



Midnight Lute plucks another Grade 1 win for sire Real Quiet

by Rommy Faversham

Midnight Lute recorded his first Grade 1 score with an authoritative 2¼-length victory in the \$250,000 Forego Stakes (G1) on Saturday at Saratoga Race Course.



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Coming off a layoff of more than four months, the four-year-old Real Quiet colt traveled seven furlongs in 1:21.06, about three ticks off the track record.

The lightly raced colt, known to have a history of breathing problems, was winning for the first time since taking the seven-furlong Perryville Stakes (G3)

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at Keeneland Race Course last October. His career mark stands at four wins from nine starts and earnings of \$470,600.

Bred in Kentucky by Tom Evans, Macon Wilmil Equines, and Marjac Farms, Midnight Lute was purchased for \$70,000 from the Trackside Farm, agent, consignment at the 2004 Keeneland September yearling sale. In 2005, he was listed as reserve not attained on a final bid of \$290,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s March sale of selected two-year-olds in training.

Midnight Lute is one of three winners from as many starters out of the unraced Dehere mare Candytuft.

Beyond Midnight Lute's first dam lies an exceptional succession of international racing class along his tail-female line.

His grandam, Bolt From the Blue, won the 1984 La Prevoyante Handicap (G3) at Calder Race Course. Bolt From the Blue's half sister, Alydar's Best, was a French Group 1 winner as a juvenile.

Midnight Lute's stakes-winning third dam, Berkut, is a full sister to accomplished French stakes winner and 1970 Epsom Derby runner-up sire Gyr.

Midnight Lute's fourth and fifth dam, *Feria II and *Fiera De Rio, captured the 1959 and '54 Oaks d'Italia (Italian Oaks), respectively.

Midnight Lute hails from the third crop of the Quiet American stallion Real Quiet, who stood in 2007 for \$5,000 at Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom, Pennsylvania.

A dual classic winner and champion three-year-old male of 1998, Real Quiet is also the sire of three-time Grade 1 winner Pussycat Doll, 2006 Coaching Club American Oaks (G1) heroine Wonder Lady Anne L, and

Midnight Lute, dk. b. or br. c., 2003				
Real Quiet 95 389 fls, 13 SWs SI 1.08 DI=5.33	Quiet American 86 4 wins, \$754,650, SW 613 fls, 44 SWs SI 1.65 DI=4.40	Fappiano 77 410 fls, 48 SWs SI 4.79 DI=4.78	Mr. Prospector 70 Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	
		Demure 77 16 fls, 2 SWs DI=5.00	Killaloe 70 Dr. Fager 64 Grand Splendor 62	
	Really Blue 83 3 wins, \$31,920 8 fls, 1 SW DI=4.50	Believe It 75 803 fls, 30 SWs SI 1.37 DI=2.43	Dr. Fager 64 Rough'n Tumble 48 Aspidistra 54	
		Meadow Blue 75 6 fls, 1 SW DI=3.67	Quiet Charm 71 Nearctic 54 Cequillo 56	
Candytuft 96 5 fls, 1 SW DI=1.33	Dehere 91 6 wins, \$723,712 Champion 962 fls, 60 SWs SI 1.95 DI=3.80	Deputy Minister 79 1139 fls, 87 SWs SI 3.30 DI=3.67	In Reality 64 My Dear Girl 57 Buckpasser 63 *Reveille II 61	
		Sister Dot 85 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Breakfast Bell 70 Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46	
	Bolt From the Blue 80 4 wins, \$125,834, SW 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.52	Blue Times 71 131 fls, 5 SWs SI 0.76 DI=1.40	Raise a Native 61 Gay Hostess 57	*Royal Charger 42 Your Hostess 49
		Berkut 71 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.58	Vice Regent 67 Northern Dancer 61 Victoria Regina 58	Mint Copy 70 Bunty's Flight 53 Shakney 64
		Secretariat 70 Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52	Sword Game 76 Damascus 64 Bill and I 65	
		Olden Times 58 Cocoblu 63	Relic 45 *Djene 50 Blue Prince 51 Cocopet 41	
		*Sea-Bird 62 *Feria II 56	Dan Cupid 56 =Sicalade (Fr) 56 *Toulouse Lautrec 50 *Feira de Rio 51	

recent Grade 3 winner Silent Pleasure.

Midnight Lute's pedigree is free of inbreeding within five generations and no known affinities are demonstrable.

His paternal great-grand sire, Fappiano, won the 1981 Forego Handicap when it was run at one mile.

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Looking ahead

Sales

Today-September 8—C.T.H.S. (Ontario division) selected and open Canadian-bred yearling sale at Woodbine sales pavilion

September 8—Mountain Springs Horse Sales Pennsylvania Racing Bred Fall mixed sale at Mountain Springs Arena

September 12—C.T.H.S. (British Columbia division) yearling and mixed sale at Thunderbird Show Park