Devil May Care gets fast and loose in Bonnie Miss

By Rommy Faversham

After splitting horses on the far turn, Devil May Care grabbed the lead near the eighth pole and despite some late awkward moments when shying from the whip, the three-year old Malibu Moon filly widened her lead to the finish line, scoring by 2\% lengths in the \$200,000 Bonnie Miss Stakes (G2) on March 20 at Gulfstream Park.

The lone entrant with a Grade 1 win to her credit, Devil May Care entered off a pair of unplaced finishes, rendering the bay filly an overlooked 7.10-to-1 fourth betting choice in the field of six for the

1\%-mile race.



Devil May Care had kicked off her career in brilliant fashion last summer when she scored a commanding 43/4length maiden victory at Saratoga Race Course and then followed up with a game head win over Matron Stakes (G2) winner Awesome Maria in the Frizette Stakes (G1) at Belmont Park.

DEVIL MAY CARE

In her season debut on February 20, Devil May Care was a distant fifth in the Silverbulletday Stakes (G3) after she became problematic at the starting gate. Last year's campaign ended with an uninspiring 11th-place finish in the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) at Santa Anita Park in her first start on a synthetic surface.

With three victories from five lifetime starts, Devil May Care has earned \$399,000. She is expected to start in the Kentucky Oaks (G1) on April 30.

Devil May Care hails from the seventh crop of Spendthrift Farm stallion Malibu Moon, who is standing the 2010 season for an advertised fee of \$40,000, and represents one of his sire's five Grade 1 winners and 14 graded stakes winners.

Bred in Kentucky by Diamond A Racing Corp., Devil May Care was purchased by John Greathouse's Glencrest Farm for \$110,000

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Devil May Care, b. f., 2007				
Malibu Moon 97 617 fls, 43 SWs SI 1.74 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1025 fls, 131 SWs SI 3.97 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
			My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
	Macoumba 92 3 wins, \$196,738, SW 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.38	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Maximova (Fr) 80 12 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.82	Green Dancer 72	Nijinsky II 67 *Green Valley II 67
			Baracala 72	Swaps 52 Seximee 66
Kelli's Ransom 99 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.16	Red Ransom 87 2 wins, \$34,400 1752 fls, 99 SWs SI 1.83 DI=1.81	Roberto 69 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothirdchance 48
			Bramalea 59	Nashua 52 Rarelea 49
		Arabia 77 12 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.62	Damascus 64	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58
			Christmas Wind 67	Nearctic 54 *Bally Free 60
	Musical Minister 91 3 wins, \$47,384 8 fls, 1 SW DI=3.80	Deputy Minister 79 1141 fls, 90 SWs SI 3.18 DI=3.67	Vice Regent 67	Northern Dancer 61 Victoria Regina 58
			Mint Copy 70	Bunty's Flight 53 Shakney 64
		Ballerina Princess 86 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.50	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
			Aladancer 68	Northern Dancer 61 Mock Orange 59

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She is one of three winners from four starters out of the placed Red Ransom mare Kelli's Ransom, who died last year of complications from laminitis following the delivery of her Posse colt.

Kelli's Ransom also produced Regal Ransom, by Distorted Humor, who captured last year's S&M al Naboodah Group United Arab Emirates Derby (UAE-G2) and Super Derby (G2).

Our subject's dam was a half sister to Grade 2 winner and 2003 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) runner-up Minister Eric, by Old Trieste.

Another important close relative of Kelli's Ransom is multiple Grade 3 winner and 2009 Canadian Broodmare of the Year Pico Teneriffe, by Red Ransom out of Ballerina Princess, the dam of Canadian champion Marchfield, by A.P. Indy.

This female family has performed particularly well with the Seattle Slew-A.P. Indy sire line. As such, it is probably no coincidence that Devil May Care's sixth dam, the Foundation Mare Alablue, also serves as the grandam of Boldnesian, Seattle Slew's paternal grand-

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