



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Magnificence adds pizzazz to immediate family

By Rommy Faversham

Magnificence gave a dazzling performance on Sunday at Santa Anita Park as the robust three-year-old filly powered her way to a commanding five-length victory in the \$100,597 Santa Paula Stakes (G3).



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The victory was achieved in only the second career start for the chestnut Stormy Atlantic filly, who completed 6½ furlongs in a stakes-record time of 1:14.61.

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Magnificence had already established herself as an exceptionally bright prospect in her career debut at Santa Anita on March 11 when, despite a particularly poor break, she inhaled a field of maiden fillies and drew off to win by 6½ lengths while being geared down.

Magnificence was bred in Kentucky by Mike Akers, Randy Zeller, Theresa Levy, and Jeff Bowen.

She was acquired by her trainer and co-owner Bruce Headley for \$120,000 from the consignment of Hill 'n' Dale Sales Agency, agent, at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Magnificence is the first stakes winner among seven winners from eight starters out of the Fappiano mare Fashion Delight, a Grade 2-placed stakes winner as a two-year-old.

Fashion Delight is a half sister to Style Setter, the stakes-placed dam of 2003 Vodafone Epsom Oaks (Eng-G1) winner Casual Look, by Red Ransom, and her full sister Shabby Chic, a French stakes winner who was Grade 1-placed in the United States.

Magnificence's grandam Charleston Rag (Ire) captured the 1984 Frizette Stakes (G1) at Belmont Park. Her fourth dam Meadow Music is the dam of 1965 Irish champion three-year-old Meadow Court (GB).

Magnificence's fifth dam, *Miss Grillo, was a champion three-year-old in Argentina who came to the United States and became a hand-cap star at the longest of distances from 1946 to '49. As a matriarch, Miss Grillo has established a very successful international family char-

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Stormy Atlantic 94 524 fis, 27 SWs SI 1.65 DI=3.50	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1158 fis, 150 SWs SI 4.27 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fis, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		Terlingua 76 11 fis, 2 SWs DI=3.63	South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
Hail Atlantis 87 3 wins, \$176,325, SW 9 fis, 2 SWs DI=2.50		Seattle Slew 74 1050 fis, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
		Flippers 81 15 fis, 1 SW DI=3.89	Crimson Saint 69	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
Fashion Delight 87 10 fis, 1 SW DI=3.76	Fappiano 77 10 wins, \$370,213, SW 410 fis, 48 SWs SI 4.79 DI=4.78	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fis, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
		Killaloe 70 10 fis, 5 SWs DI=4.14	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
Charleston Rag (Ire) 82 3 wins, \$172,053, SW 4 fis, 1 SW DI=3.00		General Assembly 76 579 fis, 31 SWs SI 1.23 DI=2.73	Coastal 76	Majestic Prince 66 Alluvial 69
		Music Ville (Ire) 72 4 fis, 1 SW DI=2.11	Moccasin 63	Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
			Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
			Dr. Fager 64	Rough'n Tumble 48 Aspidistra 54
			Grand Splendor 62	Correlation 51 Cequillo 56
			Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Exclusive Dancer 67	Native Dancer 50 Exclusive 53
			=Charlottesville (GB) 57	=Prince Chevalier (Fr) 43 =Noorani (GB) 50
			Meadow Music 56	Tom Fool 49 *Miss Grillo 42

acterized by individuals who have carried their speed a good distance of ground, including multiple Grade 1 winners Marquetry and You.

Magnificence hails from the first Kentucky-bred crop of the increasingly popular Storm Cat stallion Stormy Atlantic, who stands for \$30,000 at Hill 'n' Dale Farm in Lexington. The crop also includes Hollywood Futurity (G1) winner and current classic hopeful Stormello and 2006 Canadian champion two-year-old colt Leonnatus Anteus.

From the sire-producing family of *Rough Shod II, Stormy Atlantic always had the pedigree to become a successful stallion. A multiple stakes winner at age four, he was originally retired to stud in Florida for the 1999 season, with a fee of \$5,000.

Magnificence is inbred 4x4 to Secretariat, which leads one to also acknowledge their similar coloring and statuesque build.

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