



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Principle Secret picks up first graded triumph for sire Sea of Secrets

by Rommy Faversham

Unbeaten juvenile Principle Secret overcame an awkward stumble out of the gate but recovered to score an impressive three-length victory in the \$150,000 Best Pal Stakes (G2) on Sunday at Del Mar.



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PRINCIPLE SECRET

The Sea of Secrets colt negotiated 6½ furlongs in 1:16.15. The dark bay or brown colt already had notched an easy 4¼-length victory in his career debut, a 5½-furlong maiden special weight race, at the seaside track on July 22.

Principle Secret is from the fourth crop of the 11-year-old Storm Cat stallion Sea of Secrets and represents his sire's first graded winner.

After spending his first six seasons in Lexington at Walmac International, Sea of Secrets was transferred to Ballena Vista Farm in Ramona, California, where he stands for \$3,500.

As a racehorse, Sea of Secrets won four of ten starts, including the seven-furlong San Vicente Stakes (G2) at age three, never winning at a mile or beyond.

Bred in Kentucky by Victory Racing LLC, Principle Secret is the first foal out of the winning Gray Slewpy mare Bright, a half sister to

Principle Secret, dk. b. or br. c., 2004

Sea of Secrets 95 192 fis, 6 SWs SI 0.94 DI=4.20	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1102 fis, 147 SWs SI 4.36 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fis, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
	Love From Mom 81 Unraced 13 fis, 4 SWs DI=5.00	Terlingua 76 11 fis, 2 SWs DI=3.63	South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
Beright 95 1 f, 1 SW DI=3.00	Gray Slewpy 88 8 wins, \$399,197, SW 138 fis, 2 SWs SI 0.74 DI=1.96	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fis, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
	Brandy O'Brien 89 1 win, \$10,450 8 fis, 2 SWs DI=6.20	Hoso 72 5 fis, 1 SW DI=4.14	Crimson Saint 69	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
	Desert Wine 80 433 fis, 23 SWs SI 1.11 DI=6.60	Beau Gris 78 9 fis, 3 SWs DI=2.07	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	Irish O'Brien 78 11 fis, 1 SW DI=2.20	Slewpy 80 540 fis, 27 SWs SI 1.72 DI=1.53	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Beau Gris 78 9 fis, 3 SWs DI=2.07	Solo Landing 64	First Landing 56 Darlin Patrice 56
		Desert Wine 80 433 fis, 23 SWs SI 1.11 DI=6.60	Holly-O. 63	Victory Morn 55 Sister Snob 57
		Irish O'Brien 78 11 fis, 1 SW DI=2.20	Seattle Slew 74	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69
			Rare Bouquet 63	Prince John 53 Forest Song 58
			*Grey Dawn II 62	*Herbager 56 Potamia 55
			Beaufix 66	Weather Bureau 58 Kerala 58
			Damascus 64	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58
			Anne Campbell 73	*Never Bend 60 Repercussion 66
			D'Artagnan 67	*Vertex 54 Sheila Jan 61
			Tenino Queen 69	Saltville 61 Queen Nancy 57

two stakes winners, including 2003 Chaposa Springs Handicap (G3) winner Barbara O'Brien.

Principle Secret's immediate family is anchored by his third dam, multiple stakes winner Irish O'Brien, who also produced notable California grass gelding Blaze O'Brien.

Principle Secret is a five generation outcross. His dam, Beright, features a 3x3 cross of the half siblings Beaufix and the great Damascus—creating inbreeding to their common dam, 1967 Broodmare of the Year Kerala.

This is a nice pedigree—one that might even suggest a future affinity for turf. It is not one, however, that gets the heart pounding in anticipation of next year's Triple Crown.

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Upcoming international stakes

Thursday

SOVEREIGN S. (ENG-G3), SAL, \$122,290, 8fT, 3&upc&g.
SHADWELL PRIX MINERVE (FR-G3), DEA, \$95,312, 12.5fT, 3yof.

Saturday

HUNGERFORD S. (ENG-G2), NBY, \$157,230, 7fT, 3&up.
PRIX GUILLAUME D'ORNANO-HARAS D'ETREHAM (FR-G2), DEA, \$154,882, 10fT, 3yo.
PRIX DU CALVADOS-HARAS DES CAPUCINES (FR-G3), DEA, \$95,312, 7fT, 2yof.
GEOFFREY FREER S. (ENG-G3), NBY, \$87,350, 13fT, 3&up.