit a nice trip stalking the pace, and figures to make his bid on the sweeping far turn; has the pedigree to handle this distance (broodmare sire Summing won the 1981 Belmont), but has yet to defeat top-level horses (stablemate and multiple Graded-placed Ibn Al Haitham is still a maiden); another that has yet to reach the 100 Beyer plateau; leaning elsewhere for the winner.

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5 Sunday Break (Jpn)

Own: Maeda Koji
Turquoise, Red Cross Sashes, Red Sleeves

STEVENS G L (3 2 0 0 .57) 2002:(183 26 .14)

Table with columns for race date, distance, track, time, and horse name. Includes races from May 2002 to Nov 2001.

WORKS: Jun3 Bel 5f fst 1:02 1/10 May17 Bel 7f fst 1:28 1/10 May11 Bel 7f fst 1:28 B 5/14 Apr29 CD 6f fst 1:14 1/2 B 5/7 Apr8 Aqu 6f fst 1:15 1/2 B 1/2 Apr3 Aqu 4f fst :50 3/7 10

TRAINER: Dirt(61 .21 \$1.33) Routes(302 .18 \$1.44) GrdStk(99 .14 \$1.27)

B. c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Forty Niner (Mr. Prospector) \$31,482
Dam: Catequil (Storm Cat)
Br: North Hills Management (Jpn)
Tr: Drysdale Neil(2 2 0 0 1.00) 2002:(96 18 .19)

Table with columns for race date, distance, track, time, and horse name. Includes races from May 2002 to Nov 2001.

Life 7 4 1 2 \$305,220 104
2002 5 4 0 1 \$292,500 104
2001 2 M 1 1 \$12,720 85
Bel 1 1 0 0 \$120,000 99

D.Fst 7 4 1 2 \$305,220 104
Wet(360) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Turf(270) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Dst(270) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

6 Perfect Drift

Own: Reed Mary & William A
Green, White Dots, White Ball

DELAHOUSAYE E (-) 2002:(325 41 .13)

Table with columns for race date, distance, track, time, and horse name. Includes races from May 2002 to Nov 2001.

WORKS: Jun1 CDT 5f fst 1:00 1/10 May27 CDT 6f fst 1:12 1/10 May18 CDT 5f fst 1:00 1/10 H 1/5 Apr30 CDT 5f fst 1:00 1/10 H 1/8 Apr24 CDT 4f fst :49 3/10 Apr19 CDT 6f fst 1:13 3/10

TRAINER: 31-60Days(38 .13 \$1.08) Dirt(130 .12 \$1.27) Routes(89 .08 \$0.96) GrdStk(5 .20 \$2.04)

B. g. 3 (Apr)
Sire: Dynaformer (Roberto) \$50,000
Dam: Nice Gal(Naska)
Br: Reed William & Stonecrest Farm (Ky)
Tr: Johnson Murray W (-) 2002:(42 7 .17)

Table with columns for race date, distance, track, time, and horse name. Includes races from May 2002 to Nov 2001.

Life 7 3 3 1 \$467,160 107
2002 5 2 2 1 \$446,300 107
2001 2 1 1 0 \$20,860 82
Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

D.Fst 5 2 2 1 \$434,360 107
Wet(330) 2 1 1 0 \$32,800 95
Turf(320) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Dst(300) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

7 Puzzlement

Own: Shields Joseph V Jr
Yellow/brown Hoops, Yellow Sleeves

SAMYN J L (53 5 7 7 .09) 2002:(192 27 .14)

Table with columns for race date, distance, track, time, and horse name. Includes races from May 2002 to Nov 2001.

WORKS: Jun3 Bel 1 1/8 fst 1:55 B 1/10 May20 Bel 7f fst 1:29 3/10 Apr30 Bel tr.t 3f fst :39 1/10 B 24/25 Apr24 Bel 7f fst 1:28 2/10 Apr22 Bel 7f fst 1:28 2/10 Mar28 GP 3f fst :39 3/10 B 10/10

TRAINER: Dirt(290 .20 \$2.15) Routes(133 .17 \$2.52) GrdStk(31 .16 \$3.95)

B. c. 3 (Jan)
Sire: Pine Bluff (Danzig) \$15,000
Dam: Taine(Sir Ivor)
Br: J V Shields Jr (Fla)
Tr: Jerkens H Allen(24 5 6 2 21) 2002:(109 21 .19)

Table with columns for race date, distance, track, time, and horse name. Includes races from May 2002 to Nov 2001.

