



Family lines strong on top and bottom for Puerto Banus

by Rommy Faversham

In a thrilling five-horse blanket finish, Puerto Banus split rivals to prevail by a neck in the San Luis Obispo Handicap (G2) at Santa Anita Park on Monday. The five-year-old chestnut son of Supremo earned his second Grade 2 victory in a 1½-mile turf event, having taken the Sunset Handicap (G2) on July 20 at Hollywood Park.



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PUERTO BANUS

Puerto Banus was bred in Kentucky by The Thoroughbred Corp. and is named after the upscale Spanish resort on the Costa del Sol. His dam, the stakes-winning mare Drina, is best known as the dam of 2000 Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) winner Spain, by Thunder Gulch, who retired in 2002 as the richest racemare in North American history (\$3,540,542). Drina also has produced Fantastic Spain, by Fantastic Fellow, an impressive winner in his only start to date, a maiden turf race, as well as Spain's full sister, three-year-old filly Path of Thunder, who was placed at two.

The third dam of Puerto Banus, Shujinsky, is an unraced full sister to multiple graded stakes winner and sire Manzotti. Their extended family is anchored by the seventh dam of Puerto Banus, the esteemed

Claiborne matriarch Bourtai (1942). Puerto Banus is from the third crop of the Gone West stallion Supremo, winner of the 1994 Norfolk Stakes (G2) as a juvenile and a descendant from the family of sire Dynaformer as well as 2001 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Monarchos.

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Supremo 92 346 fls, 6 SWs SI 0.63 DI=3.00	Gone West 84 6 wins, \$682,251, SW 802 fls, 72 SWs SI 2.94 DI=4.52	Mr. Prospector 70 1176 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.10 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61
	Personal Glory 87 Unraced 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.33	Secrettame 78 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Gold Digger 62
Drina 88 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.19		Danzig 77 988 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.49 DI=4.71	Secretariat 70
	Regal and Royal 75 8 wins, \$132,502, SW 412 fls, 20 SWs SI 1.00 DI=1.42	Andover Way 78 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	Tamerett 62
Wandering Lace 84 1 win, \$5,415 7 fls, 1 SW DI=1.18	*Vaguely Noble 65 727 fls, 70 SWs SI 3.12 DI=2.36	Native Street 63 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.10	Northern Dancer 61
			Pas de Nom 68
Private Account 76 588 fls, 61 SWs SI 4.00 DI=3.00	Shujinsky 80 12 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.92	Damascus 64	His Majesty 68
			On the Trail 64
			=Vienna (GB) 57
			=Noble Lassie (GB) 56
			Native Dancer 50
			*Beaver Street 53
			Numbered Account 69
			Nijinsky II 67
			Shufleur 74

has sired six stakes winners, including multiple Australian group stakes winner Sportsman. Supremo stands for \$2,500 at the Rockin' River Ranch near Winterset, Iowa. The latest victory by Puerto Banus makes him Supremo's richest offspring to race in North America.

Supremo spent his first three years at stud shuttling between Kentucky and Australia. From six crops and 365 foals of racing age (which includes current two-year-olds), he

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