



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Johnny Eves becomes Skimming's first major stakes winner

by Rommy Faversham

Rapidly improving California-bred Johnny Eves made his graded stakes debut a winning one as he shook clear of foes through the lane and held on late to score an impressive one-length victory over fast-closing Carrilero (Arg) in the \$250,000 Malibu Stakes (G1) on December 26, opening day at Santa Anita Park.



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The bay Skimming gelding covered seven furlongs in a spry 1:21.08 on the recently installed Cushion Track surface.

JOHNNY EVES

An 11-to-1 longshot in the Malibu, Johnny Eves entered off a three-length victory in an allowance/optional claiming race at Hollywood Park on November 25, when he set the track record for 6½ furlongs. He has won five of ten lifetime starts and earned \$324,720.

The Malibu is the first leg of Santa Anita's prestigious Strub Series, three races for horses who are four-year-olds on January 1.

Bred and owned by Mooncoin LLC, Johnny Eves is the second winner from four starters out of the placed mare Capote's Halo.

Daughters of Capote so far have produced 19 graded stakes winners, including last year's Malibu winner, Latent Heat, by Maria's Mon, and 2000 Malibu winner Dixie Union, by Dixieland Band.

Johnny Eves's immediate family is anchored by his multiple stakes-winning third dam, Satan's Pride. She is the dam of Grade 3 winner Devil's Bride and California speedster Red. This is also the clan of California Cup Distaff winner Miss L Attack.

Johnny Eves is his family's first North American Grade 1 winner since his fifth dam, *Fallaha, who was imported from France in 1959.

On a more historical note, Johnny Eve's 16th dam was Queen Mary

(1843), who fell in her only start and became one of the most influential English broodmares of the 19th century.

Johnny Eves hails from the first crop of the Nureyev stallion Skimming and represents his sire's first graded stakes winner.

Johnny Eves, b. g., 2004

Skimming 96 169 fls, 4 SWs SI 0.93 DI=1.67	Nureyev 77 2 wins, \$42,522 Champion 785 fls, 137 SWs SI 4.73 DI=2.83	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angella 44 Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
	Skimble 89 9 wins, \$777,518, SW 9 fls, 1 SW DI=2.65	Special 69 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.52	Natalma 57	=Aristophanes (GB) 48 =Trevisa (Arg) 51 Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
	Capote's Halo 93 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.33	Lyphard 69 830 fls, 115 SWs SI 3.69 DI=4.33	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
Capote's Halo 93 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.33	Capote 84 3 wins, \$714,470 Champion 822 fls, 62 SWs SI 1.86 DI=3.00	Nimble Folly 77 16 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.73	Goofed 60	*Court Martial 42 *Barra II 50
	Nueces Strip 86 3 wins, \$70,522, Spl 12 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.00	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Cyane 59	*Turn-to 51 Your Game 48
	Satan's Pride 76 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=4.00	Too Bald 64 12 fls, 5 SWs DI=7.67	Instant Sin 69	Restless Native 60 Enchanted Eve 49
			Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
			My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
			Bald Eagle 55	*Nasrullah 40 Siama 47
			Hidden Talent 56	Dark Star 50 *Dangerous Dame 51
			Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48
			Cosmah 53	Cosmic Bomb 44 Almahmoud 47
			Crimson Satan 59	Spy Song 43 *Papila 43
			Autumn Pride 70	Kentucky Pride 55 *Fallaha 50

As a racehorse, Skimming turned in his best performances at Del Mar, where he captured consecutive wins in the Pacific Classic Stakes (G1) and San Diego Handicap (G2 and G3) in 2000 and '01.

He will stand in 2008 at Cardiff Stud Farms in Creston, California, for \$7,500.

Closely inbred, 2x3 to Northern Dancer, Skimming could do well with mares carrying the blood of Halo, sire of Johnny Eves's grandam. This fortuitous cross of close relatives creates inbreeding to their second dam, the great matriarch Almahmoud.

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Upcoming events

Today

South Beach S., GP, \$75,000, 8.5ft, 4&upf&m.

Friday

CANADIAN TURF H. (G3), GP, \$100,000, 8.5ft, 4&up.