



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Classic distances no problem for Wood Memorial winner Bellamy Road

by Rommy Faversham

Bellamy Road's jaw-dropping 17½-length score in the \$750,000 Wood Memorial Stakes (G1) last weekend certainly appears to have catapulted the three-year-old son of Concerto into the role of favorite for the Kentucky Derby (G1) on May 7.

The front-running Bellamy Road covered 1½ miles in a stakes record 1:47.16, which also equaled the track record set at Aqueduct back in 1973 by Racing Hall of Famer Riva Ridge. The Florida-bred colt now has won four of five career starts and earned \$611,400. As a juvenile, he captured the 1¼ mile Miller Genuine Draft Cradle Stakes (G3) at River Downs.

Bellamy Road is owned by longtime horseman George Steinbrenner, whose stormy yet illustrious 32 years as principal owner of the New York Yankees has afforded the 75-year-old industrialist decades of pop icon status.

Steinbrenner's Kinsman Farm purchased the dark bay or brown colt for \$87,000 at last year's Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s April two-year-old sale.

Bellamy Road is the first American graded stakes winner for his sire, Concerto, a winner of \$1,308,118 who was bred and raced by none other than George Steinbrenner's Kinsman Farm.

Sporting a five-race win streak that included a daylight victory in the Jim Beam Stakes (G2), Concerto carried the farm's blue and brown colors in the 1997 Derby but could do no better than ninth on that occasion. Later in the season, he beat older foes in the nine-furlong Clark Handicap (G2).

Even though the bottom half of Bellamy Road's pedigree is not flashy, particularly up



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BELLAMY ROAD

Concerto 94
148 fls, 8 SWs
SI 1.94 DI=2.31

Udeniably 87
3 wins, \$50,850
8 fls, 2 SWs
DI=3.50

Deputed Testamony 80
11 wins, \$674,329, SW
408 fls, 19 SWs
SI 0.98 DI=2.08

Ten Cents a Turn 90
3 wins, \$17,672
4 fls, 0 SWs
DI=2.81

Hurry Home Hillary 95
3 fls, 1 SW
DI=2.27

Danzig 77
1015 fls, 185 SWs
SI 5.46 DI=4.71

Six Crowns 76
14 fls, 2 SWs
DI=3.63

In Reality 64
555 fls, 81 SWs
SI 3.72 DI=2.40

Past Forgetting 78
10 fls, 3 SWs
DI=3.44

Traffic Cop 69
197 fls, 6 SWs
SI 0.81 DI=1.38

Proof Requested 68
9 fls, 1 SW
DI=4.14

Cozzene 80
760 fls, 65 SWs
SI 2.51 DI=1.82

Rub al Khali 86
10 fls, 2 SWs
DI=3.67

Bellamy Road, dkbb. c., 2002			
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			Arabian Dancer 79

close, it would appear to convey more than enough elements of class and stamina to suggest success at classic distances.

Bellamy Road is the first winner from the winning mare Hurry Home Hillary, a daughter of Preakness Stakes (G1) winner Deputed Testamony. Cozzene, the sire of Bellamy Road's second dam, is the only stallion to sire the winners of both the Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) and the Breeders' Cup Turf (G1).

Bellamy Road's third dam, Rub al Khali, is a three-quarters sister to NYRA Mile (G1) winner Gold Fever. His fourth dam, Arabian Dancer was a half-sister to Alabama Stakes (G1) winner Versailles Treaty. This also is the family of Travers Stakes winner (G1) and sire General Assembly as well as the influential stal-

lion Exclusive Native.

A five generation outcross, Bellamy Road's pedigree demonstrates some interesting family links further back. In Reality and Deputed Testamony, the broodmare sires of Concerto and Bellamy Road, respectively, both hail from the same tribe. Two complementary strains of the key matriarch Somethingroyal are also part of the mix.

The presence of established "mud sires" In Reality and Deputed Testamony also increases the likelihood that Bellamy Road would handle an off track should the Kentucky Derby be run on a wet surface as it was last year.

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