



# Magical Fantasy gets dream run in Del Mar Oaks

by Rommy Faversham

Fitted with earmuffs for the first time, Magical Fantasy made the most of a favorable trip to kick clear of her peers in deep stretch and score a two-length victory in the \$350,000 Del Mar Oaks (G1) on August 16.

Sent off at 42.50-to-1 odds, the three-year-old Diesis (GB) filly covered 1½ miles on firm turf in 1:46.73 to become the longest-priced winner in the race's 52-year history. Indeed, an auspicious occasion to record her first stakes triumph.

A maiden winner in five starts at two in England last year, Magical Fantasy was second by a nose in the Senorita Stakes (G3) in her North American debut in May but subsequently was unplaced in both the Honeymoon Handicap (G2) and American Oaks Invitational Stakes (G1), all at Hollywood Park. She now has captured two of her nine starts with earnings of \$244,431.

Bred in Kentucky by Rodes S. Parrish and Charles Beach IV, Magical Fantasy is one of five winners from seven starters out of the winning Easy Goer mare Kissing Gate, the dam of English stakes winner Forward Move (Ire), by Dr Fong.

Daughters of Easy Goer have combined to produce 13 graded and group stakes winners through August 18, including Grade 1 winners Storm Flag Flying, Corinthian, and Monba.

Magical Fantasy has a pair of distinguished three-quarter brothers, by Diesis out of her grandam, Love's Reward (Ire). Altibr won the 2000 Shadwell Keeneland Mile Turf Stakes (G2). His older brother, Keen Hunter, annexed the 1991 CIGA Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp (Fr-G1).

Magical Fantasy's English Group 3-winning third dam, Splashing, produced two group winners, including 1984 Middle Park Stakes (Eng-G1) winner Bassenthwaite.

This tail-female line descends back to Magical Fantasy's eighth dam, 1907 Epsom Oaks winner Glass Doll, by Isinglass.

Magical Fantasy is from the 21st crop of the Sharpen Up (GB) stallion Diesis and represents her sire's 47th graded or group stakes winner.

An English champion at two, Diesis was euthanized in November 2006 at age 26 at Mill Ridge Farm in Lexington after fracturing a hip.

His top runners include European champion and sire Halling, 1988 Irish and English champion Diminuendo, and 1999 Vodafone Epsom Oaks (Eng-G1) and Kildangan Stud Irish Oaks (Ire-G1) winner Ramruma. Magical Fantasy is Diesis's second Del Mar Oaks winner, having sired 1992 winner Suivi.

Magical Fantasy, ch. f., 2005				
Diesis (GB) 80 1028 fls, 85 SWs SI 2.36 DI=0.87	Sharpen Up (GB) 69 5 wins, \$47,949, SW 620 fls, 82 SWs SI 2.76 DI=3.00	Atan 61 172 fls, 3 SWs SI 1.22 DI=3.00	Native Dancer 50 Polynesian 42 Geisha 43	
		=Rocchetta (GB) 61 11 fls, 1 SW DI=1.25	*Mixed Marriage 52 =Rockefella (GB) 41 =Chambiges (Fr) 49	
	Doubly Sure (GB) 71 Placed, \$175 11 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.11	=Reliance II (Fr) 62 278 fls, 25 SWs SI 1.19 DI=0.16	=Tantieme (Fr) 47 =Relance (Fr) 52	=Tudor Minstrel 44 *Persian Maid 47 =Hyperion (GB) 30 =Rockfel (GB) 35 =Majano (Fr) 37 =Chanterelle (Fr) 40 =Deux-pour-Cent (Fr) 41 =Terka (Fr) 42
		=Soft Angels (GB) 63 4 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.44	=Crepello (GB) 54 =Sweet Angel (GB) 55	Relic 45 =Polaire (Fr) 47 =Donatello II (Fr) 34 =Crepuscule (GB) 48 =Honeyway (GB) 41 =No Angel (GB) 49
Kissing Gate 93 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.20	Easy Goer 86 14 wins, \$4,873,770 Champion 133 fls, 9 SWs SI 3.25 DI=2.07	Alydar 75 689 fls, 77 SWs SI 5.54 DI=3.94	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 On-and-On 56 Plum Cake 58	
		Relaxing 76 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.38	Sweet Tooth 65 Buckpasser 63 Marking Time 63	
	Love's Reward (Ire) 81 Unplaced 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.14	Nonoalco 71 511 fls, 30 SWs SI 1.36 DI=3.29	Raise a Native 61 Nearctic 54	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47 To Market 48 Allemande 55
		=Splashing (GB) 71 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.47	Seximee 66 =Petingo (GB) 65 =Pelting (GB) 58	*Nearco (It) 35 *Lady Angela 44 Hasty Road 51 Jambo 59 =Petition (GB) 44 *Alcazar II 57 =Vilmorin (GB) 43 =Firmament (GB) 44

