



Ah Day's pedigree reveals a familiar pattern

by Rommy Faversham

Six-year-old gelding Ah Day delivered a sparkling last-to-first rally through the stretch at Aqueduct to record a head victory in the \$110,700 Toboggan Stakes (G3) on March 7.



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The win was the first graded stakes victory for the bay homebred, who returned to competition after a seven-month layoff.

Sent off as the 7.40-to-1 fourth choice in a field of nine, Ah Day's time for the six-furlong event was 1:10.28.

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The Toboggan was the Malibu Moon gelding's ninth career stakes victory and his 11th win overall in 24 starts. He has won from five furlongs to 1½ miles and his bankroll stands at \$764,574.

Ah Day was bred in Maryland by King Leatherbury, who also is his trainer and owner.

Ah Day is one of four winners from six starters out of the Thirty Eight Paces mare Endette, who also produced Due, by Rinka Das, the winner of the 2006 Maryland Million Classic Stakes.

Ah Day represents the first graded stakes winner from a daughter of the Nodouble stallion Thirty Eight Paces.

Neither of Ah Day's parents had successful racing careers. The exceptionally well-bred Malibu Moon won only once from two starts before an injury ended his career. Endette was winless in 14 starts in two seasons.

To her credit, Endette has two graded-stakes winning siblings. Her older full sister, Thirty Eight Go Go, won the Gardenia (G2) and Tempted (G3) Stakes as a juvenile and later retired as the richest member (\$871,229) of her North American family. Endette's older half sister Notches Trace, by Lord Gaylord, won the Betsy Ross Handicap (G3) at age five.

The top runner along Ah Day's tail-female line would be his third

Toboggan winners in the Racing Hall of Fame

Year(s) won	Horse
1965	Affectionately
1958	Bold Ruler
1943, '44	Devil Diver
1940, '41	Eight Thirty
1932	Equipoise
1905	Roseben

Ah Day, b. g., 2003

Malibu Moon 97 493 fs, 35 SWs SI 1.65 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 967 fs, 115 SWs SI 3.97 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fs, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
	Macoumba 92 3 wins, \$196,738, SW 8 fs, 0 SWs DI=3.38	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fs, 4 SWs DI=2.64	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
Endette 94 7 fs, 2 SWs DI=4.14	Thirty Eight Paces 78 11 wins, \$478,662, SW 307 fs, 13 SWs SI 0.89 DI=4.00	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fs, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
	Dronette 78 Unraced 10 fs, 2 SWs DI=4.78	Maximova (Fr) 80 12 fs, 5 SWs DI=1.82	Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
		Nodouble 65 631 fs, 91 SWs SI 2.34 DI=4.54	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
		Thirty Paces 73 9 fs, 1 SW DI=4.33	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Drone 66 592 fs, 54 SWs SI 2.32 DI=3.33	Green Dancer 72	Njinsky II 67 *Green Valley II 67
		Stacey d'Ette 69 3 fs, 1 SW DI=3.67	Baracala 72	Swaps 52 Seximee 66
			*Noholme II 56	=Star Kingdom (Ire) 46 =Oceana (Ire) 47
			Abla-Jay 55	Double Jay 44 Ablamucha 47
			Dancing Count 68	Northern Dancer 61 *Snow Court 57
			Bank Book Sadye 62	Bluu West 51 Sadye S. 56
			Sir Gaylord 59	*Turn-to 51 Somethingroyal 52
			Cap and Bells 58	Tom Fool 49 Ghazni 42
			*Pago Pago 60	=Matrice (Aus) 51 =Pompilia (Aus) 51
			Roger Ann 61	Hasty Road 51 Tubuai 51

dam, Stacey D'Ette, who registered an upset victory in the 1972 Comely Stakes at Aqueduct, fending off 1971 champion two-year-old filly Numbered Account by a nose.

This North American tribe (family number 9-f) traces back to Ah Day's sixth dam, *Jezebel II, by Pharos, who was imported to the United States during the early stages of World War II.

Ah Day hails from the third crop of Malibu Moon, an A.P. Indy stallion who stands for \$40,000 at Spendthrift Farm in Lexington.

Ah Day is another one of Malibu Moon's top offspring who demonstrates inbreeding to 1973 Broodmare of the Year Somethingroyal. Others include 2004 champion two-year-old male Declan's Moon and '06 Princess Rooney Handicap (G1) winner Malibu Mint.

One of Malibu Moon's key ancestors, A.P. Indy's influential dam, Weekend Surprise, is inbred 2x4 to Somethingroyal. As such, Ah Day's pedigree documents the return of this auspicious pattern.

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