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1993 Juvenile Fillies

Phone Chatter

Owned by Herman Sarkowsky

Phone Chatter's Perfect Trip

Giant filly stands heads above her competition

Selected by
DAN LIEBMAN

When Phone Chatter arrived at Richard Mandella's barn in the spring of 1993, the trainer checked and re-checked her paperwork, wondering how the gargantuan chestnut filly in front of him could possibly be a 2-year-old. But the daughter of Phone Trick was indeed just a baby who had enjoyed an early growth spurt, and would tower over her opponents. Because of her size, Phone Chatter was never going to leave the starting gate promptly. Thus, it was crucial that she have a patient rider with a keen sense of timing. Mandella wisely chose Laffit Pincay Jr. as her pilot.

In the 1993 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, Pincay made sure to keep his charge comfortable and on the outside, and they loped up the backstretch in mid-pack. When Pincay pushed the button on the turn for home, Phone Chatter's acceleration came oh so gradually, but come it did.



"I remember she had a good trip, settled back off the pace," said Mandella. "She was such a big-striding filly, Laffit chose to keep her out there safe, and it was the right choice. I had a good feeling by the time they went to the 3/8s pole—I'm not sure why." By mid-stretch Phone Chatter was fly-

ing, but with considerable ground still to make up on Sardula. It looked impossible, but the giant's momentum was strong, and in the shadow of the wire, Phone Chatter stuck her white-blazed head in front, winning by that margin in a Perfect Trip.

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