

Daveron improves to score third straight in Ballston Spa

by Rommy Faversham

Well placed throughout, Daveron (Ger) charged to the lead inside the sixteenth pole and drew off to a decisive 1³/₄-length victory in the \$200,000 Ballston Spa Stakes (G2) at Saratoga Race Course on August 27.

Seemingly overlooked at odds of 9-to-2, the six-year old German-bred mare completed the 1½-mile race in 1:40.09 on firm turf.

The six-year-old Black Sam Bellamy mare has rallied to win all three of her outings this year, starting with the Beaugay Stakes (G3) at Belmont Park in May.

In all, Daveron has won seven times from 16 lifetime starts, accruing \$457,642 in earnings.

Bred in Germany by Carlton Consultants Ltd., the petite chestnut was purchased at the 2006 Baden-Baden Sales Co. yearling sale for about \$128,120 (100,000 euros) by Team Valor International.

Daveron is the first foal out of the winning Acatenango mare Darwinia, a full sister to German group 3 winner Dalicia (Ger), who distinguished herself earlier this year as the dam of fellow Team Valor homebred and Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner Animal Kingdom, currently on the mend.

Daveron and her close relative Animal Kingdom share the same broodmare sire of note, Acatenango, a three-time Horse of the Year and four-time leading sire in Germany. Acatenango's tail male line traces back to Dark Ronald (1905), arguably the German Thoroughbred's most influential foundation stallion.

Daveron's third dam, Germany's 1988 champion two-year-



DAVERON IN BALLSTON SPA STAKES

Daveron ch. m., 2005				
=Black Sam Bei- lamy (Ire) 99 245 fls, 12 SWs	Sadler's Wells 81 6 wins, \$713,690 Champion 2191 fls, 325 SWs SI 3.85 DI=2.82	Northern Dancer 61 636 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
			Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
		Fairy Bridge 75 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.29	Bold Reason 68	Hail to Reason 58 Lalun 52
			Special 69	*Forli 63 Thong 64
	Urban Sea 89 8 wins, \$1,704,553 Champion 11 fls, 7 SWs DI=1.95	Miswaki 78 1154 fls, 101 SWs SI 2.02 DI=2.75	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
			Hopespringseternal 71	Buckpasser 63 Rose Bower 58
		Allegretta (GB) 78 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.60	=Lombard (Ger) 67	=Agio (Ger) 55 =Promised Lady (GB) 61
			=Anatevka (Ger) 69	*Espresso 58 =Almyra (Ger) 62
SI 1.11 DI=1.11 =Darwinia (Ger) 99 5 fls, 1 SW	=Acatenango (Ger) 82 16 wins, \$164,296 Champion 588 fls, 80 SWs SI 2.52 DI=0.71	=Surumu (Ger) 74 517 fls, 60 SWs SI 1.64 DI=0.29	=Literat (Ger) 65	=Birkhahn (Ger) 45 =Lis (Ger) 60
			=Surama (Ger) 70	=Reliance II (Fr) 62 =Suncourt (GB) 52
		=Aggravate (GB) 66 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.00	*Aggressor II 55	=Combat (GB) 44 =Phaetonia (GB) 45
			=Raven Locks (GB) 45	=Mr. Jinks (GB) 26 =Gentlemen's Relish (GB) 26
	=Dynamis (Ire) 91 Placed, \$5,382 5 fls, 1 SW DI=1.91	Dancing Brave 83 412 fls, 38 SWs SI 2.47 DI=2.36	Lyphard 69	Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60
			Navajo Princess 74	Drone 66 Olmec 66
		=Diasprina (Ger) 86 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.00	=Aspros (Ger) 77	=Sparkler (GB) 68 =Antwerpen (Ger) 72
			=Dorle (GB) 74	=Rheffic (Fr) 68 =Diu (Ger) 69

old filly Diasprina, by Aspros, produced a trio of local stakes winners, including the filly Desidera (Ire), a German highweight at age two; and Henkel-Rennen-83-German One Thousand Guineas (Ger-G2) winner Diacada.

This also is the immediate family of 2006 BMW Deutsches Derby (Ger-G1) (German Derby) runner-up Dickens. Daveron's fifth dam, Diu, won the 1972 Preis der Diana (Ger-G2) (German Oaks).

Her sire's best and richest daughter, Daveron hails from the second crop of the Sadler's Wells stallion Black Sam Bellamy and represents one of his eight group or graded stakes winners.

Named after an early 18th century English pirate, Black Sam Bellamy made off with the Gran Premio del Jockey Club (Ity-G1) (Italian Derby) at three and the Tattersalls Gold Cup (Ire-G1) at four.

Regally bred Black Sam Bellamy is a full brother to leading European sire Galileo (Ire) and a half brother to 2009 European Horse of the Year Sea The Stars.

After serving his first five seasons of stud duty at Gestut Fahrhof (home to the late Acatenango), Black Sam Bellamy was moved in 2009 to Shade Oak Stud in Shropshire, England, a sign of the growing popularity of his closest relations.

As such, Daveron's pedigree seems pretty straight forward: the dominant Sadler's Wells line introduced to some 'outstanding German engineering,' in this case, a plentiful dose of quality German female lines.

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