



2003 Eclipse Award Winners

## 2-Year-Old Female

Unbridled—Half Queen, by Deputy Minister

**ECLIPSE VOTING**

Horse	First-place Votes
Halfbridled	247
Ashado	1

# Halfbridled

BY DAN LIEBMAN

**W**hen she drew the outside post in the 14-horse field for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I), there were some handicappers who thought that would be enough to stop the unbeaten streak of Halfbridled.

Well, as she proved that day, she hasn't seen an obstacle yet she can't overcome.

Despite having a wide trip in the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile race, Halfbridled and jockey Julie Krone came home 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  lengths in front of Ashado and Victory U. S. A.

Interestingly, Ashado and Victory U. S. A. were the other finalists for the Eclipse Award; however, they

mostly received second- and third-place votes. One lone first-place vote for Ashado is all that kept Halfbridled from being a unanimous choice among the voters. Halfbridled received more first-place votes than any other 2003 Eclipse Award winner.

Halfbridled never let her competition think it even had a chance. She won her four starts in 2003 by a combined 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

Unveiled to the public for the first time by trainer Richard Mandella—himself an Eclipse Award finalist—at Del Mar on July 27, Halfbridled was sent off at 7-2 in a small field of 2-year-old filly maidens. Last for the first four furlongs of the 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -furlong race, Krone urged Halfbridled with a wide rally and she responded, galloping home 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  lengths in front.

Those who cashed a \$2 win ticket that day for \$9.20 may never live to see Halfbridled at such a "big" price again. In fact, she was the third-choice in the six-horse field. Haleakala Sunrise, trained and co-owned by Richard Matlow and finishing third that day, was sent postward the 3-2 favorite.

The daughter of Unbridled out of the Deputy Minister mare Half Queen wasn't favored in her second start either, though she was 8-5. The 3-5 favorite in the Aug. 30 Del Mar Debutante (gr. I) was Victory U. S. A., who had won her first start at Del Mar Aug. 3 by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

Halfbridled showed Victory U. S. A., and the entire racing world for that matter, that she was the undisputed leader of the division. She stalked the early pace, came through on the rail, and drove clear to a decisive five-length score.

A month later, Halfbridled was sent off the heavy favorite—30 cents on the dollar—in the Oak Leaf Stakes (gr. II) at Santa Anita. In her first start around two turns, Halfbridled was closer to the pace than in her first two races and set soft fractions. She won by 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  lengths.

Off the Oak Leaf, there were skeptics who thought the leisurely pace of the race might not bode well for her in the Breeders' Cup. They were wrong. She not only capped her perfect juvenile season but provided

Halfbridled was unbeaten in four starts and an easy choice for championship honors



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2003: 4 4 0 0 \$849,400

### Halfbridled

Own: Wertheimer Farm LLC

Dk. br. b. f. 2 (Feb)  
 Sire: Unbridled (Fappiano) \$200,000  
 Dam: Half Queen (Deputy Minister)  
 Br: Wertheimer & Frere (Ky)  
 Tr: Mandella Richard E (0 0 0 0 .00) 2003:(249 50 20)

25Oct03-35A	fst	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	:224	:464	1:104	1:423	@BCJuvFil-G1	99	14	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	31	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Krone J A	LB119	*2.30	91-07	Halfbridled1192 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ashado119 <sup>mk</sup>	Victory U. S. A.1199 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wide trip, drew off 14
28Sep03-95A	fst	1 $\frac{1}{16}$	:24	:48	1:122	1:433	@OakLeaf-G2	98	4	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	11	12	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Krone J A	LB119	*.30	86-16	Halfbridled1194 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tarlow119 $\frac{3}{4}$	Hollywood Story1196 $\frac{1}{2}$	Inside, clear, gamely 7
30Aug03-8Dmr	fst	7f	:224	:451	1:093	1:221	@DmrDeb-G1	99	1	4	42	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	Krone J A	LB116	1.60	91-13	Halfbridled1165	HollywoodStory115 <sup>no</sup>	VictoryUSA1161 $\frac{1}{2}$	Re-bid rail 1/4, clear 6
27Jly03-3Dmr	fst	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ f	:22	:451	:574	1:04	@Md Sp Wt 49k	87	1	4	65	64 $\frac{1}{4}$	31	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Krone J A	B118	3.60	95-10	Halfbridled1184 $\frac{1}{2}$	UppityKitty1182	HaleakalSunrise1182	4wd rally, drew off 6

Life	4	4	0	0	\$849,400	99	D.Fst	4	4	0	0	\$849,400	99
2003	4	4	0	0	\$849,400	99	Wet(413)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2002	0	M	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(282)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dst(0)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

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1971	Numbered Account	1982	Landaluce	1994	Flanders
1972	La Prevoyante	1983	Althea	1995	Golden Attraction
1973	Talking Picture	1984	Outstandingly	1996	Storm Song
1974	Ruffian	1985	Family Style	1997	Countess Diana
1975	Dearly Precious	1986	Brave Raj	1998	Silverbulletday
1976	Sensational	1987	Epitome	1999	Chilukki
1977	Lakeville Miss	1988	Open Mind	2000	Caressing
1978	Candy Eclair (tie)	1989	Go for Wand	2001	Tempera
	It's in the Air (tie)	1990	Meadow Star	2002	Storm Flag Flying
1979	Smart Angle	1991	Pleasant Stage	2003	Halfbridled
1980	Heavenly Cause	1992	Eliza		
1981	Before Dawn	1993	Phone Chatter		



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Mandella with the first of his record four Breeders' Cup wins Oct. 25 at Santa Anita.

