



Fourstardave winner Red Giant impressive in return

by Rommy Favershams

Making his first start in nearly ten months, Red Giant enjoyed a ground-saving stalking trip and then wore down Stalingrad in the final strides to score a neck victory in the \$150,000 Fourstardave Handicap (G2) on August 2 at Saratoga Race Course.



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The four-year-old Giant's Causeway colt was returning from an ankle injury suffered last season. He covered 1 1/16 miles in 1:41.93 on a grass surface labeled yielding.

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Red Giant had not started since October 6, when he finished a distant second to Nobiz Like Shobiz in the Jamaica Handicap (G2) at Belmont Park. Prior to that, he was a solid runner-up when collared by Shamdinan (Fr) in the Secretariat Stakes (G1) following a narrow victory in the \$1-million Virginia Derby (G2) at Colonial Downs.

Winless in his first three starts on dirt, Red Giant has won five of 11 lifetime starts and earned of \$942,410.

Bred in Kentucky by Edward and Marilyn Seltzer, Red Giant was purchased for \$350,000 at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale. He is one of two winners from as many starters out of the Kingmambo mare Beyond the Sun, a multiple winner who was multiple stakes placed at age three.

Red Giant's older half brother Carnera, by Old Trieste, won a stakes at Saratoga at three and was graded stakes-placed at ages three and four. Earlier this season, Beyond the Sun produced a filly by Vindication. She currently is in foal to Ghostzapper.

Red Giant's female family was developed by eminent Canadian horseman E. P. Taylor, who bought Red Giant's fifth dam, *Queen's Statute, as a yearling for \$10,185 at the 1955 Newmarket September sale. Imported to Taylor's Windfields Farm in Ontario, she became one of her owner's foundation matrons, foaling six stakes winners.

Queen's Statute's winning daughter and Red Giant's fourth dam, Royal Statute, ultimately became one of Northern Dancer's most important producing daughters. Descendants from this rich branch

Red Giant, ch. c., 2004

Giant's Causeway 97 859 fls, 49 SWs SI 2.45 DI=2.38	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1268 fls, 166 SWs SI 4.13 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61 Natalma 57 New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
	Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Secretariat 70 Crimson Saint 69	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52 Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
Beyond the Sun 96 3 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.00	Mariah's Storm 91 10 wins, \$724,895, SW 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.71	Rahy 85 979 fls, 81 SWs SI 2.42 DI=1.74	Red God 54 Runaway Bride (GB) 62
	Immense 79 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.43	Glorious Song 76 Roberto 69	Halo 69 Ballade 72 Hail to Reason 58 Bramalea 59
Kingmambo 90 5 wins, \$733,139, SW 780 fls, 81 SWs SI 3.06 DI=2.72	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
	Miesque 84 14 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.16	Nureyev 77 Pasadoble 79	Northern Dancer 61 Special 69 Prove Out 69 *Santa Quilla 70
Carnet Solaire 83 2 wins, \$78,818, SW 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.71	Sharpen Up (GB) 69 620 fls, 82 SWs SI 2.76 DI=3.00	Atan 61 =Rocchetta (GB) 61	Native Dancer 50 *Mixed Marriage 52 =Rockefella (GB) 41 =Chambiges (Fr) 49
	Konafa 73 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.22	Damascus 64 Royal Statute 69	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58 Northern Dancer 61 *Queen's Statute 54

include multiple European Group 1 winners Act One (GB), Bosra Sham, Hector Protector, Ciro, Awaasif, and Lammtarra.

Red Giant hails from the third crop of the prominent Storm Cat stallion Giant's Causeway, who stands at Asfhord Stud in Versailles, Kentucky, for a 2008 fee of \$125,000.

Leading 2008 runners of Giant's Causeway, Europe's 2000 Horse of the Year as a three-year-old, include Santa Anita Handicap (G1) winner Heatseeker (Ire) and Suburban Handicap (G1) winner Frost Giant.

Giant's Causeway continues to perform particularly well with Mr. Prospector-line broodmares. So far, this collection of mares is responsible for issuing 28% of Giant's Causeway's total foals of racing age, yet have produced 14 (almost 52%) of his 27 graded or group stakes winners.

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