



Kicken Kris continues to thrive since moving to turf

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In the Arlington Million (G1) on August 14, for a second straight year, the first-place finisher was disqualified, this time when Powerscourt (GB) drifted in and interfered in the stretch. This necessitated the awarding of victory to the original runner-up, Kicken Kris.



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KICKEN KRIS The four-year-old bay son of Kris S. earned the second Grade 1 win of his career, having scored convincingly in the Secretariat Stakes (G1) on Million weekend at Arlington Park last year. In 18 starts, Kicken Kris has earned \$1,319,100. His six wins also include triumphs in the Bowling Green Handicap (G2) in July and the Lawrence Realization Handicap (G3) in October. Not bad, considering his first five starts were all on dirt where he was beaten by almost a combined 100 lengths. Since moving to the grass, however, the colt has hit the board 11 of 13 times.

Bred in Kentucky by Valerie Naify, Kicken Kris is the only starter out of the winning stakes-placed mare Kicken Grass, who is a half sister to 1989 Hollywood Derby (G1) winner Live The Dream and Grade 3 winner Warcraft.

Kicken Kris is from the 18th crop of Kris S., arguably Roberto's most successful son at

Kicken Kris, b. c., 2000

Kris S. 77 832 fls, 83 SWs SI 3.06 DI=1.60	Roberto 69 7 wins, \$332,272 Champion 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	*Turn-to 51	
	Sharp Queen 65 2 wins, \$11,775 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.13	Bramalea 59 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.92	Nothirdchance 48	
		*Princequillo 40 482 fls, 65 SWs SI 4.98 DI=0.78	Nashua 52	
	Kicken Grass 94 3 fls, 1 SW DI=6.00	Jade Hunter 84 6 wins, \$407,260, SW 731 fls, 40 SWs SI 1.70 DI=3.00	Mr. Prospector 70 1,177 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.10 DI=3.95	Rarelea 49
=Prince Rose (GB) 28				
Became a Lark 74 6 wins, \$135,550, SW 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=6.50		Jadana (Ire) 79 14 fls, 1 SW DI=1.17	*Cosquilla 33	
			Occupy 41	
		T. V. Lark 57 368 fls, 53 SWs SI 2.66 DI=2.75	*Blow Up II 66 5 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.49	*Feale Bridge 42
				Raise a Native 61
			Gold Digger 62	
			=Pharly (Fr) 74	
			=Janina (Ire) 65	
			*Indian Hemp 49	
			Miss Larksfly 48	
			=Abdos (Fr) 59	
			=Snowfall II (Ire) 57	

stud. Sire of five different Breeders' Cup winners and four champions, Kris S.'s stallion career has been characterized by his consistency in getting top-class runners both on dirt and turf. Kris S. has 40 graded or group winners.

Kris S. has done particularly well with Mr. Prospector line mares. Other Grade 1 winners with this cross include 1993 champion three-year-old filly and Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) winner Hollywood Wildcat and 1998 St. James's

Palace Stakes (Eng-G1) winner Dr. Fong.

After standing 12 seasons in Florida, Kris S. was moved in 1994 to Kentucky where his crops became even deeper in talent. He died in the spring of 2002 and will be represented by a very small final crop—six current yearlings—of juveniles next year.

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