



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Derby candidate Gayego hails from male line of *Teddy

by Rommy Faversham

Improving three-year-old Gayego punched his ticket to the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) with a determined three-quarter-length victory in the \$1-million Arkansas Derby (G2) on April 12 at Oaklawn Park.



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The victory was the first in a graded stakes for the Gilded Time colt, who completed the 1½-mile race in 1:49.63. Gayego's first four starts were on Southern California's synthetic tracks. He entered off a strong second-place finish to Georgie Boy in the San Felipe Stakes (G2) on March 15. In his first start of the season, he scored a sharp 2¾-length victory in the 6½-furlong San Pedro Stakes on January 20 on the all-weather surface at Santa Anita Park.

His record stands at three wins and two seconds from five lifetime starts and earnings of \$723,420.

Bred in Kentucky by Hargus and Sandra Sexton, the dark bay or brown colt was a \$32,000 purchase at the 2006 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Now that Gayego has proven himself on a conventional dirt surface, the most noticeable chink in his armor figures to be that he does not really sport a Derby-friendly pedigree.

The best runners by his sire, 1992 champion two-year-old male Gilded

Time, have typically been sprinters, less commonly milers. As a group, they have yet to win in graded or group stakes company at 1¼ miles in the United States, Europe, or Australasia.

Similarly, top winners out of Lost Code broodmares have largely been sprinters, including 2007 Vosburgh Stakes (G1) winner Fabu-

Gayego, dk. b. or br.. c., 2005

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| Gilded Time 90 1004 fls, 52 SWs SI 1.43 DI=4.60 | Timeless Moment 70 10 wins, \$188,852, SW 500 fls, 35 SWs SI 1.96 DI=3.20 | Damascus 64 738 fls, 71 SWs SI 3.32 DI=6.20 | Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58 Native Dancer 50 Sweet Sorrow 56 | Sunglow 47 Highland Fling 50 *My Babu 45 Blade of Time 38 Polynesian 42 Geisha 43 Count Fleet 40 Athene 43 |
| | Gilded Lilly 79 4 wins, \$50,235 17 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.09 | What a Pleasure 65 483 fls, 50 SWs SI 2.25 DI=3.15 | Hour of Parting 63 3 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.52 | Bold Ruler 54 Grey Flight 45 *Princequillo 40 *Lulalu 50 |
| Devils Lake 94 5 fls, 1 SW DI=1.40 | Lost Code 84 15 wins, \$2,085,396, SW 607 fls, 53 SWs SI 1.34 DI=2.00 | Codex 77 106 fls, 10 SWs SI 3.34 DI=1.29 | Arts and Letters 66 Roundup Rose 71 Ack Ack 66 Gain Or Loss 68 | *Ribot 52 All Beautiful 59 Minnesota Mac 64 Minnetonka 67 Battle Joined 59 Fast Turn 59 Restless Native 60 *Nevina 54 Bold Ruler 54 High Voltage 52 Count Fleet 40 Day School 48 |
| | Diamonds 'n Dust 81 3 wins, \$54,003, Spl 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.50 | Bob's Dusty 74 485 fls, 17 SWs SI 0.91 DI=2.05 | Loss Or Gain 75 11 fls, 1 SW DI=3.53 | Bold Commander 60 Countess Alice 55 Rungus 65 Twig 57 |

lous Strike, by Smart Strike, and 2001 champion sprinter Squirtle Squirt, by Marquetry.

Gayego is the fourth winner from as many starters out of Devils Lake, a minor stakes winner at Turf Paradise who in four seasons won eight races at distances from six furlongs to 1¼ miles. Gayego's three older half siblings have combined to win ten races at distances from six furlongs to one mile.

Devils Lake's three-quarter sister, Diamond Duo, by Badger Land, won the 1992 Monmouth Oaks (G2) at 1¼ miles. Farther back, Gayego's female family endures many generations of relative mediocrity.

Gayego is an eighth generation tail-male descendant of the great foundation stallion *Teddy, whose American sire line was dominant throughout the mid-20th century (see chart). The last Teddy-line scion to capture an American classic was Gayego's paternal great-grand sire, Damascus, winner of the 1967 Preakness and Belmont Stakes.

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Kentucky Derby winners who trace in tail-male line to *Teddy

| Year | Winner | Sire |
|------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1957 | Iron Liege | Bull Lea |
| 1952 | Hill Gail | Bull Lea |
| 1948 | Citation † | Bull Lea |
| 1945 | Hoop Jr. | *Sir Gallahad III |
| 1940 | Gallahadion | *Sir Gallahad III |
| 1938 | Lawrin | Insko |
| 1935 | Omaha † | Gallant Fox |
| 1930 | Gallant Fox † | Sir Gallahad III |

† = Triple Crown winner