



Soul Warrior bears auspicious double dose of Nothirdchance

by Rommy Faversham

The 40th running of the \$750,000 West Virginia Derby (G2) at Mountaineer Race Track on August 1 was tabbed as a showdown between the governing speed of race favorite Big Drama and the furious closing kick of Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner Mine That Bird.



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SOUL WARRIOR

Underappreciated in all of this was 23-to-1 longshot Soul Warrior, who rallied to outfinish both of his key opponents and score a spirited neck victory, his first in stakes competition. The three-year old Lion Heart colt completed 1 1/4 miles in 1:51.46 on a track rated as fast.

Soul Warrior's lifetime mark improved to three wins from seven starts and earnings of \$589,720. The chestnut colt has changed hands three times at auction, including last year's Ocala Breeders' Sale Co. March sale of selected two-year-olds in training, where he was purchased for \$290,000 by current owner Zayat Stables.

Bred in Kentucky by Bob Austin, Copperhead Stable, and David Hanley, Soul Warrior is one of seven winners from eight starters out of the unraced Meadowlake mare Urmia, the dam of My Miss Storm Cat, by Sea of Secrets, who was graded stakes-placed at age two and a stakes winner at four.

Soul Warrior, ch. c, 2006				
Lion Heart 01 340 fls, 8 SWs SI 1.54 DI=0.00	Tale of the Cat 94 5 wins, \$360,900, SW 1280 fls, 61 SWs SI 1.80 DI=3.62	Storm Cat 83 1349 fls, 172 SWs SI 4.04 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78	Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67
		Yarn 87 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.52	Terlingua 76	Secretariat 70 Crimson Saint 69
Satin Sunrise 90 23 wins, \$263,493, SW 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.40	Mr. Leader 66 955 fls, 83 SWs SI 1.70 DI=1.56	Logic 79 5 fls, 1 SW DI=5.29	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
			Narrate 80	Honest Pleasure 73 State 74
Urmia 88 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=6.33	Meadowlake 83 3 wins, \$308,580, SW 907 fls, 60 SWs SI 1.93 DI=5.00	Hold Your Peace 69 515 fls, 45 SWs SI 1.65 DI=2.59	Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothirdchance 48
			Jolie Deja 54	*Djeddah 45 Bellesoeur 45
Chaldea 80 13 wins, \$469,939, SW 2 fls, 0 SWs DI=4.33	Suspicious Native 72 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.75	Cutlass 70 623 fls, 40 SWs SI 1.70 DI=5.18	Naskra 67	Nasram 60 Iskra 61
			Bactu Reason 74	Bold Reason 68 Bacchan 62
			Speak John 58	Prince John 53 *Nuit de Folies 47
			Blue Moon 48	Eight Thirty 36 Blue Graill 43
			Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Be Suspicious 63	Porterhouse 51 Nothirdchance 48
			Damascus 64	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58
			Aphonia 62	Dunce 56 Gambetta 52
			Barachois 69	Northern Dancer 61 Ciboulette 61
			Bright Merry 70	Speak John 58 Merry and Bright 56

Soul Warrior's grandam, Chaldea, annexed a pair of Grade 3 stakes at Aqueduct as a six-year-old. She also is the second dam of Grade 1-placed multiple stakes winner Better Than Bonds.

Chaldea's half sister Cheval Volant, a Grade 1 winner in Southern California at two and three, is the grandam of two English multiple group stakes winners, including 2000 Sagitta One Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1) winner Lahan (GB).

Soul Warrior's tail-female line traces back to his sixth dam, Flaring Top, a Foundation Mare for eminent Canadian horseman E. P. Taylor. She is the grandam of Nijinsky II, who appears in our subject's extended pedigree as the sire of State, Tale of the Cat's third dam.

Soul Warrior hails from the first crop of the Coolmore shuttle stallion Lion Heart, whose stands the Northern Hemisphere season in Central Kentucky and shuttles to Australia for the Southern Hemisphere breeding season.

Soul Warrior's broodmare sire, Meadowlake, has been prominent of late, particularly as part of a growing affinity. He descends from the family of Hail to Reason and the crossing of their blood, as occurs in this pedigree, creates inbreeding to their common matriarch, Nothirdchance, winner of a division of the 1951 Acorn Stakes.

A variation of this pattern was noted four weeks ago when we profiled the pedigree of Jersey Shore Stakes (G3) winner Custom for Carlos, by the Hail to Reason-line stallion More Than Ready out of a Meadowlake mare.

For good measure, Grade 1 winner Seventh Street won the Go for Wand Stakes (G1) on August 2 at Saratoga Race Course. Out of a Meadowlake mare, she is by Street Cry (Ire), who also conveys a strain of Hail to Reason.

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