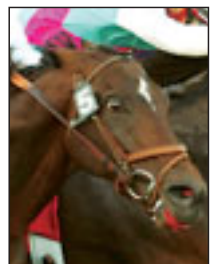




Continuously breaks through in Hollywood Turf Cup

By Rommy Faversham

Continuously, a four-year-old son of Diesis (GB), earned his first stakes win when he was awarded the victory in the \$250,000 Hollywood Turf Cup (G1) on Saturday following the disqualification of Epicentre, who finished a nose in front of the former but was placed third for interference in the stretch.



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CONTINUOUSLY

Continuously is the seventh and final foal from the Stop The Music mare Play On and On, a winner of only one race from 24 career starts. She produced a total of five winners from seven foals to race. Her unraced dam, Heavenly Blue, was rather mediocre as a broodmare with just three modest winners from nine foals. At the heart of Continuously's family tree is his third dam, 1977 champion three-year-old filly Our Mims, herself a half sister to 1980 Mother Goose Stakes (G1) winner Sugar and Spice as well as leading sire and Racing Hall of Famer Alydar.

Continuously is from the 15th crop of his sire, Diesis, two-year-old highweight in England in 1982. Standing at Mill Ridge Farm near Lexington, Kentucky, Diesis has 825 foals of racing age, including 81 stakes winners (9.8%), of which 43 are graded or group stakes winners.

Continuously, b. c., 1999

Diesis (GB) 80 796 fls, 81 SWs SI 2.75 DI=1.32	Sharpen Up (GB) 69 5 wins, \$47,949, SW 620 fls, 82 SWs SI 2.76 DI=3.00	Atan 61 172 fls, 3 SWs SI 1.22 DI=3.00	Native Dancer 50
	Doubly Sure (GB) 71 Placed, \$175 11 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.19	=Rocchetta (GB) 61 11 fls, 1 SW DI=1.25	*Mixed Marriage 52
Play On and On 85 7 fls, 1 SW DI=2.33		=Reliance II (Fr) 62 278 fls, 24 SWs SI 1.19 DI=0.16	=Rockefella (GB) 41
	Stop the Music 70 11 wins, \$448,922, SW 667 fls, 46 SWs SI 1.77 DI=2.23	=Soft Angels (GB) 63 4 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.44	=Chambiges (Fr) 49
Heavenly Blue 81 Unraced 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.88	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	=Tantieme (Fr) 47	=Relance (Fr) 52
	Bebopper 62 15 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.04	=Crepello (GB) 54	=Sweet Angel (GB) 55
Our Mims 74 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.47	Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 79 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	*Turn-to 51	Nothirdchance 48
	Our Mims 74 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.47	*Bebop II 57	Tom Fool 49
		Native Dancer 50	Raise You 46
		*Herbager 56	Sweet Tooth 65

Over recent years, Diesis has been a valuable source of superior turf runners internationally and his runners tend to get better with age. Continuously has sired three English Oaks (Eng-1) winners: 1988 winner Diminundo, '99 winner Ramruma, and 2000 winner Love Divine.

While most of the best runners from the Sharpen Up male line have been of chestnut coat, Continuously reflects the more standard bay variety.

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