



Ballerina winner Lady Tak's family features plenty of depth

by Rommy Faversham

After going six furlongs in 1:07.90, a time that would be a track record for that distance at Saratoga Race Course, Lady Tak just lasted to capture the seven-furlong, \$250,000 Ballerina Handicap (G1) in stakes-record time of 1:21.09 on Sunday.



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LADY TAK

Perfect in two starts at the Spa, Lady Tak also won the Test Stakes (G1) at seven panels in stakes-record time last year. The speedy four-year-old chestnut becomes horse racing's latest "seven-figure filly" with nine wins from 16 starts and career earnings of \$1,019,602.

Bred in Florida by John Franks, Lady Tak is one of five winners from the winning Lucky North mare Star of My Eye.

Lady Tak's grandam, Dangerous Star, is the youngest of three full sisters by Dark Star out of *Dangerous Dame to forge her own important branch of the family. Her sister, 1959 Kentucky Oaks winner Hidden Talent, is the matriarch of an exceptional number of important runners and sires, including Exceller, Broad Brush, and Capote. Heavenly Body, a year younger, won the 1959 Matron Stakes and later became the ancestress of Group or

Lady Tak, ch. f., 2000

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| Mutakddim 91 416 fls, 28 SWs SI 1.94 DI=2.79 | Seeking the Gold 85 8 wins, \$2,307,000, SW 631 fls, 61 SWs SI 3.55 DI=3.15 | Mr. Prospector 70 1177 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.10 DI=3.95 | Raise a Native 61 |
| | | Con Game 74 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.32 | Gold Digger 62 |
| | Oscillate 86 1 win, \$23,686 10 fls, 1 SW DI=2.20 | Seattle Slew 74 1044 fls, 110 SWs SI 4.86 DI=2.14 | Buckpasser 63 |
| | | Dance Number 79 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.85 | Broadway 59 |
| Star of My Eye 90 6 fls, 1 SW DI=4.50 | Lucky North 81 4 wins, \$117,362, SW 366 fls, 17 SWs SI 1.06 DI=3.75 | Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00 | Northern Dancer 61 |
| | | Lucky Ole Me 68 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.93 | Numbered Account 69 |
| | Dangerous Star 67 Unplaced 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.80 | Dark Star 50 307 fls, 26 SWs SI 2.03 DI=0.83 | Nearctic 54 |
| | | *Dangerous Dame 51 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.75 | Natalma 57 |
| | | | Olden Times 58 |
| | | *Royal Gem II 42 | |
| | | Isolde 38 | |
| | | *Nasrullah 40 | |
| | | =Lady Kells (Ire) 44 | |

Grade 1 winners Sakhee and River Memories.

Lady Tak is from the third North American crop of Mutakddim, a son of Seeking the Gold from the family of Private Account and Woodman. Mutakddim, who shuttles to Argentina, is presently standing at Haras La Quebrada, one of that country's leading Thoroughbred farms. His daughter Artemisa has been one of the top distaffers in Argentina this summer.

In the United States, Mutakddim also has sired Grade 3 winner Hattiesburg. In all, he has 17 group or graded stakes winners, including 11 fillies and mares. Eight of those females, including Lady Tak, have been inbred to Northern Dancer.

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