



# Square Eddie rounds into form for Breeders' Cup

by Rommy Faversham

Two-year old Square Eddie made his United States debut a memorable one as the Canadian-bred Smart Strike colt took command through the stretch and drew off to an impressive 4¾-length triumph in the \$500,000 Lane's End Breeders' Futurity (G1) on October 4 at Keeneland Race Course.



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## SQUARE EDDIE

Sent off as the 9.10-to-1 sixth choice in the field of 11, Square Eddie covered 1⅙ miles on the Polytrack surface in 1:43.04. The victory guaranteed him a starting spot in the \$2-million Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at the Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita Park on October 25.

A maiden winner in his first four starts in England, Square Eddie earned some attention after finishing second by a head in the six-furlong Toteswinger Sirenia Stakes (Eng-G3) on the Polytrack surface at Kempton Park on September 6.

The chestnut colt was purchased privately the week of the Breeders' Futurity by prominent U.S.-based owner J. Paul Reddam. Bred in Ontario by Kinghaven Farms, Square Eddie originally was sold for \$200,000 at the 2007 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Square Eddie is one of four winners from as many starters out of multiple stakes-placed winner Forty Gran, by El Gran Senor. She also is the dam of the Canadian stakes-placed Pulpit filly Reverently, an unnamed yearling filly by Songandaprayer, and a weanling filly by Successful Appeal.

Daughters of El Gran Senor continue to do particularly well with Mr. Prospector-line stallions. This cross already has produced the likes of Empire Maker, Grand Slam, and Chester House.

Square Eddie's fourth dam is the stakes-winning Crafty Admiral mare Laurel Mae. This also is the family of 1989 Italian champion three-year-old filly Nydrion, '96 Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Alphabet Soup, and 2001 Personal Ensign Handicap (G1) winner Pompeii.

Square Eddie hails from the sixth crop of the Mr. Prospector stallion Smart Strike, the leading general sire of 2007 in North America. Sire of champions Curlin, English Channel, and Soaring Free as

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Smart Strike 92 645 fls, 56 SWs SI 2.96 DI=4.60	Mr. Prospector 70 7 wins, \$112,171, SW 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	<b>Native Dancer 50</b>	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43
		Gold Digger 62 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.23	Raise You 46	Case Ace 34 Lady Glory 34
	Classy 'n Smart 81 5 wins, \$303,222 Champion 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=7.00	Smarten 76 602 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.66 DI=8.60	Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
No Class 74 8 fls, 6 SWs DI=3.92		Sequence 46	Count Fleet 40 Miss Dogwood 39	
Forty Gran 97 4 fls, 1 SW DI=2.64	El Gran Senor 81 7 wins, \$502,819 Champion 398 fls, 55 SWs SI 3.18 DI=2.43	Nearctic 54	*Turn-to 51 Your Game 48	
		Natalma 57	*Quibu 42 Art Teacher 58	
	Sex Appeal 70 16 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.15	Cyane 59	*Noholme II 56 Abia-Jay 55	
Forty Weight 86 7 wins, \$162,891, SW 5 fls, 0 SWs DI=5.67	Quadratic 75 444 fls, 25 SWs SI 1.08 DI=3.00	Nodouble 65	Outing Class 60 Quillopoly 58	
	Opec 71 12 fls, 1 SW DI=5.00	Classy Quillo 69	=Nearco (Iy) 35 *Lady Angela 44	
		Best in Show 65	<b>Native Dancer 50</b> Almahoud 47	
		Quadrangle 61	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47	
		Bagdad 56	<b>Smartaire 62</b> Art Teacher 58	
		Laurel Mae 59	Double Jay 44 *Bazura 47	
			Crafty Admiral 48 Magic Melody 49	

well as 25 other graded or group stakes winners, Smart Strike stands at Lane's End in Versailles, Kentucky.

Square Eddie actually is a rather appropriate name for a horse whose pedigree features the distinct 4x4 inbreeding pattern of 1979 Broodmare of the Year Smartaire through her sons Smarten and Quadratic. Bred in Alabama by Southern horseman Fred W. Hooper, Smartaire also produced Quadratic's full sister, 1979 champion two-year old filly Smart Angle.

The rare duplication of this important mare also appears in the pedigree of Smart Strike's daughter Caught Out, a Grade 1-placed multiple stakes winner whose third dam is Smartaire.

Square Eddie enjoys a pedigree that is both versatile and fundamentally strong. When the time comes, he figures to relish longer distances.

So far, everything looks pretty square.

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