



Talented mare Take D' Tour comes from prolific family

by Rommy Favershaw

Saturday's Ogden Phipps Handicap (G1) looked like a walk in the park for Take D' Tour as the front-running chestnut mare cruised to a 5½-length victory in the \$300,000 race.



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TAKE D' TOUR

The five-year-old Tour d'Or mare has reeled off four straight wins by a combined 25 lengths. In May, Take D' Tour easily handled 2005 three-year-old filly champion Smuggler in the Shuvee Handicap (G2).

Bred in Florida by Paul Muller, Take D' Tour is the fourth winner out of the winning Mr. Washington mare Cherry Flare.

Take D' Tour's immediate clan has been a particularly solid one in the Sunshine state. Her granddam, the unplaced Tri Jet mare Made for Space, is the matrilineal source of no less than a dozen blacktype winners including Grade 3 winner Garella and Unreal Madness, an earner of \$700,933.

Take D' Tour hails from the tenth crop of the Medaille d'Or stallion Tour d'Or and is her sire's first Grade 1 winner. Tour d'Or was euthanized last July due to foundering. Before his demise, he was one of the few remaining proven sires who traced in tail-male line to the great Secretariat.

A consistent source of winners, Tour d'Or's career progeny earnings currently stand at \$22,034,478. He is the sire of eight North American graded stakes winners including

Take D' Tour, ch. m., 2001

Tour d'Or 82 477 fls, 24 SWs SI 1.07 DI=4.45	Medaille d'Or 76 3 wins, \$148,750 Champion 196 fls, 8 SWs SI 0.92 DI=3.00	Secretariat 70 653 fls, 57 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Bold Ruler 54
		Fanfreliche 67 18 fls, 5 SWs DI=3.57	Somethingroyal 52
Cherry Flare 87 5 fls, 1 SW DI=15.00	Debby's Turn 74 26 wins, \$469,087, SW 9 fls, 1 SW DI=3.92	Turn to Mars 67 308 fls, 14 SWs SI 1.02 DI=8.00	Northern Dancer 61
		Gunnysdeb 68 12 fls, 1 SW DI=1.17	Ciboulette 61
Made for Space 78 Unplaced 7 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Mr. Washington 64 9 wins, \$99,092, SW 201 fls, 8 SWs SI 1.10 DI=4.45	Swoon's Son 53 330 fls, 22 SWs SI 1.96 DI=2.33	*Turn-to 51
		Bent Twig 59 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.40	Marshua 62
	Tri Jet 69 504 fls, 48 SWs SI 1.68 DI=3.47	The Doge 42	Debbysman 60
	Satins Joy 60 11 fls, 1 SW DI=0.83	Swoon 42	Gunny 52
		*Nasrullah 40	
		Pines of Rome 49	
		Jester 55	
		Haze 53	
		Johns Joy 46	
		Red Satin 53	

millionaire Express Tour, winner of the 2001 Jerome Handicap (G2) and a highweight in the United Arab Emirates, where he captured the 2001 U.A.E. Derby (UAE-G3).

Take D' Tour's pedigree includes several interesting family patterns.

Her dam Cherry Flare is inbred 3x3 to the full brothers The Doge and Johns Joy, who are both by Bull Dog out of My Auntie. This unusual cross also appears in the pedigree of Racing Hall of Fame filly Paseana (Arg).

Take D' Tour's extended family is anchored

by her sixth dam, *Sekhmet who was imported from Europe in the early 1930s and sent to William Woodward's famed Belair Stud. There, she became best known as the granddam of champion and influential sire Nashua. Interestingly, Take D' Tour picks up a strain of Nashua from her sire as Tour d'Or's broodmare sire, Turn To Mars, is out of a Nashua mare.

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