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ALL IN THE

Family

ZENYATTA'S HALF-SISTER PRODUCES CONFIDENCE GAME \$1M REBEL S.-G2 WINNER

**Belladonna owns 2YO half-brother
('21 Eblouissante–More Than Ready)**



Don't Tell My Wife Stables' Confidence Game (Candy Ride {Arg}) exited his upset win in Saturday's GI Rebel S. in fine shape, according to trainer Keith Desormeaux.

"He's happy," Desormeaux said Sunday. "He looks a lot more calm and happy than he was in that damn [indoor] paddock."

The Rebel victory propelled Confidence Game to the top of the Kentucky Derby leaderboard with 57 points.

Confidence Game shipped back to Desormeaux's Fair Grounds base Sunday afternoon, but could return to Oaklawn Park for the GI Arkansas Derby Apr. 1.

"For sure, TBA—depending on how he returns and it will give us a couple of weeks to let him rest and see how he bounces back, but all options are open," Desormeaux said of the colt's next start. "It could be in Arkansas, Louisiana, maybe even the Blue Grass, I don't know. Obviously, with our success here and the way we were treated, our first option is going to be the Arkansas Derby."

A maiden winner at Churchill Downs last August, Confidence Game entered the Rebel off a third-place effort in the Jan. 21 GIII Lecomte S.

Sent off at 18-1 in the Rebel, he was fifth through a demanding :46.17 half-mile before launching a four-wide move to the lead turning for home. Confidence Game opened a 1 1/2-length advantage in midstretch and held late-running Red Route One (Gun Runner) safe in the final 100 yards.

"Everything worked in his favor," Desormeaux said. "I was telling the ownership group last night that pace, I've watched races there for two days, and that pace was about two seconds faster than anything I had seen. So, it set up great for him. I don't know how many people buy into this, but as far as the pedigree was concerned, as far as propensity for the off track, he had the highest number. The off track probably helped us. Perfect trip. Here we are."



Confidence Game shown winning the G2 Rebel Stakes

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SOURCE: TDN 2.26.23



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FOLLOWING OUR *Bliss*

BLISSFUL WINS ALLOWANCE RACE AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

BLISSFUL, with Brian Hernandez Jr. in the irons, broke well and found herself a nice stalking position behind the leaders going into the first turn. BLISSFUL and Hernandez kept themselves forwardly placed behind the speed down the backstretch and Hernandez eased BLISSFUL out going into the turn, bid wide and wore down the front-runners to win going away by a length and a half.

Hernandez commented, "BLISSFUL was there for me the whole trip. She still gets to wandering a bit out there, swapping leads, and I still think she's figuring it out. I had a lot of horse under me. She definitely likes the grass."

Cherie commented, "we have been so unlucky with BLISSFUL at times, but we got her back on the grass and she put it all together for us today. She looks good so far out of the race. I will get her back to the track and breezing in a couple of weeks and come up with a plan for her."

BLISSFUL earned \$30,500 for her winning effort, pushing her career total to two wins in six starts for \$96,525 earnings.

100th WIN FOR CHERIE DEVAUX RACING!



BLISSFUL CHARGING HOME

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RECENT NEWS & NOTABLE DATES



INVITATION
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We hope several Belladonna members can attend the OBS 2YOs in Training sale on March 20-22 in Ocala. Our Team will be on the grounds well in advance.

INFORMATIVE INTERVIEW WITH DAVID INGORDO

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Trivia Question

Q: What is the record price for a 2YO sold at a public in-training sale?

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OBS March Sale
Two-Year-Olds in Training
March 20-22

Texas T-Bred Assoc
Two-Year-Olds in Training
April 5

OBS Spring Sale
Two-Year-Olds in Training
April 25-28

Keeneland April Horses
of Racing Age Sale
April 30

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TEAM SPOTLIGHT

DARRIN MH WILLIAMS

Nickname

Some of the guys I work with call me "Cowboy"

Years in the Horse Business:

25 or so

Years with the DeVaux Racing TEAM:

Started June of 2021

Position in the Barn:

Assistant Trainer

List other horse-related jobs you have had prior to joining DeVaux Racing:

I grew up Farming and Ranching; started training Team Roping horses when I was 15. I worked for a Cutting horse trainer for a bit and showed Cutters as well.

