



2003 Eclipse Award Winners

Horse of the Year & Older Male

A.P. Indy—Prospectors Delite, by Mr. Prospector

ECLIPSE VOTING

(older male)

Horse	First-place Votes
Mineshaft	221
Congaree	11
Pleasantly Perfect	7
Others	9

Mineshaft

BY TOM LaMARRA

In seven races in Europe in 2002, all Mineshaft was able to do was break his maiden in a one-mile turf race at Newmarket in England. The final two starts of his 3-year-old campaign produced victories in allowance company in the United States, and they were much more indicative of things to come.

As a 4-year-old, Mineshaft was nearly unbeatable with seven wins in nine starts, performances that not only earned him the Eclipse Award for older male, but for Horse of the Year as well.

Owned and bred by William Farish, James Elkins, and Temple Webber Jr., Mineshaft began his 2003 season under trainer Neil Howard in January with a win in the listed Diplomat Way Handicap at 1 1/16 miles on the main track at Fair Grounds. Three weeks later, the Kentucky-bred by A.P. Indy out of the Mr. Prospector mare Prospectors Delite finished 2 1/2 lengths behind Balto Star in the Whirlway Handicap (gr. III) at 1 1/16 miles at Fair Grounds.

It was the only race in 2003 that Mineshaft didn't have

the lead in midstretch. He would lose only one more time in seven starts, and that loss was by a short head.

Howard mapped out a serious campaign that began in earnest in March with the 1 1/8-mile New Orleans Handicap (gr. II) in Mineshaft's final New Orleans appearance. He didn't disappoint with an easy 3 1/2-length victory. In April, he crushed three foes by nine lengths in the 1 1/8-mile Ben Ali Stakes (gr. III) at Keeneland.

Having proven his ability to go long, it was time for a major test in the Pimlico Special (gr. I) in May. Mineshaft cruised by front-running Western Pride in the lane and rolled to a 3 3/4-length win in the 1 1/16-mile event. From there, it was on to Churchill Downs, where he held a one-length advantage in the stretch but was nailed near the wire by Perfect Drift in the 1 1/8-mile Stephen Foster Handicap (gr. I) in June. To show the toughness of that event, the top three finishers (Aldebaran, a candidate for top sprinter of 2003, finished third) came back to win their next starts.

Howard wheeled Mineshaft right back, and in early July, the horse defeated 2002 Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) winner Volponi by 2 1/4 lengths in the Suburban Handicap (gr. I) at 1 1/4 miles around one turn at Belmont Park. After a brief break, Mineshaft returned to take the Woodward Stakes (gr. I) at 1 1/8 miles at Belmont by 4 1/4 lengths in September.

His final appearance of the year came in late September in the \$1-million Jockey Club Gold Cup (gr. I) at 1 1/4 miles at Belmont. Mineshaft again won with ease, this time by 4 1/4 lengths over Quest, who would come back to win the Clark Handicap (gr. II) at Churchill in late November.

Mineshaft was retired a week after the Gold Cup with what Howard said was a small chip in his right front ankle. Because of that, he didn't have a chance to compete in the Breeders' Cup Classic - Powered by Dodge (gr. I), but he did wrap up his season with four grade I wins. Robby Albarado was aboard for all nine of Mine-

Mineshaft won four grade I races in 2003 and was voted champion older male and Horse of the Year



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2003: 9 7 2 0 \$2,209,686

Mineshaft

Own: Farish William S., Elkins Jr., James

Dk. b or b. c. 4 (May)
Sire: A.P. Indy (Seattle Slew) \$300,000
Dam: Prospectors Delite (Mr. Prospector)
Br: W. S. Farish, James Elkins & W. T. Webber Jr. (Ky)
Tr: Howard Neil J(0 0 0 0.00) 2003:(156 31 .20)

