



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Precious Kitten capitalizes on purr-fect trip in Gamely

by Rommy Favershams

Beneficiary of the coveted catbird seat, 6-to-5 favorite Precious Kitten stalked pacesetter Diamond Diva before taking command at the head of the stretch en route to a comfortable 2¼-length victory in the \$283,000 Gamely Stakes (G1) on May 26 at Hollywood Park.



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It was the first victory of the year for the five-year-old dark bay or brown mare, who covered 1½ miles on firm turf in 1:45.23. It also marked a record eighth Gamely triumph for Racing Hall of Fame trainer Bobby Frankel.

PRECIOUS KITTEN

Last season, Precious Kitten was an Eclipse Award finalist for outstanding turf female when capturing four graded stakes, including the John C. Mabee Handicap (G1) and the Matriarch Stakes (G1). She then was purchased privately by Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stables from her owner-breeders Ken and Sarah Ramsey.

The Gamely is her eighth victory from 21 lifetime starts with earnings totaling \$1,602,088.

Precious Kitten hails from the second crop of the stakes-winning Storm Cat stallion Catienus. New York's leading sire in 2006 and '07, Catienus returned to Ramsey Farm in Nicholasville, Kentucky, with a '08 fee of \$10,000. He also is the sire of Grade 1 winner Dawn Of War.

Bred in Kentucky, Precious Kitten descends from an increasingly prominent female family. Of note, her first three dams as well as an older half sister all have become Grade 1-winning producers.

Precious Kitten's dam, the Lear Fan mare Kitten's First, won one race from two starts at age two. Her first foal, multiple stakes winner Justenuffheart, by Broad Brush, has gone on to produce the Grade 2-winning Rahy colt Lewis Michael as well as his full sister, '06 champion juvenile filly Dreaming Of Anna.

Kitten's First is also the dam of Kitten's Joy, by El Prado, who was named the 2004 Eclipse champion turf male at age three.

Kitten's First had to be euthanized in January '06 after foundering. Her half brother, Down The Aisle, by Runaway Groom, captured the 2000 United Nations Handicap (G1).

Precious Kitten's grand dam, That's My Hon, is a half sister to Road

Precious Kitten, dk. b. or br. m., 2003

Catienus 94 303 fls, 18 SWs SI 1.28 DI=3.92	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1262 fls, 162 SWs SI 4.17 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
Diamond City 88 5 wins, \$81,797, Spl 6 fls, 1 SW DI=3.48	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Honey's Flag 79 6 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.03	Crimson Saint 69	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Raise a Native 61	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
Kitten's First 91 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.37	Lear Fan 81 5 wins, \$175,901, SW 891 fls, 80 SWs SI 1.94 DI=1.56	Roberto 69 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
That's My Hon 83 Placed, \$16,160 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.40	L'Enjoleur 72 598 fls, 35 SWs SI 1.29 DI=1.56	Wac 69 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.26	Hoist the Flag 68	Tom Rolfe 62 Wavy Navy 54
			Cathy Honey 67	Francis S. 57 *Honey Ration 51
One Lane 61 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.00	L'Enjoleur 72 598 fls, 35 SWs SI 1.29 DI=1.56	Roberto 69 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48
			Bramalea 59	Nashua 52 Rarelea 49
Prince John 53 Not Afraid 48 Head Play 30 Lady Beware 37	L'Enjoleur 72 598 fls, 35 SWs SI 1.29 DI=1.56	Wac 69 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.26	Lt. Stevens 61	Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
			Bethazar 60	War Admiral 34 Blinking Owl 38
Danger Ahead 46	L'Enjoleur 72 598 fls, 35 SWs SI 1.29 DI=1.56	Wac 69 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.26	Buckpasser 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47
			Fanfreluca 67	Northern Dancer 61 Ciboulette 61
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Princess, winner of the 1977 Mother Goose Stakes (G1) and dam of Grade 2 winner Reign Road.

The family is anchored by Precious Kitten's multiple stakes winning fourth dam Danger Ahead who also serves as the third dam of the great champion Spectacular Bid.

One of the less common progenitors appearing in our subject's fifth generation is Danger Ahead's sire Head Play. The Preakness Stakes-winning son of Man o' War's full brother My Play, Head Play is best known for his famous nose loss to Broker's Tip in the Kentucky Derby's "Fighting Finish" of 1933.

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