



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Uncle Mo pours it on in Champagne Stakes romp

by Rommy Faversham

Repole Stable's Uncle Mo established himself as a leading contender in the juvenile male division with a resounding 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length victory in the 139th running of the Champagne Stakes (G1) on October 10 at Belmont Park.

The robust Indian Charlie colt was clocked in 1 :34.51 for the one-turn mile—the fastest time since Devil's Bag, a subsequent juvenile champion, set the stakes record (1:34.20) in 1983.

Inaugurated in 1867, the Champagne remains the longest-running stakes for two-year olds in North America.

Uncle Mo was sent off as the prohibitive 1-to-5 favorite, a valuation based largely on the colt's maiden debut at Saratoga Race Course, when he turned in one of the most impressive per-



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UNCLE MO

formances by a two-year old this summer, bounding off by 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths in a maiden special weight race on the Travers Stakes (G1) undercard on August 28.

Bred in Kentucky by D. Michael Cavey D.V.M., Uncle Mo was a \$220,000 purchase at the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale. His name is sports slang for "momentum," an invaluable asset this colt now enjoys as he prepares for the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) on November 6 at Churchill Downs.

Uncle Mo descends from a relatively quiet branch of a once highly influential American family (#8-c) originally developed by premier breeders James R. Keene and Harry Payne Whitney. As such, our subject already has become the most accomplished descendant under his first seven dams.

Uncle Mo is one of three winners from as many starters out of the Arch mare Playa Maya, who won three of her six starts at ages three and four when she also achieved minor stakes-placings.

Playa Maya's dam, Dixie Slippers, is a half sister to Grade 3 winner Woods of Windsor.

Uncle Mo, b. c., 2008

Indian Charlie 95 608 fs, 51 SWs SI 2.27 DI=2.43	In Excess (Ire) 87 11 wins, \$1,736,733, SW 896 fs, 62 SWs SI 2.21 DI=5.00	Siberian Express 81 308 fs, 12 SWs SI 1.08 DI=2.05	Caro (Ire) 67	=Fortino II (Fr) 59 =Chambord (GB) 55 Warfare 57 La Morlaye 58
		=Kantado (Ire) 76 13 fs, 1 SW DI=7.00	=Saulingo (GB) 70	=Sing Sing (GB) 57 =Saulisa (GB) 63 =Vilmorin (GB) 43 =Dotterel (GB) 51
	Soviet Sojourn 89 3 wins, \$270,110, SW 10 fs, 1 SW DI=2.29	Leo Castelli 84 405 fs, 25 SWs SI 1.05 DI=6.56	=Vi (GB) 60	Northern Dancer 61 Bold Princess 60 Raise a Native 61 Be Suspicious 63 Nashua 52 Jandy 49
Playa Maya 00 3 fs, 1 SW DI=1.93	Arch 95 5 wins, \$480,969, SW 489 fs, 26 SWs SI 1.83 DI=1.90	Political Parfait 84 12 fs, 1 SW DI=1.55	Sovereign Dancer 75	Creme de la Creme 63 Slipping Round 70
		Kris S. 77 839 fs, 93 SWs SI 3.04 DI=1.60	Suspicious Native 72	Hail to Reason 58 Bramalea 59
	Dixie Slippers 95 3 wins, \$41,620 1 fl, 0 SWs DI=5.00	Aurora 88 10 fs, 4 SWs DI=3.16	Diplomat Way 64	Sharp Queen 65
		Dixieland Band 80 1272 fs, 117 SWs SI 2.30 DI=3.50	Danzig 77	Northern Dancer 61 Pas de Nom 68
		Cyane's Slippers 83 11 fs, 1 SW DI=5.40	Althea 81	Alydar 75 Courtly Dee 68
			Hot Slippers 74	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 Delta Judge 60 Sand Buggy 63 *Turn-to 51 Your Game 48 Rollicking 67 Miss Fairfield 62

Uncle Mo hails from the ninth crop of popular Airdrie Stud stallion Indian Charlie, who also has been represented in 2010 by multiple Grade 3 winner Conveyance.

Indian Charlie has done particularly well with mares carrying the blood of Hail to Reason, a key ancestor who, not coincidentally, descends from the same family as the former's broodmare sire Leo Castelli. Specifically, Hail to Reason's 1951 Acorn Stakes-winning dam Nothirdchance also serves as the third dam of Leo Castelli.

So far, the Hail to Reason line appears in the pedigrees of four of Indian Charlie's ten American graded stakes winners (40%), almost twice the frequency observed in the general broodmare population.

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Champagne Stakes winners inducted into the Racing Hall of Fame

Year	Champion	Year	Champion
1988	Easy Goer	1942	Count Fleet
1978	Spectacular Bid	1941	Alsab
1977	Alydar	1923	Sarazen
1976	Seattle Slew	1920	Grey Lag
1974	Foolish Pleasure	1907	Colin
1971	Riva Ridge	1895	Ben Brush
1965	Buckpasser		