Life 5 2 1 2 \$92,640 97
2002 5 2 1 2 \$92,640 97
2001 0 M 0 0 \$0 -
Bel 1 0 1 0 \$40,000 97

D.Fst 5 2 1 2 \$92,640 97
Wet(340) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Turf(320) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Dst(250) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

SCRATCHED

8 Medaglia d'Oro

Own: Gann Edmund A
Red, Blue Circle, White

DESORMEAUX K J (-) 2002:(505 92 .18)

Table with columns for race date, distance, track, time, and horse name. Includes races from May 2002 to Nov 2001.

WORKS: Jun1 Bel 5f fst 1:00 2/10 B 3/11 May16 Bel 3f fst :35 B 2/37 Apr29 CD 6f fst 1:13 1/2 B 3/7 Apr23 CD 5f fst 1:01 2/10 B 6/28 Apr7 Hol 6f fst 1:12 2/10 H 1/5 Mar31 Hol 5f fst 1:00 3/10 H 4/25

TRAINER: Dirt(154 .27 \$2.00) Routes(450 .25 \$1.79) GrdStk(185 .28 \$2.16)

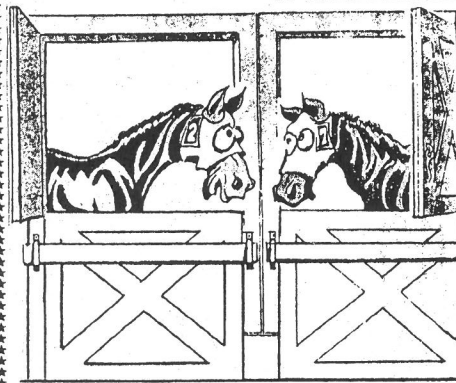
Dk. b or br c. 3 (Apr)
Sire: El Prado'Ire (Sadler's Wells)
Dam: Cappucino Bay(Balijumper)
Br: Albert Bell & Joyce Bell (Ky)
Tr: Frankel Robert(7 3 1 1 .43) 2002:(190 44 .23)

Table with columns for race date, distance, track, time, and horse name. Includes races from May 2002 to Nov 2001.

Life 6 2 2 0 \$364,720 107
2002 5 2 1 0 \$360,600 107
2001 1 M 1 0 \$4,120 81
Bel 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

D.Fst 6 2 2 0 \$364,720 107
Wet(370) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Turf(295) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -
Dst(250) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -

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Sunday Break

He finally put it all together with a beautiful Peter Pan win; previously had trouble with his lead changes (often switched back to his wrong lead in the stretch), but did everything right under an ultra-confident Gary Stevens; might have the most raw talent of anyone in the field, and is capable of exploding with a triple-digit Beyer; stalker can position himself just off probable pacesetters War Emblem and Wiseman's Ferry in the hopes of pouncing on the far turn; 3-time Belmont winner Stevens broke up Real Quiet's Triple Crown bid with Victory Gallop in the 1998 running of this classic; master horseman Drysdale went the same Peter Pan-Belmont route with 1992 winner A.P. Indy; an interesting fresh face, but prefer 'underneath.'

Perfect Drift

The 3rd-place finisher in Louisville will attempt to become the 1st gelding to win the Belmont since Creme Fraiche in 1985; frustrated by the lack of early pace in the Derby, this homebred was closer than usual, and checked when making an inside move at the head of the stretch; will be fresh and rested for this as he's only had one race in the past 77 days; honest performer should get a solid pace to rally into, and the Beyers are moving the right way; contender under 2-time Belmont winner Eddie D; respect.

