



# Social Queen prevails in Gallorette with late rally

Last Saturday's BlackBerry Preakness Stakes (G1) undercard included a thrilling last-to-first rally from Social Queen, who overcame a tepid pace to prevail in the final strides of the \$100,000 Gallorette Stakes (G3) at Pimlico Race Course.

The five-year old Dynaformer mare won by a head and completed 1 1/16 miles on firm turf in 1:41.84 to snap a five-race losing streak.



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Social Queen's three previous stakes victories were all on the grass at Monmouth Park, including the Eatontown Handicap (G3) in June 2008. She has won six of 17 starts and amassed \$321,847 in purse earnings.

## SOCIAL QUEEN

Bred in Kentucky by James English and Hermitage Farm, Social Queen was sold for \$275,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale.

She is the first foal out of Grade 3-placed stakes winner Gal On the Go, by Irgun. For good measure, she is the first graded stakes winner produced by an Irgun broodmare.

Social Queen's younger siblings include Queen's Quest, a placed four-year-old Monarchos filly; an unraced three-year-old Dixie Union filly named Passe; an unnamed juvenile colt by Pleasantly Perfect; a yearling colt by Tapit; and a 2009 filly by Arch.

Beyond this first generation, Social Queen's tail-female line appears to have survived in a state of obscurity for a very long time. Her only important close relative is Grade 1-winning gelding Perfect Drift, Dynaformer's richest offspring who bankrolled \$4,714,213 during eight racing seasons. He is out of Social Queen's third dam, the Naskra mare Nice Gal.

Farther back, our subject's extended family continued to be relatively lacking in superior runners throughout most of the 20th century.

And yet, Social Queen traces back to one of America's oldest surviving female families (family number 12-b). Her 28th dam, \*Diana (or Duchess), by the Cullen Arabian was imported in 1763 to Virginia, where she would be credited with forging one of this country's most influential 19th century tribes. Her descendants include racing greats, such as Lexington, Salvator, and Commando.

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Social Queen, b.,m., 2004				
Dynaformer 85 1034 fls, 101 SWs SI 2.33 DI=1.64	Roberto 69 7 wins, \$332,272 Champion 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	<b>Hail to Reason 58</b> 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	*Turn-to 51	*Royal Charger 42 *Source Sucree 40
	Andover Way 78 9 wins, \$372,471, SW 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	Bramalea 59 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.92	Nothirdchance 48	Blue Swords 40 Galla Colors 43
		His Majesty 68 640 fls, 59 SWs SI 2.33 DI=0.77	Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
Gal On the Go 98 3 fls, 1 SW DI=3.67	Irgun 91 3 wins, \$476,975, SW 416 fls, 7 SWs SI 0.61 DI=2.40	On the Trail 64 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=5.86	Rarelea 49	*Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanella (Ity) 43
		Sunny's Halo 80 989 fls, 39 SWs SI 1.02 DI=2.20	*Ribot 52	*Aliothai 38 Flower Bed 46
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sents her sire's second daughter to capture the Gallorette, following Film Maker in 2005.

Earlier this month, Dynaformer reached the milestone of having sired 100 individual stakes winners. The ultra-consistent Roberto stallion is also represented this season by Grade 3 winner Gozzip Girl and Americain, winner of the Prix Vicomtesse Vigier (Fr-G2) on May 17 at Longchamp.

Of note, good things seem to occur when the blood of Roberto is crossed with that of Naskra. Besides Perfect Drift and Social Queen, Naskra appears in the pedigrees of the dams of Dynaformer's sons Mystery Giver, a Grade 2 winner and career earner of \$1,244,715, and Grade 1 winner Purim. Monarchos and Strong Contender also carry this cross.

Social Queen is one of a shrinking number of American Thoroughbreds whose pedigrees are completely free of the dominant male lines of Northern Dancer, Mr. Prospector, and Seattle Slew.

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