



PEDIGREE PROFILE

San Felipe winner Cobalt Blue adds some black type to female family

By Rommy Faversham

Lightly raced Cobalt Blue scored the lion's share of green on Saturday as the well-built, three-year-old found the small field and modest pace of the \$250,000 San Felipe Stakes (G2) to his liking, beating favored Air Commander by two lengths.



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It was the first graded stakes victory for the chestnut Golden Missile colt, who covered 1 1/4 miles at Santa Anita Park in 1:42.46 on a fast track. He improved to three wins from four lifetime starts with earnings of \$207,000.

Bred in Florida by Adena Springs, Cobalt Blue was purchased in February of last year for entertainment tycoon Merv Griffin for \$325,000 at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Florida sale of selected two-year-olds in training.

COBALT BLUE

He is the second foal and first winner out of the winning El Prado (Ire) mare Prado Star, who was stakes-placed in Canada as a two-year-old.

Daughters of El Prado have combined to produce nine stakes winners through Wednesday, including 2006 Grade 3 winner Beautiful Bets, by Alphabet Soup.

Cobalt Blue descends from a rather quiet tail-female line. He is his immediate family's first graded stakes winner since his third dam, Queen to Be, won the 1975 Debutante Stakes (G2) at Del Mar.

Before Saturday's San Felipe, Queen to Be and her Grade 3-winning half brother, Fair Test, by Time Tested, were their tribe's only two graded stakes winners since Cobalt Blue's fifth dam, *Fair Clarissa,

Cobalt Blue, ch. c., 2004				
Golden Missile 95 281 fls, 5 SWs SI 1.46 DI=2.67	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 817 fls, 97 SWs SI 4.04 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
	Santa Catalina 88 9 wins, \$290,123, SW 6 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Cure the Blues 78 843 fls, 83 SWs SI 1.86 DI=4.43	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
		Swept Off Her Feet 78 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.95	Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
Prado Star 97 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.40	El Prado (Ire) 89 4 wins, \$236,987 Champion 738 fls, 61 SWs SI 2.17 DI=1.42	Cure the Blues 78 843 fls, 83 SWs SI 1.86 DI=4.43	Stop the Music 70	Hail to Reason 58 Bebopper 62
		Sadler's Wells 81 1897 fls, 276 SWs SI 4.31 DI=2.82	Quick Cure 71	Dr. Fager 64 Speedwell 60
	Eastern Star 92 1 win, \$34,716, Spl 6 fls, 0 SWs DI=6.33	Lady Capulet 74 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Forteten 72	*Folli 63 She's Beautiful 64
		Star de Naskra 75 745 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.71 DI=4.71	Shipboard Romance 69	Staunchness 62 Sail Cloth 48
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		Lady Capulet 74 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Fairy Bridge 75	Bold Reason 68 Special 69
	Eastern Star 92 1 win, \$34,716, Spl 6 fls, 0 SWs DI=6.33	Star de Naskra 75 745 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.71 DI=4.71	Sir Ivor 65	Sir Gaylord 59 Attica 53
		Queen to Be 73 13 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.00	Naskra 67	Tom Fool 49 Gazni 42
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		Star de Naskra 75 745 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.71 DI=4.71	Candle Star 67	Clandestine 55 *Star Minstrel 57
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		Star de Naskra 75 745 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.71 DI=4.71	Princess Fair 58	Prince John 53 *Fair Clarissa 44

was imported to the United States in the mid 1950s.

Cobalt Blue hails from the third crop of the A.P. Indy stallion Golden Missile, who stands at Adena Springs Kentucky with a 2007 fee of \$10,000. Winner of the Pimlico Special Handicap (G1) at age five, Golden Missile also is the sire of 2005 Gazelle Stakes (G1) winner In the Gold as well as 2004 Sorrento Stakes (G3) winner Inspiring.

Cobalt Blue's pedigree is supported by complementary strains of the valuable Imperatrice family through her three influential stallion descendants, Secretariat, Cure the Blues, and Sir Gaylord.

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1954	Determine	*Aibhai