



# PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

## Stay Thirsty earns some indulgence with winning Gotham effort

On March 5, Stay Thirsty made the most of his three-year old debut, racking up his first stakes victory as he drew off to a 3/4-length victory in the 1/16-mile Gotham Stakes (G3) at Aqueduct.

Last season, the colt's best effort was a creditable runner-up performance to Boys At Tosconova in the Three Chimneys Hopeful



Stakes (G1). In his final start at age two, he finished fifth, 14 1/2 lengths behind stablemate and subsequent two-year-old male champion Uncle Mo in the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) at Churchill Downs.

Bred in Kentucky by John D. Gunther and John Darren

### STAY THIRSTY

Gunther, the dark bay or brown Bernardini colt was a \$500,000 purchase at the 2010 Fasig-Tipton Calder sale of selected two-year-olds in training.

Stay Thirsty might have been overmatched against Uncle Mo in the Breeders' Cup, but now he has a bit of an advantage over the more celebrated colt, as far as his Derby-friendly pedigree is concerned.

Stay Thirsty's female family, much of it developed by famed King Ranch of Texas, is rich with classic influences.

He is the youngest of seven winners from as many starters out of the winning Storm Bird mare Marozia, also the dam of the stakes-winning full brothers Superfly and Andromeda's Hero, by Fusaichi Pegasus, the latter a runner-up to Afleet Alex in the 2005 Belmont Stakes (G1).

Stay Thirsty's stakes-winning grandam, Make Change, by Roberto, was Grade 1-placed on eight occasions.

The sires of his second, third, fourth and fifth dams all were classic winners, while his fifth dam, Equal Venture, was a full sister to 1946 Triple Crown winner Assault.

The matrilineal icing on the cake: Stay Thirsty's eighth dam Masda was a full sister to the great Man o' War.

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### Stay Thirsty, dk. b. or br. c., 2008

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| Bernardini 03<br>183 fls, 5 SWs<br>SI 4.46 DI=3.19 | A.P. Indy 89<br>8 wins, \$5,959,630<br>Champion<br>1094 fls, 136 SWs<br>SI 3.84 DI=2.54 | Seattle Slew 74<br>1050 fls, 114 SWs<br>SI 4.76 DI=2.14          | Bold Reasoning 68   | Boldnesian 63<br>Reason to Earn 63            |
|  | Cara Rafaela 93<br>4 wins, \$884,452, SW<br>10 fls, 1 SW<br>DI=4.54                     | Weekend Surprise 80<br>14 fls, 4 SWs<br>DI=2.64                  | My Charmer 69       | Poker 63<br>Fair Charmer 59                   |
|  | Storm Bird 78<br>5 wins, \$177,244<br>Champion<br>681 fls, 63 SWs<br>SI 3.10 DI=3.25    | Quiet American 86<br>825 fls, 54 SWs<br>SI 1.60 DI=4.40          | Secretariat 70      | Bold Ruler 54<br>Somethingroyal 52            |
| Marozia 94<br>8 fls, 3 SWs<br>DI=1.73              | Oil Fable 86<br>13 fls, 2 SWs<br>DI=3.75  | Oil Fable 86<br>13 fls, 2 SWs<br>DI=3.75                         | Lassie Dear 74      | Buckpasser 63<br>Gay Missile 67               |
|  | Make Change 85<br>5 wins, \$506,338, SW<br>8 fls, 1 SW<br>DI=1.44                       | Roberto 69<br>500 fls, 85 SWs<br>SI 3.90 DI=2.50                 | Fappiano 77         | Mr. Prospector 70<br>Killaloe 70              |
|  | Equal Change 72<br>9 fls, 2 SWs<br>DI=0.82  | South Ocean 67<br>12 fls, 4 SWs<br>DI=1.00                       | Demure 77           | Dr. Fager 64<br>Quiet Charm 71                |
|  |   | <b>Northern Dancer 61</b><br>635 fls, 147 SWs<br>SI 5.82 DI=3.00 | Spectacular Bid 76  | Bold Bidder 62<br>Spectacular 70              |
|  |   | Roberto 69<br>500 fls, 85 SWs<br>SI 3.90 DI=2.50                 | Northern Fable 78   | <b>Northern Dancer 61</b><br>Fairway Fable 71 |
|  |   | Roberto 69<br>500 fls, 85 SWs<br>SI 3.90 DI=2.50                 | Nearctic 54         | =Nearco (Itly) 35<br>*Lady Angela 44          |
|  |   | Equal Change 72<br>9 fls, 2 SWs<br>DI=0.82                       | Natalma 57          | Native Dancer 50<br>Almahmoud 47              |
|  |   |  | New Providence 56   | Bull Page 47<br>*Fair Colleen 50              |
|  |   |  | Shining Sun 62      | Chop Chop 40<br>Solar Display 51              |
|  |   |  | Hail to Reason 58   | *Turn to 51<br>Nothridchance 48               |
|  |   |  | Bramalea 59         | Nashua 52<br>Rarelea 49                       |
|  |   |  | Arts and Letters 66 | *Ribot 52<br>All Beautiful 59                 |
|  |   |  | Fairness 63         | *Cavan 55<br>Equal Venture 53                 |

Stay Thirsty hails from the first crop of 2006 Preakness Stakes (G1) winner and champion three-year-old male Bernardini, by A.P. Indy

Having supplanted even his own breed-shaping sire to become a very popular choice as first mate for racing's darling Zenyatta, Bernardini could go on to rock star status if he can strike gold with his first set of classic hopefuls. So far, he is primarily represented by Stay Thirsty and highly regarded multiple Grade 2 winner To Serve and Honor.

Bernardini's dam, Cara Rafaela, was a Grade 1 winner at two when, perhaps with a little better racing luck, she might have earned two-year-old champion filly honors.

Stay Thirsty's intuitive title is a useful reminder of that essential element within a three-year old's character as horse and handler pursue that ever so coveted blanket of roses.

Stay Thirsty, my friend.

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