



Tough Tiz's Sis flaunts her mudlark's pedigree in Ruffian

by Rommy Faversham

Everything went swimmingly well for Tough Tiz's Sis in the \$300,000 Ruffian Handicap (G1) on September 6 at Belmont Park as the four-year-old filly clearly relished the sloppy track, pouring it on through the stretch to score a commanding 12¼-length victory.



Adam Cogliandro/NYRA photo

Sent off as the 4.30-to-1 third choice, the four-year-old bay Tiznow filly completed 1½ miles in 1:40.46 on a main track soaked by thunderstorms from Tropical Storm Hanna.

TOUGH TIZ'S SIS

Previously unplaced in three other races on a wet track, but all of those efforts were marred by poor starts. That was not the case in the Ruffian.

Earlier this season, Tough Tiz's Sis won the Hawthorne Handicap (G3) at Hollywood Park and the Harry W. Henson Handicap at Sunland Park.

As a three-year-old, she captured her first Grade 1 win in the Lady's Secret Stakes (G1) at the Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita Park. She also annexed the 2007 Hollywood Breeders' Cup Oaks (G2) and the WinStar Sunland Park Oaks.

She has won eight of 20 lifetime starts and earned \$903,792.

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Tough Tiz's Sis, b. f., 2004

Tiznow 97 336 fs, 15 SWs SI 2.51 DI=1.86	Cee's Tizzy 87 3 wins, \$173,150, Spl 632 fs, 35 SWs SI 2.03 DI=2.20	Relaunch 76 725 fs, 89 SWs SI 3.05 DI=3.00	In Reality 64 Foggy Note 65	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57 The Ave II 58 Silver Song 57 Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60
	Cee's Song 86 1 win, \$82,225 14 fs, 4 SWs DI=1.50	Tizly 81 11 fs, 0 SWs DI=1.35	Lyphard 69 *Tizna 69	=Trevieres (Fr) 56 =Norns (Chi) 58 Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69 Prince Blessed 57 Magic Spell 54
	Taylor's Falls 73 14 wins, \$137,687, SW 296 fs, 24 SWs SI 1.33 DI=4.07	Seattle Song 81 332 fs, 23 SWs SI 1.85 DI=2.05	Seattle Slew 74 Incantation 65	Nice Dancer 69 Sleep Lonely 70
Leaseholder 90 6 fs, 2 SWs DI=7.00	Leasehold 74 11 wins, \$72,927, Spl 14 fs, 1 SW DI=5.00	In Reality 64 555 fs, 81 SWs SI 3.72 DI=2.40	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57	Intent 48 My Recipe 47 Rough'n Tumble 48 Ittis 47
	Lease Play 65 8 fs, 1 SW DI=1.67	Nilene Wonder 61 10 fs, 3 SWs DI=5.00	*Newtown Wonder (GB) 42 *Nilene 51	=Fair Trial (GB) 32 =Clarrapple (Fr) 36 *Nilo 45 =May Buzz (Aus) 34 *Nasrullah 40 Amphora 48 Better Self 45 Sunday Evening 47
		Stevedore 66 52 fs, 2 SWs SI 0.64 DI=3.00	Amarullah 54 Prayer Bell 54	*Royal Charger 42 Oasis 37 Blue Swords 40 React 38

Bred in Kentucky by Gary Tussey, Tough Tiz's Sis is one of six winners from as many starters out of the stakes-placed Taylor's Falls mare Leaseholder, also the dam of Golly Greeley, by Mr. Greeley, a Midwest stakes winner who was graded stakes-placed at age three.

Tough Tiz's Sis also has a yearling half sister by Even the Score and a 2008 full brother.

Workmanlike but modest, this female family has not yielded a runner nearly as successful as Tough Tiz's Sis for many generations. In fact, the most recent stakes winner to appear along our subject's tail-female line is her 11th dam, Yorkville Belle, a United States filly champion at ages two and three in 1891 and '92.

The clan is one of the few remaining extended families (A5) that can trace back to an English mare who was imported into Colonial America.

The bottom half of our subject's pedigree also features the non-stakes-winning ultra-obscure stallions Stevedore and Landman, sires of Tough Tiz's Sis's second and third dams, respectively.

Tough Tiz's Sis hails from the second crop of the Cee's Tizzy stallion Tiznow, who has sired nine graded stakes winners.

Standing at WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, Tiznow is currently enjoying his best season to date at stud, spearheaded by Travers Stakes Presented by Shadwell Farm (G1) and Santa Anita Derby (G1) winner Colonel John and Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Da' Tara.

The male line of In Reality has always represented one of the most powerful sources of off-track runners. As such, it should come as no surprise that individuals such as Tough Tiz's Sis who are closely inbred to that influential ancestor are capable of running huge in the slop.

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