



PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

Comely Stakes no sweat for cleverly bred Hot Summer

Well positioned throughout, Hot Summer rallied along the rail before drawing away in the stretch to score an impressive 2¼-length win in the \$150,000 Comely Stakes (G3) on April 9 at Aqueduct.

Sent off as the 6-to-1 fourth betting choice in a field of seven three-year old fillies, Hot Summer completed the one-mile distance in 1:35.58 on a main track rated as fast.

The Comely was the Malibu Moon filly's first stakes victory and boosted her lifetime record to three wins from five starts and earnings of \$158,200.

Bred in Virginia by Lazy Lane Farms, the bay filly was purchased by her current owner, Harold L. Queen, for \$180,000 at the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Hot Summer hails from the eighth crop of the A.P. Indy stallion Malibu Moon and is one of her sire's 17 graded or group stakes winners, 12 of which are fillies.

The cross of recently pensioned breed-shaping sire A.P. Indy with Quiet American mares already has yielded 2006 champion three-year old male and sire Bernardini and current Triple Crown hopeful Astrology.

Hot Summer is the youngest of three winners from as many starters out of the Quiet American mare Summer Delight, a winner at two through four and stakes-placed at three.

Summer Delight also is the dam of Southwest, a multiple stakes-placed winner by Cozzene. The mare died earlier this season after



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HOT SUMMER

Hot Summer, dk. b. or br. f., 2008

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| Malibu Moon 97 738 fls, 51 SWs SI 1.81 DI=3.00 | A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1099 fls, 136 SWs SI 3.83 DI=2.54 | Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14 | Bold Reasoning 68 | Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63 |
| | | Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64 | My Charmer 69 | Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59 |
| | | Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95 | Secretariat 70 | Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52 |
| | Macoumba 92 3 wins, \$196,738, SW 10 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.38 | Maximova (Fr) 80 12 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.82 | Lassie Dear 74 | Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67 |
| | | | Raise a Native 61 | Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 |
| | | | Gold Digger 62 | Nashua 52 Sequence 46 |
| | | | Green Dancer 72 | Njinsky II 67 *Green Valley II 67 |
| | | | Baracala 72 | Swaps 52 Seximee 66 |
| Summer Delight 99 3 fls, 1 SW DI=3.25 | Quiet American 86 4 wins, \$754,650, SW 829 fls, 54 SWs SI 1.60 DI=4.40 | Fappiano 77 410 fls, 48 SWs SI 4.79 DI=4.78 | Mr. Prospector 70 | Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 |
| | | Demure 77 16 fls, 2 SWs DI=5.00 | Killaloe 70 | Dr. Fager 74 Grand Splendor 62 |
| | | Summer Squall 87 335 fls, 37 SWs SI 2.27 DI=3.00 | Dr. Fager 64 | Rough'n Tumble 48 Aspidistra 54 |
| | Cap Rouge 93 Placed, \$10,965 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.77 | Key to the Bridge 84 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.42 | Quiet Charm 71 | Nearctic 54 Cequillo 56 |
| | | | Storm Bird 78 | Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67 |
| | | | Weekend Surprise 80 | Secretariat 70 Lassie Dear 74 |
| | | | Key to the Mint 69 | Graustark 63 Key Bridge 59 |
| | | | Toll Booth 71 | Buckpasser 63 Missy Baba 58 |

foaling a full brother to Hot Summer.

Key to the Bridge, Hot Summer's Grade 3-winning third dam is a full sister to 1980 champion sprinter and sire Plugged Nickle and the dam of Grade 2 winner Islefaxyou.

Another highly valuable matron is Hot Summer's fourth dam, 1991 Broodmare of the Year Toll Booth, the dam of seven stakes winners, including Grade 1 winner Christicat.

Particularly intriguing, Hot Summer's tail-female line demonstrates reinforcement at two generational levels.

At the core, her fifth dam, the Foundation Mare Missy Baba, also serves as fourth dam of the half brothers A.P. Indy and Summer Squall, our subject's sire and the sire of her grandam. This cross, in turn, creates 3x4 inbreeding to their common dam, 1992 Broodmare of the Year Weekend Surprise, a great granddaughter of Missy Baba.

Different variations of inbreeding to the family of A.P. Indy are appearing in the pedigrees of a growing number of successful runners.

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