



PEDIGREE PROFILE

D' Funnybone's family has abundance of stamina influences

by Rommy Faversham

After stalking the early pace, D' Funnybone grabbed the lead midway on the turn and then drew off without challenge to score a commanding 4¾-length victory in the 120th running of the Futurity Stakes (G2) on September 19 at Belmont Park.

Winner of the Saratoga Special Stakes (G2) by 10½ lengths on August 20 in his previous start, the two-year old D'wildcat colt was sent off in the Futurity as the prohibitive 0.45-to-1 favorite in the field of eight. His time for seven furlongs was 1:22.40 on a track rated as fast.

Bred in Florida by Harold J. Plumley, D' Funnybone was purchased privately by Paul P. Pompa Jr. after a solid runner-up effort in the Frank Gomez Memorial Stakes on July 11 at Calder Race Course.

With the Futurity victory, his record improved to three wins and a second from four lifetime starts and earnings of \$278,000.

The chestnut colt's next big contest is yet to be decided. Interestingly, over the past 25 years not a single winner of Belmont's prestigious



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D' FUNNYBONE

Upcoming stakes

Saturday

KENTUCKY CUP CLASSIC S. (G2), TP, \$200,000, 9f, 3&up.

GALLANT BLOOM H. (G2), Bel, \$150,000, 6.5f, 3&upf&m.

SELENE S. (CAN-G3), WO, \$230,750, 8.5f, 3yof.

BRITISH COLUMBIA OAKS (CAN-G3), Hst, \$117,300, 9f, 3yof.

KENTUCKY CUP SPRINT S. (G3), TP, \$100,000, 6f, 3yo.

KENTUCKY CUP DISTAFF S. (G3), TP, \$100,000, 8.5f, 3&upf&m.

Turf Amazon H., Pha, \$200,000, 5fT, 3&upf&m.

Monmouth Park NATC Futurity, Mth, \$200,000, 6f, 2yo.

Monmouth Park NATC Futurity (fillies), Mth, \$200,000, 6f, 2yof.

Maryland Million Classic S., Lrl, \$200,000, 9.5f, 3&up.

My Dandy Texas Stallion S., Ret, \$125,000, 6f, 2yoc&g.

Darby's Daughter S., Ret, \$125,000, 6f, 2yof.

Maryland Million Turf S., Lrl, \$125,000, 9fT, 3&up.

Maryland Million Ladies S., Lrl, \$125,000, 9fT, 3&upf&m.

Maryland Million Distaff H., Lrl, \$125,000, 7f, 3&upf&m.

Maryland Million Sprint H., Lrl, \$125,000, 6f, 3&up.

Maryland Million Turf Sprint H., Lrl, \$100,000, 5.5fT, 3&up.

Oklahoma Classics Day Classic S., RP, \$100,000, 8.5f, 3&up.

Fitz Dixon Jr. Memorial Juvenile S., PID, \$100,000, 6.5f, 2yo.

Presque Isle Debutante S., PID, \$100,000, 6f, 2yof.

HBP A S., PID, \$100,000, 8.32f, 3&upf&m.

Maryland Million Lassie S., Lrl, \$100,000, 7f, 2yof.

Maryland Million Nursery S., Lrl, \$100,000, 7f, 2yo.

Maryland Million Oaks, Lrl, \$100,000, 8f, 3yof.

Weekend Delight S., TP, \$75,000, 6f, 3&upf&m.

Gottstein Futurity, EmD, \$75,000, 8.5f, 2yo.

Judy's Red Shoes S., Crc, \$75,000, 8.5fT, 3yof.

Needles S., Crc, \$75,000, 8.5fT, 3yo.

Brave Raj S., Crc, \$75,000, 8.32f, 2yof.

Foolish Pleasure S., Crc, \$75,000, 8.32f, 2yo.

Las Madrinas H., Fpx, \$75,000, 8.5f, 3&upf&m.

Pomona Derby, Fpx, \$75,000, 8.5f, 3yo.

D' Funnybone, ch. c., 1998

D'wildcat 98 138 fls, 4 SWs SI 2.10 DI=4.33	Forest Wildcat 91 9 wins, \$478,862, SW 726 fls, 59 SWs SI 1.73 DI=4.71	Storm Cat 83 1352 fls, 172 SWs SI 4.02 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78	Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67	
		Victoria Beauty 72 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.29	Terlingua 76	Secretariat 70 Crimson Saint 69	
			Bold Native 65	Raise a Native 61 Spring Beauty 44	
Elbow 96 4 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.88	D'Enough 91 8 wins, \$117,548, Spl 7 fls, 1 SW DI=4.00	D'Accord 79 326 fls, 21 SWs SI 1.65 DI=3.00	Abifaith 64	*Seaneen 54 Sherry Jen 51	
		Enough Is Enough 83 7 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.31	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52	
			Fanfreliche 67	Northern Dancer 61 Ciboulette 61	
Elbow 96 4 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.88	Woodman 83 3 wins, \$28,045 Champion 1918 fls, 110 SWs SI 1.55 DI=3.31	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46	
		Playmate 75 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46	
			Buckpasser 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47	
			Intriguing 64	Swaps 52 Glamour 53	
		Elvia 84 1 win, \$29,885 15 fls, 1 SW DI=1.50	Roberto 69 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48
		Chain Bracelet 77 13 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.48		Bramalea 59	Nashua 52 Rarelea 49
			Lyphard 69	Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60	
			Chain 69	*Herbager 56 Continue 58	

Futurity Stakes has gone on to capture the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1).

Even though D' Funnybone hails from the sire line of a sprinter, he receives plenty of stamina influences from the bottom half of his pedigree.

He is one of three winners from as many starters out of the Woodman mare Elbow, a winner at age three of two races, including a Laurel Park allowance event at 1½ miles

Elbow also is the dam of the Polish Numbers filly Dr. Kathy, a stakes winner on turf and graded stakes-placed at two.

Elbow produced a colt by Pomeroy this year. She currently is in foal to the Forest Wildcat stallion Wildcat Heir.

The most celebrated member of D' Funnybone's immediate family is his third dam, 1981 Top Flight Handicap (G1) winner Chain Bracelet.

Further back, D' Funnybone traces in tail-female line to his sixth dam, Courtesy, who proved herself a Foundation Mare within the legendary confines of Claiborne Farm. Courtesy's daughter and D' Funnybone's fifth dam, Continue, would go on to become the grandam of champions Forty Niner and Swale.

D' Funnybone is from the third crop of the Forest Wildcat stallion D'wildcat and represents his sire's first graded stakes winner.

A Grade 1-winning sprinter at age four, D'wildcat stands at Vinery Ltd. in Summerfield, Florida.

Like his late sire before him, D'Wildcat figures to do particularly well with Mr. Prospector-line mares.

A key ancestor in this regard would be Forest Wildcat's broodmare sire, Bold Native, a close relative of Mr. Prospector. Both were sired by Raise a Native, and both are descendants of the influential matriarch Myrtlewood.

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