



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Recapturetheglory has tough act to follow

by Rommy Faversham

Lightly regarded Recapturetheglory set the pace before drawing away in the stretch to record a relatively easy four-length victory in the \$500,000 Illinois Derby (G2) on April 5 at Hawthorne Race Course.



Four Footed Photos

The Cherokee Run colt made his stakes debut in the Illinois Derby. Sent off as the 15.90-to-1 sixth choice in the seven-horse field, he completed 1½ miles in 1:49.01 on a track rated as fast.

Recapturetheglory was making his second start of the season after posting a third-place finish in a 1½-mile allowance race on turf at Fair Grounds on February 29. As a two-year-old, he won one of four starts, a two-turn maiden special weight race at Hawthorne in late September.

### RECAPTURETHEGLORY

The Illinois Derby winner's share of \$300,000 boosted his lifetime earnings to \$333,080, and assured him a starting spot in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) field, which is determined by graded stakes earnings if more than 20 horses are entered.

Bred in Kentucky by Charles Jacobi, Recapturetheglory has been sold three times at public auction. At last year's Fasig-Tipton Calder sale of selected two-year-olds in training, the bay colt was secured by his current connections for \$215,000.

Co-owners Ronnie Lamarque and trainer Louie Roussel III subsequently named their young charge Recapturetheglory in recognition of the 20th anniversary of their dual classic winner Risen Star's championship season in 1988.

Of course, Risen Star, a commanding winner of the 1988 Preakness (G1) and Belmont (G1) Stakes, sported the pedigree of a classic contender. His sire is legendary 1973 Triple Crown winner Secretariat and he is out of the His Majesty mare Ribbon, a stakes winner at 1½ miles.

Conversely, Recapturetheglory approaches the Triple Crown with the pedigree of a sprinter-miler.

He is the first starter out of the stakes-placed winning Dehere mare Cold Awakening, a winner at ages two and four and a dedicated sprinter throughout her career.

Thus far, Dehere broodmares have produced 20 stakes winners, including 2007 TVG Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) victor Midnight Lute,

### Recapturetheglory, b. c., 2005

Cherokee Run 90 622 fls, 34 SWs SI 1.80 DI=3.00	Runaway Groom 79 6 wins, \$347,537 Champion 1088 fls, 74 SWs SI 1.41 DI=2.33	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74 512 fls, 92 SWs SI 4.76 DI=1.52	Red God 54	*Nasrullah 40 Spring Run 48
	Cherokee Dame 80 Unraced 7 fls, 1 SW DI=4.09	Yonnie Girl 66 7 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.67	Runaway Bride (GB) 62	=Wild Risk (Fr) 40 =Aimee (GB) 57 Better Self 45 Your Witness 48
		Silver Saber 72 60 fls, 0 SWs SI 0.73 DI=2.76	Call the Witness 56	Po'chile 58
Cold Awakening 96 2 fls, 1 SW DI=7.00	Dehere 91 6 wins, \$723,712 Champion 991 fls, 60 SWs SI 1.89 DI=3.80	Dame Francesca 66 11 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.84	Francis S. 57	*Royal Charger 42 Blue Eyed Momo 44
		Deputy Minister 79 1141 fls, 89 SWs SI 3.24 DI=3.67	Maid to Rule 57	*Nasrullah 40 Meadow Maid 42
	Chilly Chick 86 1 win, \$14,480 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.75	Sister Dot 85 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Vice Regent 67	Northern Dancer 61 Victoria Regina 58
		Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	Mint Copy 70	Bunty's Flight 53 Shakney 64
		Out in the Cold 68 10 fls, 1 SW DI=2.38	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Sword Game 76	Damascus 64 Bill and I 65
		Native Dancer 50	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43	
		Raise You 46	Case Ace 34 Lady Glory 34	
		Beau Purple 57	Beau Gar 50 Water Queen 47	
		Articana 60	*Arctic Prince 48 *Nato II 53	

last year's Eclipse Award winner as champion sprinter, and '07 AAMI Golden Slipper (Aus-G1) winner Forensics.

Recapturetheglory's grandam, Chilly Chick, won one sprint race from four lifetime starts, all at age three. She is also the dam of multiple Grade 3-winning sprinter Rotsaluck, by Rajab, and 2004 Fort Marcy Handicap (G3) winner Chilly Rooster, by Arch.

The family also includes sires It's Freezing, by T. V. Commercial, and Exuberant, by What a Pleasure.

Recapturetheglory hails from the ninth crop of 1994 champion sprinter Cherokee Run. An excellent source of sprinters and milers, Cherokee Run would figure to need a considerable dose of stamina from a mare to sire a Kentucky Derby winner. He also is the sire of last year's juvenile champion and current Derby hopeful War Pass. The latter, most recently second in the Wood Memorial Stakes (G1), is another who likes the lead and who may find the classic distance beyond his reach.

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