



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Good Ba Ba reels in his third straight Hong Kong Mile

by Rommy Faversham

Amidst a thunderous roar from the crowd at Sha Tin Racecourse on December 13, John Yuen Se Kit's seven-year-old gelding Good Ba Ba entered the record books as the first three-time winner at the Hong Kong International Races by capturing the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Mile (HK-G1) for a third consecutive year.

The intrepid bay had to rely on his trademark finishing kick to run down race favorite Happy Zero for a half-length victory. He completed the 1,600 meters (7.95 furlongs) in 1:34.60 on turf rated as good.



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Good Ba Ba was named Hong Kong's 2007-'08 Horse of the Year after becoming the first horse to sweep Sha Tin's three premier mile events, which also includes the Citi Stewards' Cup and the Champions Mile (HK-G1). His career mark stands at 16 wins from 36 lifetime starts and earnings of \$7,242,813.

### GOOD BA BA

Good Ba Ba enjoys a pedigree that foretells much of his class and aptitude.

Sired by a Group 1-winning, classic-placed miler out of a daughter of an English champion miler who is from a family well known for its issue of world-class milers, Good Ba Ba has certainly performed up to his design.

Bred in Kentucky by Haras Santa Maria de Araras, Good Ba Ba's current connections purchased him for approximately \$218,593 at the 2004 Hong Kong International Sale after he brought \$85,000 as a 2003 Keeneland September yearling in the Taylor Made Sales Agency, agent, consignment.

He is one of four winners from seven starters out of the Zilzal mare Elle Meme, a winner in France at two and three and half sister to a pair of stakes-placed runners.

Good Ba Ba's immediate family is anchored by his third dam, French import \*Santa Quilla, dam of 1982 Brooklyn Handicap (G1) winner Silver Supreme. She is the grandam of U.S. champion and Racing Hall of Famer Miesque.

This also is the tribe of top miler and sire Kingmambo, dual French classic-winning filly East of the Moon, European champion two-year-

### Good Ba Ba, b. g., 2002

Lear Fan 81 891 fls, 82 SWs SI 1.92 DI=1.56	Roberto 69 7 wins, \$332,272 Champion 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	*Turn-to 51	*Royal Charger 42 *Source Sucree 40
		Bramalea 59 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.92	Nothirdchance 48	Blue Swords 40 Galla Colors 43
	Wac 69 3 wins, \$29,322, Spl 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.26	Lt. Stevens 61 409 fls, 50 SWs SI 2.08 DI=3.00	Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
		Belthazar 60 10 fls, 1 SW DI=0.87	Rarelea 49	Bull Lea 35 Bleebook 41
Elle Meme 94 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.15	Zilzal 86 5 wins, \$734,836 Champion 384 fls, 20 SWs SI 1.28 DI=0.84	Nantallah 53	*Nasrullah 40 Shimmer 45	
		*Rough Shod II 44	=Gold Bridge (Fr) 29 =Dalmary (GB) 31	
	Holy Tobin 83 Unraced 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=4.33	War Admiral 34	Man o' War 17 Brushup 29	
		Blinking Owl 38	*Pharamond II 25 Baba Kenny 28	
	J. O. Tobin 74 489 fls, 24 SWs SI 1.10 DI=12.33	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57	
		*Le Fabuleux 61	*Forli 63 Thong 64	
*Santa Quilla 70 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.83	Special 69	=Wild Risk (Fr) 40 =Anguar (Fr) 50		
	Bold Example 69	Bold Lad 62 Lady Be Good 56		
	Never Bend 60	*Nasrullah 40 Lalun 52		
	Hill Shade 65	Hillary 52 Penumbra 55		
	=Sanctus (Fr) 60	=Fine Top (Fr) 49 *Sanetta 54		
	Neriad 64	*Princequillo 40 Sea-Change 54		

old filly Rumpelstiltskin, and 2003 Breeders' Cup Mile (F1) winner Six Perfections (Fr).

Good Ba Ba hails from the 17th crop of the prominent Gainesway stallion Lear Fan, who died last year at age 27.

The fact that Lear Fan would do particularly well with Nureyev-line broodmares is no surprise or coincidence considering Lear Fan's broodmare sire, Lt. Stevens, is a full brother to Thong, Nureyev's grandam.

That brother-sister tandem represents yet another successful variation of inbreeding to the evergreen family of \*Rough Shod II.

	Foals	Winners (%)	SWs (%)	Grade/Group SWs (%)
Lear Fan's total progeny	914	530 (57%)	82 (8.9%)	33 (3.6%)
Lear Fan's progeny out of Nureyev-line mares	60	38 (63%)	12 (20%)	6 (10%)

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