



# Tizfiz sparkles in narrow San Gorgonio finish

by Rommy Faversham

Beneficiary of her own unhurried pace, Tizfiz made every post a winning one as she gamely held off fast closing Marzelline (Ire) to score a nose victory in the \$150,000 San Gorgonio Handicap (G2) on January 4 at Santa Anita Park.



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Sent off at odds of 9.50-to-1 in the field of eight, the five-year old Tiznow mare completed 1½ miles in 1:49.62 on turf rated as firm.

The victory marked the first graded stakes triumph for both Tizfiz and her trainer, Rafael DeLeon.

Tizfiz, who has won three of her four most recent starts, notched her first stakes win when capturing the Queen of the Green Handicap by a half-length on December 6 at Turf Paradise in her previous start.

Tizfiz was claimed on October 4 for \$50,000 by DeLeon for the Richard O'Neill Trust at the Oak Tree meet at Santa Anita.

Lightly raced, Tizfiz has recorded five wins from 12 lifetime starts and has bankrolled \$233,160.

Bred in Kentucky by Diamond A Racing Corp., Tizfiz is one of two winners from as many starters out of the Go for Gin mare Gin Running, a one-time winner from 19 starts and an earner of \$101,360.

Tizfiz also has unnamed two-year-old and yearling half brothers, both by Dixie Union.

So far, Go for Gin broodmares have combined to produce seven stakes winners from 196 foals of racing age.

Tizfiz's immediate family is a relatively attenuated one because her stakes-placed grandam, Crafty and Evil, died prematurely with Gin Running being her only foal.

This tribe is anchored by Tizfiz's stakes-winning third dam, Evil Elaine, who produced five stakes runners and two stakes winners, including 1997 Horse of the Year and champion two-year old male Favorite Trick.

On a historical note, Tizfiz's tail-female line traces back to her illustrious 13th dam, \*Fairy Gold, best known for producing foundation stallion Fair Play. This creates a distant yet interesting relationship between Tizfiz's tail-male and female lines since she also happens to be a ninth generation descendant of the Fair Play sire line.

Tizfiz hails from the second crop of the Fair Play-line's most successful active stallion, Tiznow, who enjoyed his best season in 2008

## Tizfiz, b. m., 2004

Tiznow 97 380 fls, 17 SWs SI 2.40 DI=1.86	Cee's Tizzy 87 3 wins, \$173,150, Spl 658 fls, 36 SWs SI 2.02 DI=2.20	Relaunch 76 725 fls, 89 SWs SI 3.05 DI=3.00	<b>In Reality 64</b> Foggy Note 65	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57 The Axe II 58 Silver Song 57
	Cee's Song 86 1 win, \$82,225 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.50	Seattle Song 81 332 fls, 23 SWs SI 1.85 DI=2.05	Lyphard 69 *Tizna 69	Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60 =Trevieres (Fr) 56 =Noris (Chi) 58
	Lonely Dancer 75 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.29	Seattle Slew 74 Incantation 65	Nice Dancer 69 Sleep Lonely 70	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69 Prince Blessed 57 Magic Spell 54 Northern Dancer 61 Nice Princess 64 Pia Star 61 Sulenan 63 *Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52 *Tudor Minstrel 44 Swoon's Tune 62
Gin Running 97 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.48	Go for Gin 91 5 wins, \$1,380,866, SW 327 fls, 13 SWs SI 1.23 DI=1.00	Cormorant 74 524 fls, 47 SWs SI 2.34 DI=1.33	His Majesty 68 Song Sparrow 67	Prince John 53 Peroxide Blonde 60 Never Bend 60 Hula Hula 52
	Crafty and Evil 91 2 wins, \$59,046, Spl 1 fl, 0 SWs DI=4.45	Never Knock 79 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.97	Stage Door Johnny 65 Never Hula 69	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 <b>In Reality 64</b> Princess Roycraft 67 *Noholme II 56 Peaceful Sky 63 Distinctive 66 Jackie Dare 62
	Crafty Prospector 79 1062 fls, 92 SWs SI 1.85 DI=4.68	Evil Elaine 84 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.89	Mr. Prospector 70 Real Crafty Lady 75	Medieval Man 74 Distinctive Elaine 72

with four United States Grade 1 winners, including a classic winner, while amassing worldwide progeny earnings of more than \$9-million.

Tiznow stands at WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, for a 2009 fee of \$75,000.

Tizfiz is most closely inbred to her paternal fourth generation sire, In Reality. This is a recurrent inbreeding pattern that also appears in the pedigrees of Tiznow's Grade 1 winners Folklore and Tough Tiz's Sis as well as 2008 Canadian champion older female Bear Now.

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