

Just Jenda another stakes winner for her 'filly sire'

by Rommy Faversham

Always within striking distance, three-year-old filly Just Jenda engaged pacesetter and favorite Bon Jovi Girl in a brief duel turning for home



before driving clear to score an impressive three-length victory in the \$100,000 Honeybee Stakes (G3) on March 15 at Oaklawn Park.

The Honeybee was the first graded stakes triumph for the chestnut Menifee filly, whose sire already had enjoyed a rewarding Sunday afternoon. Less than an hour earlier, Game Face, a four-

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year-old filly, captured her fourth graded stakes, taking the Inside Information Stakes (G2) at Gulfstream Park.

Just Jenda's career record stands at four wins in six starts and earnings of \$205,400. Her victories include the Brandywine Stakes at Philadelphia Park as a juvenile and the Tiffany Lass Stakes at Fair Grounds earlier this season.

Bred in Kentucky by Lavin Bloodstock Services, Just Jenda is one of two winners from three starters out of the winning Pine Bluff mare Liberty School, a winner at two and three and stakes placed at three. Just Jenda also has a yearling half sister by Five Star Day.

Their stakes-winning grandam, Fulbright Scholar, produced three stakes winners, including Grade 2 winner Seeking Regina, the dam of Grade 3 winner Seeking the Sky, by Storm Cat.

Fulbright Scholar is a half sister to two other stakes winners, including 1986 Blue Grass Stakes (G1) winner Bachelor Beau.

The next important stop along this tail-female line would be Just Jenda's seventh dam, 1939 Irish Oaks winner Superbe.

Just Jenda hails from the sixth American crop of the Harlan stallion Menifee, one of the best three-year-olds of his crop.

Second to Charismatic in both the 1999 Kentucky Derby (G1) and Preakness Stakes (G1), Menifee won the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G1) and the Haskell Invitational Handicap (G1).

After standing for seven seasons at Stone Farm in Paris, Kentucky, Menifee was sold to the Korean Racing Association in October 2006.

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Menifee 96 323 fls, 24 SWs SI 1.62 DI=5.50	Harlan 89 8 wins, \$403,174, SW 98 fls, 6 SWs SI 2.93 DI=3.00	Storm Cat 83 1306 fls, 169 SWs SI 4.09 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78	Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67
			Terlingua 76	Secretariat 70 Crimson Saint 69
		Country Romance 76 9 fls, 1 SW DI=2.60	Halo 69	Hail to Reason 58 Cosmah 53
			Sweet Romance 68	Gun Bow 60 *Suiti 59
	Anne Campbell 73 3 wins, \$37,386, SW 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=5.77	Never Bend 60 362 fls, 61 SWs SI 3.85 DI=3.95	*Nasrullah 40	=Nearco (Ity) 35 =MumtazBegum (Fr) 32
			Lalun 52	*Djeddah 45 Be Faithful 42
		Repercussion 66 11 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.80	*Tatan 52	=The Yuvaraj (GB) 43 =Valkyrie (GB) 43
			Tomina 58	Tom Fool 49 Secret Meeting 50
Liberty School 95 4 fls, 1 SW DI=2.29	Pine Bluff 89 6 wins, \$2,255,884, SW 567 fls, 34 SWs SI 1.64 DI=3.00	Danzig 77 1074 fls, 200 SWs SI 5.31 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Pas de Nom 68	Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52
		Rowdy Angel 79 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.76	Halo 69	Hail to Reason 58 Cosmah 53
			Ramhyde 72	Rambunctious 60 Castle Hyde 68
	Fulbright Scholar 85 4 wins, \$102,505, SW 8 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.47	Cox's Ridge 74 774 fls, 53 SWs SI 2.63 DI=2.33	Best Turn 66	*Turn-to 51 Sweet Clementine 60
			Our Martha 61	*Ballydonnell 52 Corday 46
		Matriculation 72 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.33	Arts and Letters 66	*Ribot 52 All Beautiful 59
			How I Wonder 62	*My Babu 45 Twinkle Twinkle 57

To be sure, Menifee's record at stud in the United States has been that of a "filly sire." So far, 18 of his 24 stakes winners have been females, including all six of his American graded stakes winners.

Since filly sires also are known to do relatively well as broodmare sires, it will be interesting to see how Menifee performs in that regard.

Both of Just Jenda's grandsires, Harlan and Pine Bluff, demonstrate the cross of Northern Dancer with his close relative Halo. As such, her pedigree conveys a total of four strains from breed-shaping matriarch Almahmoud.

Just Jenda is being pointed to the Fantasy Stakes (G2) at Oaklawn Park on April 5. The three fillies who have completed the Honeybee/Fantasy double are Eight Belles last year, Round Pond in 2005, and Aztec Hill in 1993.

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