Halfbridled is a homebred racing for brothers Alain and Gerard Wertheimer. The Frenchmen are the third generation of their family to be involved in the Thoroughbred industry. Their grandfather, Pierre, was the first to breed and race horses, followed by their late father, Jacques. The family owns the Chanel perfume and fashion house. For the Wertheimer family, Mandella scored another major Breeders' Cup victory a few years earlier; their Kotashtaan won the 1993 Turf (gr. IT) and was named Horse of the Year. **U**

**FAMILY NOTES**

UNBRIDLED, b, 1987	Fappiano, 1977 17s, SW, \$370,213 410 f, 48 SW, 4.40 AEI	Mr. Prospector, 1970 14s, SW, \$112,171 1,176 f, 179 SW, 4.05 AEI	Raise a Native Gold Digger
	Gana Facil, 1981 19s, wnr, \$85,100 7 f, 6 r, 5 w, 2 SW	Killaloe, 1970 32s, wnr, \$67,065 10 f, 9 r, 9 w, 5 SW	Dr. Fager Grand Splendor
HALFBRIDLED, dkb/br f, February 1, 2001	Deputy Minister, 1979 22s, SW, \$696,964 936 f, 78 SW, 3.01 AEI	Le Fabuleux, 1961 11s, SW, \$294,013 446 f, 41 SW, 2.11 AEI	Wild Risk Anguar
	At the Half, 1991 8s, SW, \$338,393 5 f, 3 r, 2 w, 1 SW	Charedi, 1976 14s, wnr, \$35,080 11 f, 9 r, 7 w, 2 SW	In Reality Magic
HALF QUEEN, b, 1996		Vice Regent, 1967 5s, wnr, \$6,215 671 f, 105 SW, 2.90 AEI	Northern Dancer Victoria Regina
		Mint Copy, 1970 76s, wnr, \$53,945 7 f, 7 r, 4 w, 1 SW	Bunty's Flight Shakney
		Seeking the Gold, 1985 15s, SW, \$2,307,000 574 f, 54 SW, 2.87 AEI	Mr. Prospector Con Game
		Knitted Gloves, 1970 79s, SW, \$231,376 11 f, 9 r, 8 w, 3 SW	White Gloves II Fleet Needles

3yo colt. Won Kentucky Derby (gr. I), Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), Florida Derby (gr. I), What a Pleasure S, Deputy Minister H; 2nd Preakness S (gr. I), Super Derby (gr. I), Secretariat S (gr. IT), Fayette H (gr. II), Canterbury Juvenile S, In Reality S (R); 3rd Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), Blue Grass S (gr. II), Fountain of Youth S (gr. II), Pacific Classic S, Waukegan Breeders' Cup S, Arch Ward S.

**Lifetime:** 9 crops, 508 foals, 345 rnrs (68%), 210 wnrs (41%), 40 2yo wnrs (8%), 37 sw (7%), 2.99 AEI, 3.22 CI, 239 sale yrlgs, avg \$293,854, 6.1 TNA.

**1st dam:** Half Queen, b, 1996. Bred by Wayne G. Lyster III (Ky.). Raced 1 yr, 6 sts, 1 win, \$43,420. Dam of 3 named foals, 1 rnr, 1 wnr, 1 sw. (\$325,000, 1996 keenov wnlg).

**2001:** HALFBRIDLED, dkb/br f, by Unbridled.

**At 2:** Won Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I), Del Mar Debutante S (gr. I), Oak Leaf S (gr. II).

**2002:** Alfonzo, dkb/br c, by Saint Ballado.

**2003:** A. P. Surprise, b f, by Pulpit.

**Broodmare sire:** DEPUTY MINISTER, dkb/br, 1979. Sire of 299 dams of 1,050 foals, 725 rnrs (69%), 529 wnrs (50%), 183 2yo wnrs (17%), 2.01 AEI, 1.72 CI; 95 sw.

**2nd dam:** AT THE HALF, dkb/br, 1991. Bred by Wayne G. Lyster III (Ky.). Raced 2 yrs, 8 sts, 5 wins, \$338,393. Won Golden Rod S (gr. III), Bassinet S, Pocahontas S, Colleen S; 3rd Sorority S (gr. III). Dam of **LU RAVI** (f, A.P. Indy; \$1,819,781, Won Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup H, gr. II, Cotillion H, gr. II, Delaware H, gr. III, Sixty Sails H, gr. III, Fair Grounds Oaks, gr. III, Chou Croute H, twice, Doubledogdare S; 2nd Apple Blossom H, gr. I, twice, Alabama S, gr. I, Louisville Breeders' Cup H, gr. II, Oaklawn Breeders' Cup S, gr. III, twice, Delaware Oaks, Davona Dale S; 3rd Chou Croute H).

**HALFBRIDLED'S RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD**

Year	Age	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2003	at 2	4	4(3)	0	0	\$849,400
	Lifetime	4	4(3)	0	0	\$849,400

**Sire:** UNBRIDLED, b, 1987-2001. Raced 3 yrs, 24 sts, 8 wins, \$4,489,475. Champion