How did your involvement in Thoroughbred Racing start?:

I grew up going to Remington Park; I loved it. I wanted to be a jockey but I'm a little big for it. I bought a Quarter Horse in 2007 and he won, so I was hooked after that.

What do you enjoy most about your current job?:

Our barn is laid back and the horses I think do better in this kind of atmosphere. Cherie has instilled Team Work in all of us and it shows. Everyone supports or helps with no hesitation no matter what the circumstances and that is huge for a barn's success.

What is your favorite race track?:

Keeneland, Oaklawn, Santa Anita, they are special to me for different reasons.

Do you have a favorite Belladonna-owned Horse?:

Vahva, but there are a few others that should make a splash in 2023.

What activities or hobbies do you enjoy outside of horse racing?:

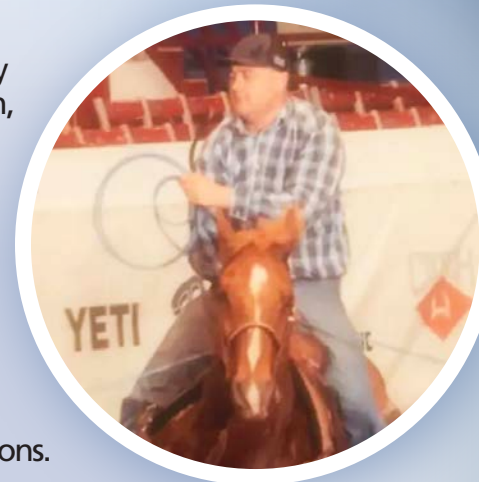
I still rope with some friends a little bit. I enjoy golfing even though I'm not very good. I really still enjoy a good day at the races though.

Do you have a favorite memory in racing?:

My first Thoroughbred I claimed at Oaklawn came back and won and that was really exciting. Some friends and I had a horse win the Jack Brooks Stakes at Remington; that was special for me.

Who is your all-time favorite race horse?:

Zenyatta. I think she did a lot for this game and her running style was so fun to watch.



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Around THE TRACK



'21 Kadir



Depiction



Apriati, Paleta and Mindful



Vahva



Shesjustanicegirl



Varvatos and Norwich (chestnut)

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Around THE TRACK



Domina



Depiction



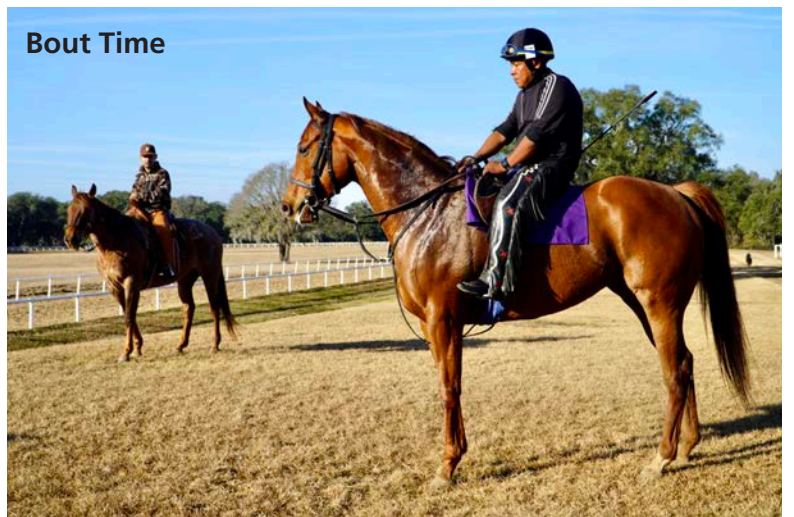
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Vahva



Blissful



Bout Time

A: \$16,000,000 for THE GREEN MONKEY, selling at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Select sale.