Puzzlement

SCRATCHED

Medaglia d'Oro

Impressed with his gutsy Wood Memorial, but failed to gain late ground in both the Derby and Preakness; had some trouble in Kentucky as he was sandwiched at the break, and then raced in and among horses; disappointed greatly in the Preakness by tiring after chasing War Emblem's early pace; perhaps he didn't handle the Pimlico surface, or maybe he bounced after 4 triple-digit Beyers; Frankel horses must always be respected, and this colt shouldn't be too far off the early splits; there are some distance concerns to address as he's yet to win past 8.5 furlongs, and one must wonder if he's 'over the top,' expecting a better performance from stalking range; not out of this.

9 Proud Citizen

Own: Baker R C & Cornstein D & Mack W L
White Royal Blue Chevrons/collar

SMITH M E (-) 2002: (260 39 .15)

Table with columns for race dates, track, distance, and times for Proud Citizen's past performances.

WORKS: Jun2 CD 5f fst 1:00 B 3/21 May26 CD 4f fst :504 B 29/32 May12 CD 4f fst :474 B 8/45 Apr29 CD 5f fst :584 H 1/49 Apr14 CD 6f sly 1:16 B 3/3 Mar31 SA 7f fst 1:25 H 1/3

TRAINER: Dirt (729 .16 \$1.45) Routes (342 .13 \$1.24) GrdStk (118 .14 \$1.79)

B. c. 3 (Mar) KESEPO0 \$425,000
Sire: Gone West (Mr. Prospector) \$125,000
Dam: Drums Of Freedom (Green Forest)
Br: Edmund J Loder (Ky)
Tr: Lukas D Wayne (2 1 0 0 .50) 2002: (186 38 .20)

Table with columns for Life, 2002, 2001, and Bel, along with earnings and D.Fst.

Table with columns for D.Fst, Wet, Turf, and Dst, along with earnings.

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Table listing other horses in the race with their names and past performance statistics.

Table listing other horses in the race with their names and past performance statistics.

10 War Emblem

Own: The Thoroughbred Corp
White/Green Stripes White Sleeves

ESPINOZA V (-) 2002: (494 87 .18)

Table with columns for race dates, track, distance, and times for War Emblem's past performances.

WORKS: Jun4 CD 5f fst 1:01 B 9/19 May29 CD 5f fst 1:00 B 4/18 May14 CD 5f fst 1:03 B 20/26 Apr30 CD 5f fst 1:00 B 6/33 Apr24 CD 6f fst 1:12 H 1/7 Apr18 CD 5f fst :59 B 3/21

TRAINER: Dirt (788 .22 \$1.69) Routes (331 .22 \$1.84) GrdStk (114 .25 \$1.99)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Feb) KESEPO0 \$20,000
Sire: Our Emblem (Mr. Prospector) \$4,000
Dam: Sweetest Lady (Lord At War) Arg
Br: Charles Nuckols Jr & Sons (Ky)
Tr: Baffert Bob (-) 2002: (271 58 .21)

Table with columns for Life, 2002, 2001, and Bel, along with earnings and D.Fst.

Table with columns for D.Fst, Wet, Turf, and Dst, along with earnings.

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Table listing other horses in the race with their names and past performance statistics.

Table listing other horses in the race with their names and past performance statistics.

11 Magic Weisner

Own: Alberts Nancy H
Colors Unavailable

MIGLIORE R (87 7 13 14 .08) 2002: (404 69 .17)

Table with columns for race dates, track, distance, and times for Magic Weisner's past performances.

WORKS: Jun3 Lrl 5f fst 1:01 B 1/4 May10 Lrl 6f fst 1:14 H 1/6 May1 Lrl 5f fst 1:02 B 10/14 Apr12 Lrl 6f fst 1:14 B 3/4

TRAINER: Dirt (37 .27 \$5.12) Routes (27 .30 \$6.26) GrdStk (1 .00 \$0.00)

B. g. 3 (May)
Sire: Ameri Valay (Carnivalay) \$2,500
Dam: Jazema (Bold Forbes)
Br: Nancy H Alberts (Md)
Tr: Alberts Nancy H (-) 2002: (8 3 .38)

Table with columns for Life, 2002, 2001, and Bel, along with earnings and D.Fst.

