



Prince Arch secures big victory at Gulfstream for sire Arch

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Facing older horses for the first time, Prince Arch became his sire's first North American Grade 1 winner on Sunday when he returned from a seven-month lay-off to prevail in the \$250,000 Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup Handicap (G1).



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PRINCE ARCH

Last season, Prince Arch, a son of Arch, showed himself to be one of the better three-year-old grass runners in North America. Pitted against eventual 2004 turf champion Kitten's Joy on four different occasions, Prince Arch was the only member of his generation to beat that colt all year when he edged Kitten's Joy by a head in the Jefferson Cup Stakes (G3) at Churchill Downs. In the other three contests, also Grade 3 turf events, Prince Arch finished with two seconds and a third to Kitten's Joy.

Prince Arch closed out his sophomore season with a head victory over Mustanfar in the Saranac Handicap (G3) last September. His record now stands at six wins in fourteen starts with career earnings of \$569,186.

Prince Arch is from the second crop of the Kris S. stallion Arch who captured the 1998 Super Derby (G1) during an abbreviated racing career. Arch also is the sire of Grade 3 winner, Chilly Rooster as well as South African champion sprinter Overarching, a filly, and Montgomery's Arch, winner of a juvenile Group 2

Prince Arch, b. c., 2001

Arch 95 173 fls, 10 SWs SI 1.98 DI=1.90	Kris S. 77 3 wins, \$53,350, SW 837 fls, 87 SWs SI 3.09 DI=1.60	Roberto 69 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58
		Sharp Queen 65 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.13	*Princequillo 40 Bridgework 55
	Aurora 88 7 wins, \$285,236, SW 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.16	Danzig 77 1013 fls, 184 SWs SI 5.46 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61 Pas de Nom 68
		Althea 81 5 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.85	Alydar 75 Courtly Dee 68
Princess Kris (GB) 90 5 fls, 1 SW DI=0.79	=Kris (GB) 76 14 wins, \$405,373 Champion 813 fls, 80 SWs SI 2.45 DI=0.87	Sharpen Up (GB) 69 620 fls, 82 SWs SI 2.76 DI=3.00	Atan 61 =Rocchetta (GB) 61
		Doubly Sure (GB) 71 11 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.11	=Reliance II (Fr) 62 =Soft Angels (GB) 63
	=As You Desire Me (Ire) 77 3 wins, \$68,258, SW 14 fls, 1 SW DI=1.17	=Kalamoun (GB) 70 122 fls, 21 SWs SI 3.27 DI=3.29	=Zeddaan (GB) 65 =Khairunissa (GB) 60
		=Royal Saint (GB) 64 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.60	=Saint Crespin III (GB) 56 =Bleu Azur (GB) 59

event in England last year. He stands for \$10,000 at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky.

Bred in Kentucky by Pine Lake Bloodstock, Prince Arch was purchased for \$37,000 in the 2002 Keeneland September Yearling Sale. He is from the winning Kris (GB) mare Princess Kris (GB), a half sister to Irish Group 3 winner, Intimate Guest. Their dam, As You Desire Me, was a multiple stakes winner in France. Prince Arch's third dam, the stakes-winning mare Royal Saint (GB), was a full

sister to the splendid filly Altesse Royale (GB), winner of the One Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1), Epsom Oaks (Eng-G1) and Irish Oaks (Ire-G1) in 1971.

Prince Arch is scheduled to be shipped to the United Arab Emirates for the Dubai Sheema Classic (UAE-G1) on March 26 at Nad al Sheba.

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