



Classic winner's pedigree looks to be just Perfect

by Rommy Faversham

A review of Pleasantly Perfect's pedigree reveals more than enough class and stamina to win North America's richest horse race. On Saturday, the five-year-old bay son of Pleasant Colony took full advantage of those assets—as well as a hot duel on the lead—to capture the 20th running of the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) at Santa Anita Park.



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PLEASANTLY PERFECT

Unraced as a two-year-old, Pleasantly Perfect was a maiden until the early part of his four-year-old season because of a lingering virus that limited him to just one start as a sophomore.

In his first full season of racing in 2002, Pleasantly Perfect climbed the allowance ladder and culminated the year's efforts with a victory in the Goodwood Breeders' Cup Handicap (G2). Last month, he triumphed in that same race, and it served as a springboard to last weekend's headline event.

Pleasantly Perfect is out of Regal State, a daughter of 1978 Triple Crown winner Affirmed. Winner of the 1985 Prix Morny (Fr-G1), Regal State has had four winners from eight starters, including French Group 3 winner Hurricane State, by Miswaki.

The wealth of Pleasantly Perfect's immedi-

Pleasantly Perfect, b. h., 1998

Pleasant Colony 78 620 fls, 73 SWs SI 3.64 DI=1.17	His Majesty 68 5 wins, \$99,430, SW 640 fls, 59 SWs SI 2.33 DI=0.77	*Ribot 52 421 fls, 65 SWs SI 5.31 DI=1.80	=Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanella (Ity) 43
		Flower Bowl 52 5 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.79	*Alibhai 38 Flower Bed 46
	Sun Colony 68 5 wins, \$86,105, SW 5 fls, 1 SW DI=5.50	Sunrise Flight 59 72 fls, 8 SWs SI 2.39 DI=3.94	Double Jay 44 Misty Morn 52
		*Colonia 59 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=7.80	*Cockrullah 51 *Nalga 52
Regal State 83 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.95	Affirmed 75 22 wins, \$2,393,818 Champion 840 fls, 84 SWs SI 2.73 DI=2.08	Exclusive Native 65 507 fls, 66 SWs SI 4.18 DI=3.44	Raise a Native 61 Exclusive 53
		Won't Tell You 62 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.09	Crafty Admiral 48 Scarlet Ribbon 57
	La Trinite (Fr) 76 2 wins, \$59,920, Spl 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.92	Lyphard 69 830 fls, 115 SWs SI 3.69 DI=4.33	Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60
		=Promessa (Ire) 69 5 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.29	*Darius II 51 =Peseta II (Ger) 57

ate family also includes his dam's half sister Seven Springs, a multiple French Group 1 winner and the dam of Distant View, highweight at age three on the European Free Handicap and now a successful sire.

Pleasantly Perfect is from the 16th crop of 1981 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Pleasant Colony, a sire with a reputation for siring late-

maturing individuals with a penchant for handling a distance of ground. With Saturday's rousing performance, Pleasantly Perfect becomes his sire's 13th American Grade 1 winner.

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