



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Sunland Derby winner bred on a proven cross

by Rommy Faversham

Undeterred by inexperience, WinStar Farms' Endorsement provided a bold and decisive case for his possible inclusion in this year's Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) as the three-year-old Distorted Humor colt challenged and then drew clear of pace-maker and unbeaten favorite Conveyance en route to a three-length victory in the \$800,000 Sunland Derby (G3) on March 28.



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ENDORSEMENT

Endorsement entered off a powerful 2½-length score in a 1½-mile maiden special weight race at Oaklawn Park on February 20. His career mark now stands at two wins and one second from four starts and earnings of \$430,383.

Bred in Kentucky by Kilroy Thoroughbred Partnership, the chestnut colt was a \$450,000 purchase by Maverick Racing at the 2008 Keeneland September yearling sale.

During three seasons of racing, Endorsement's dam, the A.P. Indy mare Charmed Gift, won four times at distances ranging from one mile to 1½ miles. She was second in Grade 3 races twice at age three, both times to subsequent Grade 1 winner Take Charge Lady.

Charmed Gift also is the dam of 2009 Derby Mexicano winner Visoso, by Fusaichi Pegasus. Among her most recent foals is a yearling full brother to Endorsement.

Our subject's second dam, Argentina's 1992 two-year-old champion filly Potridee (Arg), was imported to the U.S., where she captured the 1994 Vanity Invitational Handicap (G1) and later was third to Hatoof and Flawlessly in that year's running of the Beverly D. Stakes (G1).

This is a clan that continues to issue high-class runners on both

Run at 1½ miles, the rich Sunland Park event realized a significant rise in prominence this year after it was granted Grade 3 status and became the first graded Thoroughbred stakes race in New Mexico history. As a result, the lion's share (50%) of the purse assures Endorsement of a spot in the starting gate for the Kentucky Derby on May 1 should his connections choose to send him there.

Endorsement ch. c., 2007

Distorted Humor 93 859 fls, 85 SWs SI 2.47 DI=2.30	Forty Niner 85 11 wins, \$2,726,000 Champion 873 fls, 57 SWs SI 2.09 DI=2.63	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
		File 76 11 fls, 1 SW DI=1.38	Gold Digger 62 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Danzig 77 1074 fls, 201 SWs SI 5.30 DI=4.71	Tom Rolfe 62 *Ribot 52 Pocahontas 55
Charmed Gift 99 4 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.25	Danzig's Beauty 87 3 wins, \$205,806, SW 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.44	Sweetest Chant 78 11 fls, 1 SW DI=4.60	Continue 58 Double Jay 44 Courtsey 52
		Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1027 fls, 131 SWs SI 3.96 DI=2.54	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Pas de Nom 68 Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52
	Potridee (Arg) 89 7 wins, \$557,344 Champion 4 fls, 0 SWs DI=4.00	=Potrillazo (Arg) 82 445 fls, 32 SWs SI 1.73 DI=7.00	Mr. Leader 66 Hail to Reason 58 Jolie Deja 54
		=Chaldee (Arg) 78 13 fls, 6 SWs DI=5.00	Sailor 52 Gay Rig 56
			Gay Sonnet 69
			Bold Reasoning 68 Reason to Earn 63
			My Charmer 69 Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
			Secretariat 70 Bold Ruler 54
			Lassie Dear 74 Somethingroyal 52
			Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
			=Ahmad (Arg) 75 Good Manners 66 =Azade (Arg) 57
			=Azalee (Arg) 76 =Tropical Sun (Arg) 68 =Akinos (Arg) 67
			Banner Sport 70 Raise a Native 61 La Dauphine 57
			=Gevar (Arg) 71 =Right of Way (GB) 57 =Zaris (Arg) 63

sides of the equator. Indeed, Potridee can claim a trio of Argentine Group 1-winning full sisters who have, in turn, produced graded or group stakes winners.

This is the immediate family of multiple Grade 2-winning long distance specialist T. H. Approval and Grade 3 winner Melhor Ainda, who finished second in the 2005 American Invitational Oaks (G1) and third that year in the Beverly D.

Endorsement hails from the eighth crop of the influential Forty Niner stallion Distorted Humor, who already has distinguished himself with Seattle Slew-line mares as the sire of 2003 dual classic winner and champion three-year-old male Funny Cide.

More recently, Distorted Humor's cross with daughters of A.P. Indy has yielded Grade 1 winner Any Given Saturday and Grade 3 winner Z Humor, Kentucky Derby starters in 2007 and '08, respectively.

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