



Iron Maidens Thoroughbreds
Watch List
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The two year olds are making their appearances at tracks across the nation. Let's take a look at some babies worth noting.



On Saturday, [KILLER GRACES](#) (Congaree – Heatherdoesntbluff, by Old Trieste) won the Cinderella Stakes, the first stakes test at a major track. The large chestnut sat near the back of the pack and closed professionally to win by 1 ¼ lengths, getting 5 ½ furlongs in 1:04.48 ([video](#)). The Hollendorfer trainee was purchased privately after her first start.

Killer Graces is a half sister to the juvenile stakes placed runner Rockin Heather. The second and third dams were stakes horses, but otherwise, there is little blacktype in this immediate distaff family. Killer Graces does trace back to two notable blue hens, Co-Champion Two Year Old Filly Regal Gleam and the foundation mare La Troienne.

In the colt counterpart stakes, the Willard L. Proctor Memorial held on Sunday, [MAJESTIC CITY](#) remained undefeated. He grabbed the lead at the start, was never challenged and coasted to a 3 ½ length win, getting 5 ½ furlongs in 1:04.16 ([video](#)) over the Cushion Track. The Peter Miller trainee sold at the OBS March Two Year Old in training sale for \$180,000. The second place finisher Truco Latino blew the turn, almost ending up in the clubhouse. Once he was straightened out, he quickly made up ground and finished nine lengths ahead of the show horse, Joyzey Billy.



Also on Saturday, some well-bred colts gained experience over the Churchill Downs dirt. [POWER WORLD](#) (Distorted Humor – Purrfectly, by Storm Cat) blazed to a one-length victory, despite being bumped and pinched back to last at the start, getting 4 ½ furlongs in :52.83 ([video](#)). The Neil Howard trainee is a half brother to Santa Caterina, the heroine of Hollywood Breeders' Cup Oaks (G-1). The talented filly placed in the Frizette (G-1) Debutante (G-1) and Breeder's Cup Juvenile Fillies (G-1) as a juvenile,

as well as placing in the Kentucky Oaks (G-1) and Black Eyed Susan (G-2) at three. Their dam Purrfectly won twice in nine attempts, both victories achieved as a two year old, and she is a half sister to the Juvenile English Champion filly Culture Vulture. Power World has a precocious pedigree and he had a professional debut. He's a colt to add to your watch lists. The colt is a Courtlandt Farm homebred.

The third place finisher has a pedigree screaming for distance. [SARK](#) (English Channel – November Snow) is a son of first crop sire English Channel, the 2007 Turf Champion. Sark's dam November Snow won from sprint to classic distances at the top level of racing. She recorded victories in the Test (G-1), Alabama (G-1) and Rare Perfume (G-2), and placed in the Ballerina (G-1), Go For Wand (G-1) and Turfway Breeders' Cup (G-2).

Unfortunately, November Snow's record as a broodmare is poor. From twelve foals, she has produced one with blacktye, November Slew, who placed in the Sorrento (G-2). Only four other foals are winners. Two of her daughters have produced stakes horses, including the Carter Handicap (G-1) hero Morning Line. Sark may eventually wind up an underachiever, but we'll give the Wayne Lukas trainee the benefit of the doubt and hope he's the breakthrough stakes winner for his dam.

On Thursday, June 9, [EXFACTOR](#) (Exchange Rate – Bright Magic, by Prized) was very professional in his second start, grabbing the lead and skimming the rail on his way to an easy 4 ½ length win over a nice group of maidens, getting 5 ½ furlongs in 1:04.54 ([video](#)). His pretty gray sire is known more for producing stakes fillies (Ermine, Swap Fliparoo). Exfactor's dam Bright Magic, won four of twelve starts, including two listed sprints. She also placed in two stakes. Exfactor is the fifth colt produced by his dam. None of his half siblings have won anything of note, but their dam is a full sister to a stakes placed runner and a half sister to Grade 3 turf heroine Take The Ribbon. With Danzig, Kris S. and Miswaki in his second and third generations, Exfactor may eventually find a home on the lawn. Exfactor is trained by Bernie Flint and was a \$27,000 Fasig Tipton October Sale yearling.

The show horse in the same race, [DULLAHAN](#) (Even the Score – Mining My Own, by Smart Strike), quietly made his debut over the same surface his a half brother Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird recorded his greatest victory. Dullahan is the third colt produced from Mining My Own. Her second foal, Brother Bird (by Yonaguska) never recorded a stakes win, but had a decent 9-2-3-2 record nonetheless. Dullahan raced in the back of the pack and came on late to grab third. The Dale Roman's trainee was green, shying from the whip, but he should improve with added distance and experience.



The offspring of first crop sire Hard Spun are beginning to emerge. [ARTEST](#) (Hard Spun – Desire To Excel, by Mt. Livermore) was green in his debut, ducking and swishing his tail but he won by a strong six lengths, despite throwing down a :21 ¾ first quarter. The Rick Dutrow trainee was timed in :58.18 for five furlongs ([video](#)). Artest's sire Hard Spun, a son of Danzig, battled with Street Sense and Curlin, battling with those rivals in five races. He was second in the Kentucky Derby and Breeders' Cup Classic, third in the Preakness, and beat Street Sense in the Kentucky Cup Classic. Artest is the first foal for his precocious stakes winning dam. Desire To Excel won the Astoria at two and the Honest Lady at three. Her hardy dam Ayrial Delight faced the starter 62 times. She won 18 of those contests, including six listed stakes races and earned over \$400,000. Don't be surprised to see Artest in the juvenile stakes races at Saratoga or Monmouth Park this summer.

The track was fast at Monmouth on Sunday. How fast was it? Fast enough for a [SAY A NOVENA](#) (Songandaprayer – Rabiadella, by Dynaformer) to set a new track record for 4 ½ furlongs. The Eddie Plesa Jr. trainee was making her second start and drag-raced out of the gate, winning by three lengths in :50.93 ([video](#)). The filly has a speed over stamina pedigree. Her sire won the six furlong Hunnington and 1 1/16 mile Fountain of Youth (G-1) and placed in the 1 1/8 mile Bluegrass Stakes (G-1). His offspring are sprinter/milers. Rabiadella, Say A Novena's dam, was a sprinter/miler despite her stamina-oriented pedigree. She won seven of 24 starts including the Seniorita Breeders' Cup Stakes and Monrovia Handicap, both Grade 3 contests. Rabiadella has

done well in the breeding shed. She's produced the Grade 2 winner Diadella and listed stakes winner El Kingdom along with six other winners from eleven foals to race.

It's still early in the two year old racing season and every week will bring promising new runners to the forefront. This weeks' spectacular winner can be next month's has been and the sidelines are littered with once promising babies who have been injured or who's potential just didn't pan out. We'll keep an eye on these juveniles and give occasional reports on how they are faring.