BUYER’S PASSPORT

HAPPY MESA
SKY MESA – HAPPY CHOICE, BY BROKEN VOW

Selling July 10th at Fasig-Tipton
HAPPY MESA was very impressive winning the Hilltop Stakes on Preakness weekend at Pimlico going a two turn 1 mile on the grass. She won by a length going away over a Graded Stakes level group and just missed the track record running a blazing 1:33.3. With the Fasig Tipton sale in mind as the partnership wanted to disperse, this was perfect spacing to target a Graded Stake schedule this summer/fall anywhere in the country. She has had four breezes since her last start, with her latest move coming on July 4th. She is ready to run!

She earned her lifetime best figs in her May 19th score: 89 Beyer, 7.25 Thoro-Graph, and 9 Ragizon

CURRENT TRAINER – GRAHAM MOTION

Graham Motion has been training out of his Fair Hill base for the last 15 years. The quiet atmosphere and three surfaces to train on really helps his horses relax in their performances in the afternoons and have longer careers. He wins at 18% lifetime and he is known for giving his horses some easier runs in the beginning of the season, not throwing them in the deep end in their initial starts. You see many of his horses getting faster as they turn 4yo and 5yo, with lots of meat left on the bone.

RACE CAREER OVERVIEW

MAY 19TH – HILLTOP STAKES

WON BY A LENGTH – WATCH RACE REPLAY (SHE IS #7)

In a field of 7 top fillies at Pimlico, HAPPY MESA went off at 3-1 odds. The field was very strong, G1 winner Victory to Victory was coming off an impressive Allowance win at Keeneland for Mark Case, SW/G3P Compelled for Tom Proctor/Glen Hill Farm and SW Dynatail coming off big runs in Graded Stakes. Graham Motion wanted to change up tactics as her stakes win as a 2yo came in last to first fashion. He asked jockey Javier Castellano to tug the filly back and settle her, coming with one late run. The plan worked out well as the pace was very hot. Javier was completely loaded biding his time to let her loose, as they turned for home and she came rolling on the outside to win going away. Compelled who most recently just missed in a pair of Graded Stakes sat the perfect trip to slip the inside seam for 2nd. Dynatail ran a good 3rd, she later came back to take the $200,000 Penn Oaks off just 3 weeks’ rest. G1W Victory to Victory was 4th after setting the hot pace.

CLICK TO VIEW CHART
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**MARCH 4TH – G3 HERECOMESTHEBRIDE**

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Perfect pattern this year moving forward each time to top out at her lifetime best (7.25). She had a good 2yo number to run back on (7.75) in her 2yo Stakes win sprinting on the turf. Solid (10) against the best in her division as a 2yo in the Breeders' Cup. The bad post (13) and wide trip made it look worse.

**THORO-GRAPH**

- Throw out race. Stepped on boards that blew off the rails during running of the race.
- Fastest 2yo Filly Turf figure in the country in 2016
- Perfect progression this year
HAPPY MESA’S pedigree is a mixture of dirt and turf. Her dam HAPPY CHOICE was 2nd in the Hatoof Stakes at Arlington Park beaten only a neck. She is a half sister to two stakes horses in NO USE DENYING and BADGE OF TRUTH. Her 3rd dam MISSED THE WEDDING (BLUSHING GROOM) was a half sister to the champion 3yo filly in the USA, CHRIS EVERET. MISSED THE WEDDING produced two top horses in G3W/G2P GREEN MEANS GO who competed on the NY turf scene in the 1970’s and MISSED THE STORM who won the G1 Test. HAPPY MESA’S dam HAPPY CHOICE is a young mare (2008) and has an ORB colt and MINESHAFT colt on the ground with plenty of opportunity to add to the page.
HAPPY MESA

Dark bay/br. filly; foaled 2014


1ST DAM

Happy Choice, by Broken Vow. Winner at 3, $72,495, 2nd Hatoof S. (AP, $13,600). Dam of 2 foals of racing age, including a 2-year-old of 2017, one to race--

HAPPY MESA (f. by Sky Mesa). Black type winner, see above.

2ND DAM

RUMORS ARE FLYING, by Kris S. Unpl. in 2 starts. Dam of 8 winners, incl.--

NO USE DENYING (f. by Maria’s Mon). 4 wins, 2 to 4, $190,581 in N.A./U.S., John W. Rooney Memorial S. (DEL, $45,000), 2nd Allen La Combe Memorial H. (FG, $12,000), 3rd Daily Racing Form Distaff S. [L] (FG, $10,000), Suncoast S. (TAM, $5,000), Marie G. Krantz Memorial H. (FG, $6,000); placed at 5, $29,357 in Canada. Total: $219,016. Producer.


Happy Choice (f. by Broken Vow). Black type-placed winner, see above.

3RD DAM

MISSED THE WEDDING, by Blushing Groom (FR). Unplaced. Half-sister to--

CHRIS EVERT-G1 ($679,475, champion, Filly Triple Crown, dam of SIX CROWNS, etc.; granddam of CHIEF’S CROWN-G1, $2,191,168, champion; CLASSIC CROWN [G1], $535,919; etc.), ALL RAINBOWS (dam of WINNING COLORS [G1], $1,526,837, champion; granddam of TAP DANCE CITY [G1]. Total: $9,586,479; etc.), Carmelize-G2 (grand-dam of ROYAL DRAGON; great-granddam of DEEP SKY, champion, Total: $6,323,231; etc.). Dam of 4 winners, including--


RACE RECORD

At 2, two wins (Selima S., LRL, $45,000), once 2nd (Surfer Girl S. [L], SA, $20,000); at 3, 2017, one win (Hilltop S., PIM, $60,000), once 2nd (Sanibel Island S., GP, $19,000). Earned $168,055.

 Breeders’ Cup nominated.

KTDF.
HAPPY MESA is a filly in the best form of her life, and all indications from her training and sheet patterns is she can take that next step to Graded Stakes company. Then again, she has already run against many Graded Stakes winners, and out-performed them. It would not be surprising to see her knocking around in the G1/G2's later in the year. One of America's weakest divisions is young turf horses. Most of the Euros don't start to come until next year. This partnership will place a moderate reserve on this filly, but is more interested in breaking up the partnership as there are 6 owners and many different ideas how to campaign her (East coast/West coast etc). Trainer Graham Motion really would like her back, but he knows anything sold at public auction is a free for all!

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