Over the past few decades and without explanation, the richest and most celebrated members of the Sharpen Up line have been disproportionately of chestnut coat. As such, newly recognized Magical Fantasy is the latest to follow suit and express this novel color trend.

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## Upcoming stakes

### Today

**BALLSTON SPA H. (G2)**, Sar, \$200,000, 8.5f, 3&upf&m.  
**Old Red S.**, Sar, \$80,000, 8f, 3&upf&m.

### Friday

**PERSONAL ENSIGN S. (G1)**, Sar, \$400,000, 10f, 3&upf&m.  
**Congress Spring S.**, Sar, \$80,000, 9f, 3yo.  
**CTT and Thoroughbred Owners of California H.**, Dmr, \$80,000, 11fT, 3&upf&m.

### Saturday

**TRAVERS S. PRESENTED BY SHADWELL FARM (G1)**, Sar, \$1,000,000, 10f, 3yo.  
**NET JETS KING'S BISHOP S. (G1)**, Sar, \$250,000, 7f, 3yo.  
**DEL MAR H. (G2)**, Dmr, \$250,000, 11fT, 3&up.  
**PLAY THE KING S. (CAN-G2)**, WO, \$201,640, 7fT, 3&up.  
**BERNARD BARUCH H. (G2)**, Sar, \$200,000, 9fT, 3&up.  
**CANADIAN DERBY (CAN-G3)**, NP, \$300,030, 11f, 3yo.  
**VICTORY RIDE S. (G3)**, Sar, \$100,000, 6f, 3yof.  
**Arlington Sprint S.**, AP, \$200,000, 6f, 3&up.  
**Smarty Jones Classic S.**, Pha, \$125,000, 8.5f, 3&up.  
**Kelso S.**, Del, \$100,000, 12f, 3&up.  
**Charles Town Juvenile S.**, CT, \$100,000, 4.5f, 2yo.  
**Miss Shenendoah S.**, CT, \$100,000, 4.5f, 2yof.  
**World Series of Poker S.**, LaD, \$100,000, 8.5fT, 3&up.  
**Miss Shenandoah S.**, CT, \$100,000, 4.5f, 2yof.  
**Northern Fling H.**, Pha, \$100,000, 7f, 3&upf&m.  
**Captain My Captain H.**, Pha, \$100,000, 7f, 3&up.  
**Peppy Addy S.**, Pha, \$100,000, 8.32f, 3yo.  
**Ambassador of Luck H.**, Pha, \$100,000, 6f, 3&upf&m.  
**Devil's Honor H.**, Pha, \$100,000, 6f, 3&up.  
**Mr. Jenney H.**, Pha, \$100,000, 5fT, 3&up.  
**Mrs. Penney S.**, Pha, \$100,000, 8.5fT, 3&upf&m.  
**Leeward S.**, PID, \$100,000, 8f, 3&up.  
**Mrs. Penny S.**, Pha, \$100,000, 8.5fT, 3&upf&m.  
**City of Edmonton Distaff H.**, NP, \$98,220, 8.5f, 3&upf&m.  
**Ralph Hayes S.**, PrM, \$80,000, 8.5f, 4&upc&g.  
**Donna Reed S.**, PrM, \$80,000, 8.32f, 4&upf&m.  
**Governor's H.**, Sac, \$75,000, 9f, 3&up.  
**Flatterer Hurdle H.**, Pha, \$75,000, 16.5fT, 4&up.

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