



Get Serious reaffirms his affinity for Monmouth turf course

by Rommy Faversham

After wresting the lead from multiple Grade 1 winner and race favorite Presious Passion, Get Serious extended his advantage around the far turn and then repelled a late charge from runner-up Roman Tiger to score a commanding 1¼-length victory in the \$255,000 Monmouth Stakes (G3) on June 12.

Sent off as the 7-to-1 fifth choice in the field of nine, the six-year-old City Zip gelding completed 1½ miles in 1:47.11 on firm turf.



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from 27 career starts and earnings of \$740,691.

Bred in New York by Morgan's Ford Farm, the chestnut gelding fetched \$130,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic Eastern fall yearling sale.

Get Serious hails from the second crop of City Zip and currently ranks as his sire's highest earner.

Last Saturday proved especially rewarding for City Zip as little more than an hour before the Monmouth Stakes, three-year-old Gleam of Hope surged from last to first to win the Jefferson Cup Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs.

It is worth noting the remarkable proportion of the Carson City stallion's best runners who share his chestnut coat. To date, seven of his nine graded stakes winners and 21 of his 26 total stakes winners are chestnuts. As a general rule, contemporary chestnut stallions sire slightly less than 50% chestnut offspring.

Get Serious is one of five winners from seven starters out of the

Get Serious improved to eight victories from ten starts on the Monmouth turf course. Last year, he captured the one-mile Elkwood and Battlefield Stakes, each in course-record time. Later in the season, he won his first graded stakes, the Red Bank Stakes (G3), also at a mile on the grass at Monmouth.

A winner of five of his last six starts, Get Serious has 11 wins

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City Zip 98 402 fls, 26 SWs SI 1.79 DI=5.77	Carson City 87 6 wins, \$306,240, SW 1025 fls, 98 SWs SI 2.03 DI=2.86	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	Baby Zip 91 4 wins, \$60,395, SW 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.71	Blushing Promise 82 1 fl, 1 SW DI=1.71	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
Java Gal 93 7 fls, 1 SW DI=1.17	Java Gold 84 9 wins, \$1,908,832, SW 357 fls, 20 SWs SI 1.32 DI=1.04	Relaunch 76 725 fls, 89 SWs SI 3.05 DI=3.00	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74	Red God 54 RunawayBride (GB) 62
	Why Me Lord 74 1 win, \$3,613 13 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Thirty Zip 83 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.57	Summertime Promise 72	Nijinsky II 67 Prides Promise 66
Key to the Mint 69 626 fls, 48 SWs SI 2.58 DI=0.59	Javamine 73 3 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.11	In Reality 64	Foggy Note 65	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57
	Bold Reasoning 68 61 fls, 10 SWs SI 4.95 DI=3.80	Tomorrowland 70 6 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.60	Tri Jet 69	The Ave II 58 Silver Song 57
Reason to Earn 63 Hail to Reason 58 Sailing Home 48	*Pappa Fourway 52	Sailaway 76	Graustark 63	Jester 55 Haze 53
	Gleam 52	*Tournoi 45 Flaring Top 47	Key Bridge 59	*Hawaii 64 Quick Wit 56
*Pappa Fourway 52	*Tournoi 45 Flaring Top 47	Dusky Evening 67	Key Bridge 59	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52
			Nijinsky II 67	*Princequillo 40 Blue Banner 52
			Reason to Earn 63	Northern Dancer 61 Flaming Page 59
			*Pappa Fourway 52	Tim Tam 55 Home by Dark 59
			Gleam 52	Bold Ruler 54 Alanesian 54
				Hail to Reason 58 Sailing Home 48
				=Pappageno II (Fr) 35 =Oola Hills (Ire) 45
				*Tournoi 45 Flaring Top 47

winning Java Gold mare Java Gal, a half sister to Allez Milord, by Tom Rolfe, winner of the 1986 Puma Europa Preis (Ger-G1) and '87 Oak Tree Invitational Handicap (G1) and later a sire in Japan.

Java Gal also is the dam of stakes-placed winner Java Warrior, by Cape Town, and a yearling Rahy colt.

Further back, the family includes Grade 1 winner Royal Ski, by Raja Baba, also a sire in Japan.

Perhaps, the most interesting aspect of Get Serious' pedigree is the relationship between his tail-female line and closest pattern of inbreeding. In particular, his fifth dam, Flaring Top, also serves as the grandam of breed-shaping sire Nijinsky II, to whom our subject is inbred 5x4.

As such, what looks like inbreeding to Nijinsky II is really inbreeding to the family of Nijinsky II. Good stuff.

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