



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Jump Start's son Assessment rallies to make grade in Longacres Mile

by Rommy Faversham

Overcoming what was thought to be a less than ideal post position to log a remarkably good trip, Assessment took the lead inside the sixteenth pole and gamely held off favored Awesome Gem to earn a three-quarter-length victory in the Longacres Mile Handicap (G3) on August 16 at Emerald Downs.

The win marked the first time that a runner starting from the 12 post had captured the track's marquee race since a gelding by the name of Coldwater won its inaugural running in 1935.

Assessment, a five-year-old Jump Start gelding, was sent off as the 7.30-to-1 third choice in the 12-horse field and completed the mile journey in a swift 1:33.40 to earn his first graded stakes victory.

So far this season, Assessment has collected four wins and three seconds in seven starts, all at Emerald Downs. He annexed the 1½-mile Mt. Rainier Handicap on July 26 and the one-mile Budweiser Emerald Handicap on June 21, two key preps for the Longacres Mile.

In all, he has won seven of 25 lifetime starts and has bankrolled \$355,980.

The dark bay or brown gelding has been through the auction ring twice, failing to meet his reserve at \$15,000 as a weanling at the 2004 Keeneland November breeding stock sale and then selling to his current connections for \$16,000 at the '05 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Assessment hails from the first crop of former Central Kentucky-based stallion Jump Start and is one of his sire's five graded stakes winners.

Just last month, Jump Start was sold and exported to Haras La Esperanza in Argentina as part of Overbrook Farm's ongoing dispersal of its bloodstock. As such, the ten-year old A.P. Indy stallion follows his former stablemates Cape Town and Pioneering to South America, the latter two now standing in Brazil.

Jump Start's relocation seems to be occurring just as he is coming into his own as a sire. On July 11, one day after he left for Argentina,



Emerald Downs photo

ASSESSMENT

Assessment, dk. b. or br. g., 2004

Jump Start 99 288 fs, 17 SWs SI 1.57 DI=0.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 994 fs, 124 SWs SI 4.02 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fs, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68 Reason to Earn 63
	Steady Cat 93 5 wins, \$224,427, Spl 6 fs, 1 SW DI=3.00	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fs, 4 SWs DI=2.64	My Charmer 69 Secretariat 70 Lassie Dear 74
		Storm Cat 83 1349 fs, 172 SWs SI 4.03 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 Terlingua 76
Native Ghost 96 4 fs, 1 SW DI=3.50	Silver Ghost 82 3 wins, \$42,400 686 fs, 53 SWs SI 1.40 DI=3.48	Hopespringsforever 84 11 fs, 1 SW DI=2.75	Mr. Prospector 70 Raise a Native 61 Hopespringseternal 71
		Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fs, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
	Dismasted 82 14 wins, \$629,803, SW 12 fs, 0 SWs DI=2.79	Misty Gallore 76 6 fs, 0 SWs DI=2.54	Halo 69 Flight Dancer 68
	Nashima 74 6 fs, 1 SW DI=2.29	Next Move 47 Nashua 52 Shiah Princess 64	Hail to Reason 58 Cosmah 53 Misty Flight 55 Coubertte 57 Polynesian 42 Geisha 43 Bull Lea 35 Now What 37 *Nasrullah 40 Segula 42 *Tulyar 49 Princess Mbale 55

his lightly raced son Rail Trip won the 1¼-mile TVG/Betfair Hollywood Gold Cup Handicap (G1) in track record time, providing Jump Start with his first Grade 1 win as a sire.

Bred in Kentucky by Bohanon-Walden, Assessment is one of two winners from three starters out of the winning Silver Ghost mare Native Ghost.

The most celebrated member of Assessment's immediate tribe is his grandam, Dismasted, a three-time graded stakes winner on turf including a dead-heat win in the 1986 Flower Bowl Handicap (G1).

Anchoring his contemporary clan is Assessment's third dam, Nashima, who also appears as third dam in the pedigrees of the graded stakes-winning half brothers Salute the Sarge and Chelokee.

Assessment's tail-female line traces back to his eighth dam, Mum-taz Mahal. Dubbed "the Flying Filly," she proved herself as one of the fastest two-year-olds ever, and then at stud forged one of the most prominent Thoroughbred families of the 20th century.

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