Table with columns for D.Fst, Wet, Turf, and Dst, along with earnings.

L 126

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Table listing other horses in the race with their names and past performance statistics.

12 Sarava

Own: New Phoenix Stable & Roy Susan
White Red Emblem Red Hoop On Sleeves

PRADOES (110 14 13 12 .13) 2002: (658 126 .19)

Table with columns for race dates, track, distance, and times for Sarava's past performances.

WORKS: Jun4 Bel 4f fst :48 B 8/42 May29 CD 4f fst :49 B 18/55 May15 CD 4f fst :49 B 19/52 May9 CD 4f fst :52 B 36/39 Apr24 CD 4f fst :51 B 32/32 Apr16 CD 3f fst :37 B 22/45

TRAINER: Dirt (405 .19 \$1.54) Routes (296 .22 \$1.80) GrdStk (43 .30 \$1.73)

Dk. b or br c. 3 (Mar) FTFEB01 \$250,000
Sire: Wild Again (Icecapade) \$50,000
Dam: Rhythm of Life (Deputy Minister)
Br: Timber Bay Farm (Ky)
Tr: McPeck Kenneth G (-) 2002: (156 33 .21)

Table with columns for Life, 2002, 2001, and Bel, along with earnings and D.Fst.

Table with columns for D.Fst, Wet, Turf, and Dst, along with earnings.

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Proud Citizen

Ran 2 winning races in the Derby and Preakness, but failed to get by War Emblem; saddled with a tough outside post position at Pimlico, he raced very wide, and had to expend valuable energy chasing a loose War Emblem into the far turn; cut into the lead in midstretch, but flattened out a bit late; might receive a better pace/trip scenario today; capable of a good stalking journey with possible 1st run on pacesetters War Emblem and Wiseman's Ferry; certainly has the pedigree (sire Gone West's son Commendable won the 2000 Belmont for Lukas, and 'Citizen hails from the female family of the great Northern Dancer); Lukas has won this race 4 times; this colt will try to the wire; dangerous.

War Emblem

12 furlongs and 11 opponents stand between War Emblem and racing immortality; the ornery speedster showed agility and courage in the Preakness; silenced the critics that stated his Derby win was a fluke by breaking the Preakness wide open on the far turn with a scintillating move, and dug down deep to deny Magic Weisner at the wire; high-strung colt most relax early in order to pass the 'Test Of The Champion'; 2001 Belmont winner Baffert has been in position to win the Triple Crown twice before (Silver Charm in 1997 and Real Quiet the following year) only to have it snatched away in heartbreaking fashion; may have to deal with the quick Wiseman's Ferry early, and a prolonged pace battle may compromise his chances; his last 3 Beyers are better than any single speed figure run by his opponents; may try to scoot clear on the far turn again, and is obviously the horse to beat as he attempts to become the 1st Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

Magic Weisner

The pride of Maryland surprised many with his strong late rally in the Preakness; didn't change leads during the stretch drive, but made up tons of ground; Beyers continue to move forward, and he might appreciate the long, sweeping turns at Belmont; broodmare sire Bold Forbes won the 1976 Belmont so the bloodlines are certainly there; figures to be loping along towards the rear of the field in the early going, and a fast pace would help his cause greatly; still, one must wonder if he'll 'bounce' after that lifetime best performance in Baltimore; expecting a late run from this top 3 contender, but a win might be just out of reach.

Sarava

He'll attempt to do what his more highly-regarded ex-barnmate Harlan's Holiday couldn't: defeat War Emblem; looked good winning the Sir Barton on the Preakness undercard, and has yet to finish out of the exacta since shipping in from Great Britain; this will be his Graded Stakes debut, and he'll be taking a major jump up in class; no match for Wiseman's Ferry in April, but might have been a bit short off the layoff, and his running style didn't play to Keeneland's normally speed-favoring nature; late-runner is another that might get a solid pace to run at; minor award at a price?

-Dan Illman

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