



Vanity winner reflects a mix of bad attitude and winning bloodlines

Afforded a well-timed opening along the rail at the head of the stretch, Warren B. Willamson's Nashoba's Key remained undefeated as she pulled clear from multiple Grade 1 winner Balance to notch a three-quarter-length victory in the 1½-mile Vanity Invitational Handicap (G1) on July 7 at Hollywood Park.



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NASHOBA'S KEY

The win was the first Grade 1 victory for the four-year-old Silver Hawk filly and for 17-year-old apprentice jockey Joe Talamo. The two previously earned their first graded stakes wins on June 3 when Nashoba's Key captured the Milady Breeders' Cup Handicap (G2) at the Inglewood, California, track.

Prior to the Milady, Nashoba's Key won three turf races, including the Fran's Valentine Stakes at Santa Anita Park. Unraced at both two and three, Nashoba's Key is perfect in five starts this season and has earned \$443,460.

Around the barn, the bay homebred has been described by her handlers as the bearer of nothing less than a vicious temperament.

The California-bred is the first foal out of the Caerleon mare Nashoba (Ire), a winner at ages three, four, and five.

Nashoba is a full sister to Pillars of Society, a Group 3-placed winner who produced recent Regret Stakes (G3) winner Good Mood (Ire). She is also a three-quarter sister to multiple Grade 1-winning turf mare Kostroma (Ire), by Caerleon out of Katie May (GB).

Nashoba's Key, b. f., 2003				
Silver Hawk 79 829 fls, 75 SWs SI 2.47 DI=1.71	Roberto 69 7 wins, \$332,272 Champion 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	*Turn-to 51	*Royal Charger 42 *Source Sucree 40
	Gris Vitesse 66 2 wins, \$45,149, SW 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.60	Bramalea 59 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.92	Nothirdchance 48	Blue Swords 40 Galla Colors 43
		*Amerigo 55 126 fls, 20 SWs SI 3.47 DI=1.23	Nashua 52 9 fls, 1 SW	Nashua 52
Nashoba (Ire) 96 2 fls, 1 SW DI=0.52	Caerleon 80 4 wins, \$379,327 Champion 992 fls, 128 SWs SI 2.79 DI=0.79	*Matchiche II 56 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.50	Rarelea 49	Bull Lea 35 Bleebok 41
	Grise Mine (Fr) 81 3 wins, \$199,897, SW 10 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.56	Nijinsky II 67 851 fls, 155 SWs SI 5.77 DI=3.00	=Nearco (Ity) 35	=Pharos (GB) 20 =Nogara (Ity) 28
		Foreseer 69 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.77	=Sanlinea (GB) 47	=Sanlinea (GB) 47
Katie May (GB) 73 10 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.15	Northern Dancer 61	=Mat de Cocagne (Fr) 48	*Chimere Fabuleuse 51	=Birkil (Fr) 36 =Fascine II (Fr) 41 =Coaraze (Fr) 42 =Nine II (Fr) 31
				Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
				Bull Page 47 Flaring Top 47
				*Princequillo 40 *Knight's Daughter 41
				Hail to Reason 58 Miz Carol 53
				=Fortino II (Fr) 59 =Chambord (GB) 55
				=Sicambre (Fr) 48 =Vieille Pierre (Fr) 51
				=Crepello (GB) 54 =Sans Le Sou (Ire) 57
				*Con Brio II 61 =Cawston's Pride (GB) 68 =Cawston Tower (GB) 56

Grandam Grise Mine (Fr) took the prestigious Prix Saint-Alary (Fr-G1) in 1984. Fourth dam Cawston's Pride (GB) was England's unbeaten 1970 two-year-old filly champion who is the dam of 1978 English sprint champion Solinus (Ire).

Nashoba's Key's pedigree is teeming with stamina. Caerleon and Crystal Palace, her first two dams, were both winners of the Prix du Jockey-Club (G1) (French Derby) in 1983 and '77, respectively. Busted and *Con Brio II, sires of the next two dams, are no less stout.

Nashoba's Key hails from the 20th and penultimate crop of the Roberto stallion Silver Hawk, who was pensioned in 2003 at Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky, after 21 years of service.

Silver Hawk entered stud in 1983 for \$12,500, a figure that dropped to as low as \$5,000 for the 1988 season before peaking at \$75,000 in 2002.

He is the sire of 16 Grade and Group 1 winners who combined have won 27 Grade 1 events, 23 of those on grass.

Silver Hawk has done particularly well with the daughters of Caerleon.

From 13 foals, the cross has also yielded European Group 1 winners Mutafaweq and Germance.

So far, it seems that runners with confirmed turf pedigrees, like Nashoba's Key, have done relatively well competing on Hollywood Park's new Cushion Track.

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