



2003 Eclipse Award Winners

2-Year-Old Male

Kris S.—Najecam, by Trempolino

ECLIPSE VOTING

Horse	First-place Votes
Action This Day	114
Cuvee	42
Birdstone	23
Others	66
Abstentions	3

Action This Day

BY DAVID SCHMITZ

Action This Day didn't get into serious action for an Eclipse Award until the Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I). But when he did, there was no stopping him in his first added-money start. The son of Kris S. charged through the Santa Anita stretch to win North America's richest race for 2-year-olds for owner B. Wayne Hughes and trainer Richard Mandella.

The victory, worth \$780,000, was just rewards for Hughes, who has spent some \$20 million for yearlings since the mid-1990s and has experienced mostly modest returns. Hughes, a resident of Malibu, Calif., paid \$150,000 for Action This Day at the 2002 Keeneland July yearling sale from Bob Courtney, agent. Considering that the sale average was \$487,184, Action This Day has proved to be a special bargain in more ways than one.

Action This Day became the 16th Juvenile winner to

be voted an Eclipse Award. Since the advent of the Breeders' Cup in 1984, there have been only four horses that were named champion without a Breeders' Cup win. Two of them—Forty Niner (in 1987) and Maria's Mon (in 1995)—bypassed the race, and the other two—Easy Goer (in 1988) and Dehere (in 1993)—lost. Easy Goer finished second to Is It True, and Dehere ran unplaced behind winner Brocco.

Action This Day is the second champion for the team of Courtney and Jaime S. Carrion, who bred the colt in the name of his trust. In 1990, Carl Icahn's Meadow Star, whom Carrion bred and Courtney helped raise at his Crestfield Farm near Lexington, won that year's Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I) and was voted top 2-year-old filly.

Meadow Star's juvenile season was considerably more action packed than Action This Day's comparable season. Meadow Star was unbeaten that year in seven starts and her other stakes wins included scores in such grade I fixtures as the Frizette, Matron, and Spinaway Stakes in New York.

Action This Day raced just twice before the Breeders' Cup. Mandella tried Action This Day first at Del Mar in September and came away impressed with the colt's runner-up effort at a mile under Alex Solis. Mandella alerted Hughes that maybe they had a Breeders' Cup horse on their hands and that a good effort at the upcoming Oak Tree meeting would help confirm that feeling.

On opening day at Oak Tree, Action This Day proved to Mandella that he was a Breeders' Cup horse. Trailing by a dozen lengths at the half-mile marker in a 1 1/16-mile maiden special weight race, Action This Day started picking off horses around the far turn and plowed through a hole in the stretch to win by a nose. Action This Day, Mandella felt, had advanced from boyhood to manhood.

Much of the pre-race coverage surrounding the Juvenile centered on who wasn't going to run. Such stars as Champagne Stakes (gr. I) victor Birdstone and Hopeful Stakes (gr. I) winner Silver Wagon as well as Ruler's Cup, a 14-length winner of the Norfolk Stakes (gr. II),

Action This Day came from last to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile



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2003: 3 2 1 0 \$817,200

Action This Day

Own: Hughes B. W

B. c. 2 (Feb) KEEJUL02 \$150,000
 Sire: Kris S. (Roberto) \$150,000
 Dam: Najecam (Trempolino)
 Br: Jaime S. Carrion, Trustee (Ky)
 Tr: Mandella Richard E (0 0 0 0 .00) 2003:(249 50 .20)

25Oct03-75A fst 1 1/16	:221 .45	1:09 1:43 3	BesTBCJv-G1	92	2 12 13 12 13	106 3/4	31 1/2	12 1/4	Flores D R	LB122
28Sep03-15A fst 1 1/16	:232 .47 3	1:12 1:45 3	Md Sp Wt 45k	79	5 7 7 3	7 12	6 9 3/4	5 2 1/4	Solis A	LB117
5Sep03-2Dmr fst 1	:224 .46 3	1:10 1:37	Md Sp Wt 51k	74	5 6 6	6 6 3/4	5 7 1/2	4 6	Solis A	LB120

Life	3	2	1	0	\$817,200	92	D.Fst	3	2	1	0	\$817,200	92
2003	3	2	1	0	\$817,200	92	Wet(354)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
2002	0	M	0	0	\$0	-	Turf(340)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dst(0)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-

26.80	86-07	ActionThisDay1222 1/2	MinisterEric1225	ChpelRoy1122no	4 wide, going away	12
*1.00	76-16	ActionThisDy117no	NtiveApprov117 3/4	CourgeousAct1174	Bid btwn, gamely	7
4.10	82-10	Coldntight1207	ActionThisDay120nk	ThtsnOutrge1203	Bit tight 1/16, late 2d	6



Action This Day was a \$150,000 yearling purchase

1971 Riva Ridge	1982 Roving Boy	1993 Dehere
1972 Secretariat	1983 Devil's Bag	1994 Timber Country
1973 Protagonist	1984 Chief's Crown	1995 Maria's Mon
1974 Foolish Pleasure	1985 Tasso	1996 Boston Harbor
1975 Honest Pleasure	1986 Capote	1997 Favorite Trick
1976 Seattle Slew	1987 Forty Niner	1998 Answer Lively
1977 Affirmed	1988 Easy Goer	1999 Anees
1978 Spectacular Bid	1989 Rhythm	2000 Macho Uno
1979 Rockhill Native	1990 Fly So Free	2001 Johannesburg
1980 Lord Avie	1991 Arazi	2002 Vindication
1981 Deputy Minister	1992 Gilded Time	2003 Action This Day

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and Lane's End Breeders' Futurity (gr. II) winner Eurosilver were withdrawn from consideration.

