



Grade 3 winner It's Tea Time well served by cross of full sisters

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Rainy conditions at Saratoga Race Course necessitated moving the \$135,000 Woodford Reserve Lake Placid Stakes (G3) from the turf to the sealed and sloppy main track on Sunday, resulting in the paring of its original field of six down to only three.

Taking full advantage of the opportunity to record her first stakes victory was It's Tea Time, a three-year-old Dynaformer filly who certainly appeared to relish the off-going as she splashed off to a 7¼-length victory, covering 1½ miles in 1:54.52.

Her best prior effort in stakes company was in April in the Central Bank Ashland Stakes (G1) on the synthetic Polytrack surface at Keeneland Race Course, where she ran second by a neck to Evening Jewel.



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It's Tea Time has won three times and finished second twice from seven lifetime starts and earned \$242,397. She hails from the 17th crop of Three Chimneys Farm's flagship stallion Dynaformer and is the latest of her sire's 52 graded or group stakes winners.

IT'S TEA TIME

The venerable, yet fertile, 25-year old Dynaformer continues to build his case as the most accomplished among Roberto's top sons at stud in the U.S., a list that includes the deceased sires Kris S., Lear Fan, Red Ransom, and Silver Hawk.

From 35 foals of racing age, Dynaformer has sired four stakes winners (11%) out of Storm Cat mares, including this year's American Oaks Stakes (G1) winner Harmonious, who finished second to Evening Jewel on August 21 in the Del Mar Oaks (G1).

It's Tea Time was bred in Kentucky by owner Alex G. Campbell Jr., who also bred her dam. She is one of two winners from three starters out of the Storm Cat mare Prof. McGonagall, a winner at ages three and four. Prof. McGonagall is a half sister to Grade 3 winner and sire Kukulcan, by Cox's Ridge.

Campbell purchased It's Tea Time's second dam, Rootentootenwooten, at the 1988 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of selected yearlings

It's Tea Time, b. f., 2007				
Dynaformer 85 1127 fls, 119 SWs SI 2.38 DI=1.64	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 Sucee 40
		Bramalea 59 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.92	Nothirdchance 48	Blue Swords 40 Galla Colors 43
	Andover Way 78 9 wins, \$372,471, SW 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	His Majesty 68 640 fls, 59 SWs SI 2.33 DI=0.77	Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
Prof. McGonagall 00 3 fls, 1 SW DI=2.33		On the Trail 64 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=5.86	Rarelea 49	Bull Lea 35 Bleebook 41
	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1403 fls, 176 SWs SI 3.92 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	*Ribot 52	=Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanella (Ity) 43
	Rootentootenwooten 87 3 wins, \$181,884, SW 11 fls, 1 SW DI=1.31	Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Flower Bowl 52	*Allihai 38 Flower Bed 46
	Diesis (GB) 80 1037 fls, 90 SWs SI 2.39 DI=0.87	On the Trail 64 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=5.86	Olympia 46	*Heliopolis 36 Miss Dolphin 34
	Bold Flora 74 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.33	Northern Dancer 61	Golden Trail 58	Hasty Road 51 Sunny Vale 46
		Secretariat 70		Nearctic 54 Natalima 57
		Crimson Saint 69	Sharpen Up (GB) 69	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
		Floral Park 53	Doubly Sure (GB) 71	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Bold Favorite 65	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
				Atan 61 =Rocchetta (GB) 61
				=Reliance II (Fr) 62 =Soft Angels (GB) 63
				Bold Ruler 54 *Favorecida II 50
				*Allihai 38 Flower Bed 46

for \$220,000. A year later, she rewarded her connections with a victory in the Demoiselle Stakes (G1).

It's Tea Time's fourth dam, stakes winner Floral Park, is a full sister to Flower Bowl, winner of the 1956 Delaware and Ladies Handicaps. A truly influential matron, Flower Bowl produced Racing Hall of Fame filly Bowl of Flowers and foaled full brothers and breed-shaping sires Graustark and His Majesty, the latter of which is Dynaformer's broodmare sire.

As such, our subject's pedigree features the novel 4x4 sister tandem of Flower Bowl and Floral Park—a valuable pattern of inbreeding to their tail-female line and one that traces back to It's Tea Time's sixth dam, the *Mahmoud mare *Boudoir II, who initiated this distinguished American tribe with her importation during World War II.

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