



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Well Armed becomes Tiznow's latest graded stakes winner

by Rommy Faversham

Lone speed proved unstoppable in the \$250,000 San Antonio Handicap (G2) on February 9 when 14.10-to-1 outsider Well Armed got loose early and held off Heatseeker (Ire) by a head to capture the 1½-mile race at Santa Anita Park.



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The win was the first in a stakes for the five-year old Tiznow gelding who covered the distance in 1:47.73 on the Arcadia, California, track's refurbished synthetic surface. Well Armed finished second, one length behind Zappa in the San Pasqual Handicap (G2) on January 12 in his previous start.

Well Armed improved his career record to four wins from 15 starts and earnings of \$250,803. The bay WinStar Farm homebred, trained by Eoin Harty, is currently being considered for the \$1-million Santa Anita Handicap (G1) on March 1 and the \$6-million Emirates Airline Dubai World Cup (UAE-G1) on March 29.

Bred in Kentucky, Well Armed is one of three winners from as many starters out of the stakes-winning Notebook mare Well Dressed. His younger half brother Helsinki, by Distorted Humor, was third to Street Sense in the 2007 Travers Stakes (G1). Well Dressed also has a yearling full sister to Well Armed as well as unraced two- and three-year-old full sisters to Helsinki.

Well Armed is the fifth graded stakes winner out of a Notebook mare.

The immediate family also includes Grade 3 winner Tee Kay and her son, 2003 Japanese Horse of the Year Symboli Kris S.

Well Armed hails from the first crop of Tiznow, the all-time leading California-bred money earner with \$6,427,830 who scored unprecedented back-to-back victories in the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) in 2000 and '01. The 2000 San Antonio Handicap was annexed by Tiznow's older full brother, the multimillionaire gelding Budroyale.

Well Armed represents the sixth graded stakes winner for Tiznow,



AROUND THE TRACKS

Well Armed, b. g., 2003

Tiznow 97 31.7 fls, 9 SWs SI 2.20 DI=1.86	Cee's Tizzy 87 3 wins, \$173,150, Spl 626 fls, 33 SWs SI 2.07 DI=2.20	Relaunch 76 725 fls, 89 SWs SI 3.05 DI=3.00	In Reality 64	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57
		Tizly 81 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.35	Foggy Note 65	The Axe II 58 Silver Song 57
	Cee's Song 86 1 win, \$82,225 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.50	Seattle Song 81 332 fls, 23 SWs SI 1.85 DI=2.05	Lyphard 69	Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60
		Lonely Dancer 75 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.29	*Tizna 69	=Trevieres (Fr) 56 =Noris (Chi) 58
Well Dressed 97 5 fls, 1 SW DI=1.33	Notebook 85 8 wins, \$584,630, SW 616 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.62 DI=2.05	Well Decorated 78 684 fls, 36 SWs SI 1.10 DI=10.33	Seattle Slew 74	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69
		Mobcap 77 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.96	Incantation 65	Prince Blessed 57 Magic Spell 54
	Trithenia 92 Placed, \$7,775 8 fls, 1 SW DI=4.14	Gold Meridian 82 417 fls, 14 SWs SI 0.66 DI=2.71	Nice Dancer 69	Northern Dancer 61 Nice Princess 64
		Tri Argo 82 9 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Sleep Lonely 70	Pia Star 61 Sulenan 63
			Raja Baba 68	Bold Ruler 54 Missy Baba 58
			Paris Breeze 71	Majestic Prince 66 Tudor Jet 64
		Tom Rolfe 62	*Ribot 52 Pocahontas 55	
		Cap and Bells 58	Tom Fool 49 Ghazni 42	
			Seattle Slew 74	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69
			Queen Louie 68	Crimson Satan 59 Reagent 61
			Tri Jet 69	Jester 55 Haze 53
			Hail Proudly 69	Francis S. 57 Spanglet 51

a Cee's Tizzy stallion who stands at WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, for \$30,000.

Well Armed demonstrates inbreeding to Seattle Slew, 4x4, through his sons Seattle Song and Gold Meridian and represents his sire's second graded stakes-winning offspring with such a duplication, following last year's Coolmore Lexington Stakes (G2) winner, Slew's Tizzy.

An interesting ancestor appearing in the fifth generation of Well Armed's pedigree is the fleet Crimson Satan, who was Gold Meridian's broodmare sire and whose dam, *Papila, is Tiznow's sixth dam. Crimson Satan also appears on the female side of Tiznow's daughter Folklore, the champion two-year-old filly of 2005.

One might conclude that deep linebreeding to the family of the sire can be a step in the right direction for breeders aiming to get well armed.

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