Action This Day, with only a maiden win to his credit, didn't figure to be among the favorites, and he wasn't. But at least he had won at the 1¹/₁₆-mile Juvenile distance and in such a way that he wouldn't run from a fight if things got tough down the stretch. Under new rider David Flores, Action This Day trailed early, but got up to win by 2¹/₄ lengths at 26-1.

Action This Day became only the second Juvenile winner to come from last place. Anees did the trick in 1999. Now if he can only become the first Juvenile winner to win the Kentucky Derby (gr. I). **U**

FAMILY NOTES

KRIS S., dkb/br, 1977	Roberto, 1969 14s, SW, \$339,902 500 f, 86 SW, 3.37 AEI	Hail to Reason, 1958 18s, SW, \$328,434 308 f, 43 SW, 4.47 AEI	Turn-to Nothirdchance
	Sharp Queen, 1965 14s, wnr, \$11,775 8 f, 7 r, 6 w, 1 SW	Bramalea, 1959 38s, SW, \$192,396 9 f, 8 r, 7 w, 1 SW	Nashua Rarelea
ACTION THIS DAY, b c, February 18, 2001	Tremolino, 1984 11s, SW, \$1,369,233 571 f, 45 SW, 1.60 AEI	Princequillo, 1940 33s, SW, \$96,550 482 f, 65 SW, 3.31 AEI	Prince Rose Cosquilla
	NAJECAM, ch, 1993	Bridgework, 1955 13s, SW, \$34,897 5 f, 4 r, 3 w	Occupy Feale Bridge
	Sue Warner, 1988 Unraced 7 f, 6 r, 6 w	Sharpen Up, 1969 8s, SW, \$48,168 620 f, 83 SW, 2.47 AEI	Atan Rocchetta
		Trepphine, 1977 24s, wnr, \$73,117 10 f, 8 r, 7 w, 1 SW	Viceregal Quirquina
		Forli, 1963 10s, SW, \$156,410 681 f, 60 SW, 2.13 AEI	Aristophanes Trevisa
		Bitty Girl, 1971 20s, SW, \$83,709 13 f, 7 r, 5 w, 2 SW	Habitat Garvey Girl

ACTION THIS DAY'S RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD

Year	Age	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2003	at 2	3	2(1)	1	0	\$817,200
	Lifetime	3	2(1)	1	0	\$817,200

Sire: KRIS S., dkb/br, 1977-2002. Raced 2 yrs, 5 sts, 3 wins, \$53,350. Won Bradbury S. **Lifetime:** 19 crops, 808 foals, 688 rnrns (85%), 517 wnrs (64%), 134 2yo wnrs (17%), 77 sw (10%), 2.51 AEI, 2.06 Cl, 248 sale yrllgs, avg \$171,563, 3.9 TNA.

1st dam: Najecam, ch, 1993. Bred by Derry Meeting Farm and London Thoroughbred Services (Pa.). Raced 4 yrs, 33 sts, 6 wins, \$175,243. 2nd Princess S (gr. II); 3rd San Clemente H (gr. IIT), Honeymoon H (gr. IIIT), Kenneth L. Graf Memorial H (T). Dam of 4 named foals, 3 rnrns, 2 wnrs, 1 sw. (\$90,000, 1994 ftsaug yrlg; \$550,000, 1998 keenov, Gulch).

1999: Gold Ace, ch c, by Gulch. Raced 1 yr in Eng, 3 sts, 0 wins, \$1,769. (\$155,000 keesep yrlg).

2000: Sicily, dkb/br f, by Kris S. Raced 1 yr in Eng, 5 sts, 1 win, \$11,148. (\$150,000 keesep yrlg).

2001: ACTION THIS DAY, b c, by Kris S. (\$150,000 keejul yrlg).

At 2: Won Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I).

2002: Barren.

2003: Dynacam, b f, by Dynaformer.

Broadmare sire: TREMPOLINO, ch, 1984. Sire of 134 dams of 398 foals, 286 rnrns (72%), 177 wnrs (44%), 65 2yo wnrs (16%), 1.17 AEI, 1.70 Cl; 19 sw.

2nd dam: Sue Warner, dkb/br, 1988. Bred by Derry Meeting Farm and London Thoroughbred Services (Pa.). Unraced. Dam of Quiet Down (f, Quiet American; \$51,710, 3rd Blue Hen S), Lady Ilsley (f, Tremolino; \$35,845, 2nd Prix de la Cochere; 3rd Prix de Lieurey, in Fr; producer).