



Iron Maidens Thoroughbreds
Right Back Where We Started From
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Our journey with this year's group of three year olds is over. We'll wish them well in their future ventures as they journey on towards the Breeders' Cup. We started following them when they were gawky, green juveniles last May. Some showed tremendous promise, only to fall by the wayside with injuries. Some may come back to run again, while others head off to a luxurious life at the stud farm, with hopes that their offspring will fulfill the potential shown by their parents.

With the first day of summer and the opening meets of Saratoga and Del Mar rapidly approaching, let's turn our focus to the two year olds of 2010. The Cinderella Stakes, to be held on Wednesday at Hollywood Park, is a 5 ½ furlong sprint over the Cushion track for two year old fillies. Two winners of this race have continued on to careers as graded stakes races and one, Golden Ballet, became California Champion Three Year Old Filly and is the dam of this year's Belmont Stakes champ, Drosselmeyer. The fun thing about early juvenile stakes races is that you never know when you'll catch a star in the making.



All of the entrants have win-early pedigrees so we'll point out interesting notes about each filly.

She'll Heir, a daughter of last year's leading Freshmen Sire, Wildcat Heir, won her debut back in April over the Keeneland Polytrack. All of her siblings are winners and her damsire Favorite Trick, was the Champion Juvenile of 1997. She'll Heir's second dam was a stakes winning sprinter. She'll Heir has the speed to outrun them from the tricky one post, since in her debut she blasted a :21 4/5 first quarter and owns the swiftest time for 4 1/5 furlongs (:51 3/5) in this group. The barn is 27% with non-graded stakes winners and she is in good hands with jockey Bejarano.



Swiss Yodler

Despite being a grandson of the great stamina influence Damascus, Swiss Yodler is a California staple for getting precocious juveniles. He is the sire of two Cinderella contestants, Trick Skate and Hi Ho Yodler. He is also the damsire of Swiss Wild Cat.

After finishing fourth behind Warren's Leadgirl and Arta B Tappin, Swiss Yodler's daughter Trick Skate came back two weeks later to win nicely by 2 ½ lengths. Her damsire Brocco won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile and carried his speed 1 1/8 miles to win the Santa Anita Derby, plus Trick Skate is inbred to Damascus, so the speedy miss should like the extra furlong and be a contender as she goes farther.

As mentioned above, Swiss Wild Cat's damsire is Swiss Yodler. Her sire Minister's Wild Cat is a well-bred half brother to Breeders' Cup Mile winner War Chat. Swiss Wild Cat has two starts under her girth and showed improvement, speed figure wise, winning her second start at 4 ½ furlongs in :51 4/5. She came back to breeze two solid five furlongs.

Swiss Wild Cat's stable mate Hi Ho Yodler won her debut in identical time to Swiss Wild Cat. Hi Ho Yodler owns a series of live works at five furlongs and gets sharp Joe Talamo in the irons.

Seethe Girlgo and Arta B Tappin possess three starts each. Seethe Girlgo won last time out from off the pace after hopping at the start. The barn is 16% with the maiden to stakes angle, but her jockey Flores is only 8% with sprinters. Arta B Tappin is by Tapit out of a mare by the nine furlong specialist, Opening Verse. Arta B Tappin has Rasmussen Factor inbreeding (inbred to a superior mare within five generations) to Flaming Page through her son Nijinsky, Tapit's second damsire and Flaming Page's daughter Fleur, the dam of The Minstrel, who is the sire of Opening Verse. Arta B Tappin has finished a gaining third in her last two races and she should enjoy more real estate. Her BRISNET speed figures show improvement and she switches from Flores to Espinoza, who is victorious in sprints 16% of the time.

Warren's Leadgirl also rallied in the stretch to take her debut and beat Arta B Tappin in the May 2 race. Her two works back have been average. The barn wins 7% with the maiden to stakes angle, but Mike Smith climbs aboard and his riding style should suit Warren's Leadgirl.

Rockin Heather won a two furlong drag race in April at Santa Anita. Her sire In Excess gets brilliant but fragile runners. Rockin Heather's dam won once in five starts but her second dam Michigan Bluff was a Grade 3 winner and this distaff family traces back to La Troienne through the Champion Two Year Old Filly Regal Gleam. Rockin Heather works since her debut have been progressively faster and the barn wins 17% with the maiden to stakes race angle. Additionally, she attracts Martin Garcia who is riding extremely strong lately.



In Excess

She'll Heir's stablemate Gone Rebel will likely scratch and head to the Lost in the Fog Stakes at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday.

Selections:

50% of the races held at 5 ½ furlongs this meet have been won wire to wire. However, things have changed slightly this week as 67% of the leaders rallied from off of the pace.

Rockin Heather

Arta B Tappin

She'll Heir

Swiss Wild Cat