



PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

Plum Pretty reaps the fruits of victory in Kentucky Oaks

Proving her 25-length victory in the Sunland Park Oaks was no fluke, Plum Pretty made all the right moves to score a neck triumph in the Kentucky Oaks (G1) on May 6 at Churchill Downs.

The bay Pennsylvania-bred Medaglia d'Oro filly failed twice as a yearling to meet her reserve before being purchased by John Fort's Peachtree Stable for \$130,000 at last year's Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. March sale of selected two-year-olds in training.



PLUM PRETTY

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She is the second winner from four starters out of the A.P. Indy mare

Liszy, who was unplaced in two starts as a three-year-old.

Liszy is a half sister to the New Mexico stallion Gold Case, by Forty Niner, an unbeaten two-time juvenile stakes winner in Louisiana prior to a career-ending injury.

The most remarkable aspect of Plum Pretty's family tree is the similarity in the breeding of her two parents.

Both Cappuccino Bay, dam of Medaglia d'Oro, and Plum Pretty's second dam, Silent Account, are stakes-winning daughters of a Damascus stallion out of a Silent Screen mare. Add to

Plum Pretty, b. f., 2008				
Medaglia d'Oro 99 400 fls, 25 SWs SI 2.64 DI=1.36	El Prado (Ire) 89 4 wins, \$236,987 Champion 952 fls, 82 SWs SI 2.11 DI=1.42	Sadler's Wells 81 2189 fls, 324 SWs SI 3.89 DI=2.82	Northern Dancer 61 Fairy Bridge 75	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 Bold Reason 68 Special 69
	Cappuccino Bay 89 5 wins, \$164,433, SW 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.77	Lady Capulet 74 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Sir Ivor 65 Cap and Bells 58	Sir Gaylord 59 Attica 53 Tom Fool 49 Ghazni 42
	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1100 fls, 137 SWs SI 3.83 DI=2.54	Bailjumper 74 406 fls, 17 SWs SI 0.99 DI=5.00	Damascus 64 Court Circuit 64	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58 *Royal Vale 48 Cycle 58
Liszy 00 4 fls, 1 SW DI=2.82	Silent Account 83 10 wins, \$480,475, SW 11 fls, 1 SW DI=2.73	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Silent Screen 67 Society Singer 68	Prince John 53 Prayer Bell 54 Restless Wind 56 Social Position 64
	Private Account 76 589 fls, 61 SWs SI 4.00 DI=3.00	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63 Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
	Ciao 74 12 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.27	Secretariat 70 Lassie Dear 74	Secretariat 70 Lassie Dear 74	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52 Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
			Damascus 64 Numbered Account 69	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58 Buckpasser 63 Intriguing 64
			Silent Screen 67 Ave Valeque 65	Prince John 53 Prayer Bell 54 Bold Ruler 54 Pillow Talk 54

the mix the relationship between Medaglia d'Oro and Silent Screen, descendants of the same extended family.

This uncommon cross of Damascus over Silent Screen also appears in the pedigree of Silent Account's full brother, 1989 Arlington-Washington Futurity (G1) winner and sire Secret Hello.

Kentucky Oaks winners in Racing Hall of Fame

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1999	Silverbulletday	1968	Dark Mirage
1983	Princess Rooney	1962	Cicada
1980	Bold 'n Determined	1952	Real Delight
1979	Davona Dale	1924	Princess Doreen
1972	Susan's Girl		

In a bit of sheer but fascinating coincidence, Silent Account's biggest victory, the 1985 Alcibiades Stakes (G2), is a race named after 1930 Kentucky Oaks heroine and key matriarch Alcibiades, who also happens to serve as Plum Pretty's seventh dam.

Plum Pretty's immediate family, anchored by her stakes-winning third dam, Ciao, also has produced English group stakes winner and sire Hadif, 2008 Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G1) winner Monba, and multiple Grade 3 winner Conveyance.

Plum Pretty hails from the third crop of the Darley stallion Medaglia d'Oro, who continues to distinguish himself particularly as a sire of outstanding fillies. So far, nine of his first 12 graded stakes winners are female.

Plum Pretty is her sire's second Kentucky Oaks winner following 2009 victor and Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra.

Her pedigree also features a 5x4 cross of the half brothers Sir Gaylord and Secretariat, leading to the valuable duplication of their common dam, Somethingroyal.

Certainly, a bountiful Plum tree.

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