



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Indescribable proves noteworthy with late turn of foot

by Rommy Faversham

Unhurried early, four-year old filly Indescribable unleashed a determined rally down the center of Churchill Downs's yielding turf course and edged Long Approach in the final strides to capture the \$113,400 Cardinal Handicap (G3) on November 15.



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Sent off as the 6.70-to-1 fourth choice, the Kentucky-bred Pleasant Tap filly completed the 1½-mile turf race in 1:55.77.

INDESCRIBABLE

Indescribable's two previous starts were on the dirt at Saratoga Race Course, where she finished third and then fourth to 2007 champion older female Ginger Punch in the Go for Wand Handicap (G1) on July 26 and the Personal Ensign Stakes (G1) on August 22. Earlier this season, she earned her first stakes victory in the Arlington Matron Handicap (G3) at 1½ miles on Arlington Park's synthetic Polytrack surface.

Unraced at two, Indescribable's career mark currently stands at five wins in 16 starts with earnings of \$332,595.

Bred and owned by Don Adam's Courtlandt Farms, Indescribable is one of seven winners from eight starters out of the Flying Paster mare Catnip, a multiple stakes winner at age four.

Indescribable's younger siblings include a yearling three-quarter brother by Pleasantly Perfect and a weanling half sister by Arch. Her unraced half sister, Catchofthecentury, is the dam of stakes winners Spring Awakening, by In Excess (Ire), and Cat's Cat, by Tabasco Cat.

Daughters of Flying Paster have combined, so far, to produce 73 stakes winners from 1,085 foals of racing age.

Catnip is a half sister to 2002 European champion two-year-old male Hold That Tiger, by Storm Cat, and 1996 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Editor's Note, by Forty Niner.

As such, Indescribable's immediate family has enjoyed considerable success at the highest levels. The family is anchored by her third dam, T. C. Kitten, the matriarch of eight Grade/Group 1 winners, including 1985 champion two-year-old filly Family Style, Lost Kitty, Pearl

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Pleasant Tap 87 598 fis, 48 SWs SI 1.76 DI=1.67	Pleasant Colony 78 6 wins, \$965,383 Champion 620 fis, 78 SWs SI 3.68 DI=1.17	His Majesty 68 640 fis, 59 SWs SI 2.33 DI=0.77	*Ribot 52	=Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanella (Ity) 43
		Sun Colony 68 5 fis, 1 SW DI=5.50	Flower Bowl 52	*Alibhai 38 Flower Bed 46
	Never Knock 79 2 wins, \$29,035 12 fis, 2 SWs DI=0.97	Stage Door Johnny 65 582 fis, 51 SWs SI 2.54 DI=0.75	Sunrise Flight 59	Double Jay 44 Misty Morn 52
		Never Hula 69 9 fis, 0 SWs DI=10.11	*Colonia 59	*Cockrullah 51 *Nalga 52
Catnip 91 9 fis, 2 SWs DI=7.00	Flying Paster 76 13 wins, \$1,127,460, SW 428 fis, 48 SWs SI 2.45 DI=4.33	Gummo 62 483 fis, 28 SWs SI 1.75 DI=3.53	Fleet Nasrullah 55	*Nasrullah 40 Happy Go Fleet 50
		Procne 69 9 fis, 2 SWs DI=11.00	Alabama Gal 57	Determine 51 Trojan Lass 49
	Beware of the Cat 86 4 wins, \$164,094, SW 12 fis, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Caveat 80 420 fis, 40 SWs SI 1.49 DI=3.00	Acroterion 62	Hillsdale 55 Stage Flight 57
		T. C. Kitten 69 11 fis, 3 SWs DI=2.14	*Philomela 54	*Tudor Minstrel 44 *Petrovna II 42
		Cannonade 71	Bold Bidder 62 Queen Sucree 66	
		Cold Hearted 74	The Axe II 58 Turn to North 65	
		Tom Cat 60	Tom Fool 49 Jazz Baby 46	
		Needlebug 61	Needles 53 Flynnet 49	

City, Field Cat, and influential sire Hennessy.

This important American female family traces back to our subject's 12th dam, *Belle Rose, who was imported to the United States in 1893 by influential horseman James R. Keene.

Indescribable hails from the 12th crop of 1992 champion older male Pleasant Tap, by Pleasant Colony.

Standing at Lane's End in Versailles, Kentucky, Pleasant Tap is the sire of American Grade 1 winners Tap to Music, I Believe in You, Premium Tap, and Tiago.

With 20 graded or group stakes winners and \$47,145,861 in progeny earnings through Tuesday, Pleasant Tap has emerged in recent years as the world's most successful contemporary stallion descending from the tail-male line of *Ribot and, for that matter, the great St. Simon before him.

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