



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Attima back in winning shape as standard bearer for late sire Zafonic

by Rommy Favershams

Attima (GB), a three-year-old Zafonic filly, returned to winning form on July 29 with a 1¼-length victory in the \$150,000 San Clemente Handicap (G2) at Del Mar. The front-running filly covered the mile on the grass in 1:34.65.



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ATTIMA

The San Clemente was Attima's third win from four starts this season.

Prior to her disappointing last-place finish in her previous start, the American Oaks Invitational Stakes (G1) on July 2 at Hollywood Park, she captured the Honeymoon Breeders' Cup Handicap (G2) on June 4, also at Hollywood. Last year, Attima was group stakes-placed in France, winning one of five starts as a juvenile.

Bred in England by Chantilly Bloodstock Agency, Attima is the first foal from the unplaced Eagle Eyed mare Guarded. Attima's granddam Atropa also produced stakes winners Kithira (GB) and Tenuous, a Group 3 winner in France.

Attima is from the ninth and final crop of the Gone West stallion Zafonic, who was Europe's champion juvenile and a highweight again at age three when taking the Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1). In September 2002, the Juddmonte Farm stallion, a recent arrival to New South Wales, Australia, for his first season at stud in the Southern hemisphere, died after suffering a broken neck when running head-first into a paddock gate. Zafonic is the sire of 22 group or

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Attima (GB), b. f., 2003

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| Zafonic 90 631 fls, 53 SWs SI 1.80 DI=4.20 | Gone West 84 6 wins, \$682,251, SW 965 fls, 83 SWs SI 2.76 DI=4.52 | Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95 | Raise a Native 61 | Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 |
| | | Secrettame 78 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17 | Gold Digger 62 | Nashua 52 Sequence 46 |
| Zaizafon 82 2 wins, \$50,196, SW 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.00 | | The Minstrel 74 511 fls, 58 SWs SI 2.81 DI=3.25 | Secretariat 70 | Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52 |
| | | Mofida (GB) 74 11 fls, 1 SW DI=99.99 | Tamerett 62 | Tim Tam 55 *Mixed Marriage 52 |
| =Guarded (GB) 98 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.11 | Eagle Eyed 91 4 wins, \$355,488, SW 568 fls, 20 SWs SI 0.59 DI=1.89 | Danzig 77 1046 fls, 192 SWs SI 5.35 DI=4.71 | Northern Dancer 61 | Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 |
| | | Razyana 81 14 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.17 | Fleur 64 | Victoria Park 57 Flaming Page 59 |
| Atropa 85 Placed, \$3,184 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.04 | | *Vaguely Noble 65 727 fls, 70 SWs SI 3.12 DI=2.36 | =Right Tack (GB) 66 | =Hard Tack (GB) 55 =Polly Macaw (Ire) 59 |
| | | Cameo Shore (Ire) 76 6 fls, 1 SW DI=1.51 | =Wold Lass (GB) 60 | =Vilmorin (GB) 43 =Cheb (Ire) 48 |
| | | | Northern Dancer 61 | Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 |
| | | | Pas de Nom 68 | Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52 |
| | | | His Majesty 68 | *Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52 |
| | | | Spring Adieu 74 | Buckpasser 63 Natalma 57 |
| | | | =Vienna (GB) 57 | =Aureole (GB) 50 =Turkish Blood (GB) 44 |
| | | | =Noble Lassie (GB) 56 | =Nearco (Ity) 35 =Belle Sauvage (GB) 49 |
| | | | Mill Reef 68 | Never Bend 60 Milan Mill 62 |
| | | | *If III 69 | =Kashmir II (GB) 63 =Instance (GB) 64 |

graded stakes winners, including Group 1 winners Xaar, Zafeen, Count Dubois, and Zee Zee Top.

Attima's pedigree is quite similar to another good son of Zafonic, the multiple group stakes winning Trade Fair (GB), who was out of a daughter of Eagle Eyed's full brother, Danehill, with a granddam by *Vaguely Noble.

Attima is most closely inbred to Northern Dancer, 4X4, but since the third dam of her broodmare sire, Eagle Eyed, is Northern Dancer's dam, Natalma, what looks like simple inbreeding to Northern Dancer is really inbreeding to the family of Northern Dancer.

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