



## Toocleverforwards delivers victory in Stage Door Betty

by Rommy Faversham

Stalking the early pace, Toocleverforwards rallied through the stretch to collar longshot Joanie's Catch inside the eighth pole en route to an impressive one-length victory in the \$100,000 Stage Door Betty Handicap (G3) on New Year's Day at Calder Race Course.

It was the third consecutive victory and first graded stakes triumph for the five-year-old Arch mare.



Jim Lisa photo

Sent off as the 3.40-to-1 second choice in a field of 11 fillies and mares, Toocleverforwards covered 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  miles in 1:47.39 on a track rated as fast.

### TOOCLEVERFORWORDS

The dark bay or brown mare entered off a smart 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -length victory in the Cinnamon Girl Stakes at a mile and 70 yards on October 16 at the Miami track. Her record improved to five wins from 15 lifetime starts and \$201,308 in earnings. Bred in Kentucky by Hermitage Farm and Walter Freeman, Toocleverforwards was a \$120,000 purchase at the 2007 Keeneland September yearling sale.

She is one of two winners from four starters out of the unraced Dixieland Band mare Sherry Elizabeth, who also has produced a juvenile filly by Macho Uno and a yearling colt by Orientate.

Sherry Elizabeth is a half sister to multiple stakes winners Patsyprospect, by Personal Flag, and Terreavigne, by Belong to Me.

Toocleverforwards' third dam, Liza Star, produced 1982 Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2) winner Star Gallant.

Our subject's extended American family was developed by the distinguished early 20th century horseman Col. E.R. Bradley, who imported Toocleverforwards' seventh dam, \*Vaila, from England in 1915.

### Toocleverforwards, dk. b. or br. m, 2006

Arch 95 520 fls, 28 SWs SI 2.08 DI=1.90	Kris S. 77 3 wins, \$53,350, SW 839 fls, 93 SWs SI 3.04 DI=1.60	Roberto 69 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48
		Sharp Queen 65 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.13	*Princequillo 40	=Prince Rose (GB) 28 *Cosquilla 33
Aurora 88 7 wins, \$285,236, SW 10 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.16	Danzig 77 1074 fls, 202 SWs SI 5.30 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54
			Althea 81 5 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.85	Pas de Nom 68
Sherry Elizabeth 01 4 fls, 1 SW DI=4.00	Im a Star Prospect 85 Unraced 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=5.40	Mississippi Mud 73 11 fls, 1 SW DI=2.14	Courtly Dee 68	Raise a Native 61 Sweet Tooth 65
			Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61
Liza Star 73 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.62	Liza Star 73 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.62	Delta Judge 60	Natalma 57	Natalma 57
			Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
Impish Lynn 54	Impish Lynn 54	Bold Hitter 66	Sand Buggy 63	Almahoud 47
			Ripsey 43 Boys I'm It 36	Traffic Judge 52 Beautilion 53
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A true blue hen for Bradley's legendary Idle Hour Stock Farm, \*Vaila issued a total of five stakes winners, including 1919 champion two-year-old filly Miss Jemima, and Blossom Time, dam of Racing Hall of Famer Blue Larkspur.

Toocleverforwards hails from the seventh crop of the increasingly fashionable Kris S. stallion Arch and represents the latest of her sire's 14 graded or group stakes winners.

Crossing Kris S. with a Dixieland Band mare previously generated 1999 Wood Memorial Stakes (G2) winner Adonis.

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