



# PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

## Frumious smokes 'em in Palos Verdes romp

Unbridled speed certainly was at a premium on January 21 as Frumious carved out blistering fractions only to expand his lead throughout the stretch en route to a commanding 5¼-length victory in the \$150,000 Palos Verdes Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita Park.

The Palos Verdes was the first stakes triumph for the six-year-old Grindstone gelding, who clearly relished the sealed main track labeled wet-fast. Sent off as the 6.30-to-1 fifth betting choice in a competitive field of six, Frumious covered six furlongs in a scorching 1:07.28.

Scorching, indeed. English literature buffs will note the word 'frumious' was created by famed Victorian author Lewis Carroll, who first used it in his 1871 poem *Jabberwocky* as a blend of fuming and furious.

The Palos Verdes was the third straight victory for Frumious, who could have been claimed for \$40,000 out of the first victory during the streak.

The lightly raced gelding now has won six of his 15 lifetime starts and earned \$259,192. He could be pointed to the \$2-million Dubai Golden Shaheen (UAE-G1) on March 31 at Meydan Racecourse.

Bred in California by JayArDee Stables, Frumious fetched \$17,000 at the 2007 Barretts Equine Ltd. January mixed sale. He is the first foal out of the unraced Gold Legend mare Eternal Legend, a \$10,000 purchase at the 2005 Keeneland November breeding stock sale while carrying Frumious.

Eternal Legend also is the dam of the three-year old Tribal Rule gelding Eternal Rule, who is unbeaten in three starts in Canada, including the 2011 Achievement Stakes at Woodbine.

Frumious' grandam, Eternal Search, was a 15-time stakes winner and three-time Canadian champion having been named

Frumious, dk. b. or br., g., 2006					
Grindstone 93 451 fls, 19 SWs SI 1.26 DI=3.36	Unbridled 87 8 wins, \$5,086,255 Champion 566 fls, 49 SWs SI 3.72 DI=1.70	Fappiano 77 410 fls, 48 SWs SI 4.79 DI=4.78	<b>Mr. Prospector 70</b>	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	
			Killaloe 70	Dr. Fager 64 Grand Splendor 62	
		Gana Facil 81 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.50	<b>*Le Fabuleux 61</b>	=Wild Risk (Fr) 40 =Anguar (Fr) 50	
	Buzz My Bell 81 3 wins, \$223,295, SW 11 fls, 3 SWs DI=4.78	Drone 66 592 fls, 54 SWs SI 2.32 DI=3.33	Sir Gaylord 59	In Reality 64 Magic 69	
		Chateaupavia 66 12 fls, 1 SW DI=1.46	Cap and Bells 58	*Turn-to 51 Somethingroyal 52	
			Chateaugay 60	Tom Fool 49 Ghazni 42	
Eternal Legend 01 3 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.64	Gold Legend 90 Unraced 402 fls, 20 SWs SI 1.11 DI=2.23	Glenpavia 54	Swaps 52 Banquet Bell 51		
			Pavot 42 Gaffery 46		
		Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63	
	Eternal Search 78 18 wins, \$642,177 Champion 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.40	Gold Beauty 79 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.71	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59	
		Northern Answer 66 401 fls, 13 SWs SI 1.20 DI=3.86	<b>Mr. Prospector 70</b>	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	
		Bon Debarras 75 11 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.90	Stick to Beauty 73	Illustrious 65 Hall to Beauty 69	
		Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57		
		Windy Answer 55	Windfields 43 Reply 51		
		Ruritania 69	Graustark 63 *Aiming High II 58		
		Chou Fleur 69	Victoria Park 57 Orchestra 61		

the country's top sprinter in 1981 and champion older female in 1982 and 1983.

Anchoring his immediate family is his third dam, the unraced mare Bon Debarras. She is ancestress to an eclectic array of international stakes winners, including 2004 Queen's Plate Stakes winner Niigon and 2004 Acorn Stakes (G1) winner Island Sand.

Like so many other flourishing North American female lines, Frumious' extended family was developed by premier Canadian horseman E. P. Taylor, who bred our subject's fourth and fifth dams.

Frumious hails from the tenth crop of the Unbridled stallion Grindstone and represents the latest of his sire's ten group or graded stakes winners headed, of course, by 2004 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner and classic-winning sire Birdstone.

The first horse since Bubbling Over in 1926 to be retired immediately following a victory in the Kentucky Derby (G1), Grindstone spent his first 13 years at stud in Kentucky at Overbrook Farm.

In 2009, he was transferred to Oakhurst Thoroughbreds in Newburg, Oregon, making him the first Kentucky Derby winner to ever stand in the Northwest. His 2012 stud fee is \$2,500.

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