27Sep03-10Bel fst 1 1/4	:473:1.11	1:344:2.00	1 Jky C1bGC-G1	114	3	32	2 1/2	1 1/2	15	14 1/2	Albarado R J	L126	
6Sep03-9Bel fst 1 1/4	:472:1.11	1:342:1.46	3 W Woodward-G1	117	2	43 1/2	42 1/2	32	12 1/2	14 1/2	Albarado R J	L126	
5Jly03-9Bel fst 1 1/4	:483:1.12	1:37	2.012 3 S SuburbanH-G1	115	1	21 1/2	2 1/2	1st	1 1/2	12 1/4	Albarado R J	L121	
14Jun03-10D fst 1 1/4	:464:1.10	1:35	1.472 3 S FosterH-G1	117	10	52 1/2	5 3/4	1 1/2	11	2nd	Albarado R J	L123	
16May03-1Pim sly 1 1/8	:463:1.11	1:362:1.56	4 Pim SpclH-G1	118	3	42	42 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	13 3/4	Albarado R J	L121	
25Apr03-9Kee fst 1 1/8	:474:1.12	1:362:1.48	4 BenAli-G3	116	1	32 1/2	33	2nd	12 1/2	19	Albarado R J	L120	
2Mar03-9FG fst 1 1/8	:474:1.12	1:362:1.48	4 NwOrlmsH-G2	116	6	21 1/2	22 1/2	1st	11 1/2	13 1/2	Albarado R J	L115	
9Feb03-9FG fst 1 1/8	:24	:474	1:124:1.43	4 WirlwayH-G3	107	7	57 1/4	45 1/2	5 3/4	42 1/2	Albarado R J	116	
19Jan03-9FG fst 1 1/8	:241	:472	1:113:1.43	4 DiplmtWayH75k	103	2	32 1/2	31 1/2	1st	11	1st	Albarado R J	116

Life	18	10	3	1	\$2,283,402	118	D.Fst	10	8	2	0	\$1,856,046	117
2003	9	7	2	0	\$2,209,686	118	Wet(440)	1	1	0	0	\$400,000	118
2002	9	3	1	1	\$73,716	104	Turf(332)	7	1	1	1	\$27,356	-
	0	0	0	0	\$0	-	Dst(0)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
*.40	93-09	Mineshaft126 1/4	Quest126 2/3	Evening Attire126 3/4	When asked, ridden out	5							
*.30	99-13	Mineshaft126 1/4	HoldThatTiger122 3/4	Puzzlement126 1 1/4	3 wide move, clear	5							
*.75	87-13	Mineshaft121 1/4	Volponi121 1/4	Dollar Bill115 1/4	Cruised when asked	8							
*.70	101-04	Perfect Drift115 1/2	Mineshaft123 3/4	Aldebaran120 1/2	Bmp start, outgamed	10							
*1.30	93-23	Mineshaft121 1/4	Western Pride116 1/2	Judge's Case113 1/4	Driving	9							
*.30	98-02	Mineshaft120 1/2	American Style116 1/4	Mettron116 1/4	Hand urging, much best	4							
5.00	100-17	Mineshaft115 1/2	Olmodavor117 1/2	Strive114 1/2	Took over, driving	11							
2.70	89-20	Balto Star118 1/2	Mineshaft116 1/4	Bonapaw115 1/2	Up for second	8							
*1.00	91-13	Mineshaft116 1/2	Learned116 1/4	Discret Hero113 1/4	Shook free, all out	7							



1971	Ack Ack (age 5)	1982	Lemhi Gold (4)	1993	Bertrando (4)
1972	Autobiography (4)	1983	Bates Motel (4)	1994	The Wicked North (5)
1973	Riva Ridge (4)	1984	Slew o' Gold (4)	1995	Cigar (5)
1974	Forego (4)	1985	Vanlandingham (4)	1996	Cigar (6)
1975	Forego (5)	1986	Turkoman (4)	1997	Skip Away (4)
1976	Forego (6)	1987	Ferdinand (4)	1998	Skip Away (5)
1977	Forego (7)	1988	Alysheba (4)	1999	Victory Gallop (4)
1978	Seattle Slew (4)	1989	Blushing John (4)	2000	Lemon Drop Kid (4)
1979	Affirmed (4)	1990	Criminal Type (5)	2001	Tiznow (4)
1980	Spectacular Bid (4)	1991	Black Tie Affair (5)	2002	Left Bank (5)
1981	John Henry (6)	1992	Pleasant Tap (5)	2003	Mineshaft (4)

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shaft's 2003 starts.

Mineshaft banked \$2,209,686 in 2003 to push his career earnings to \$2,283,402 on a record of 10 wins, three seconds, and one third in 18 starts. He was retired to Farish's Lane's End Farm in Central Kentucky where he stands for a fee of \$100,000. **U**

FAMILY NOTES

A.P. INDY, dkb/br, 1989	Seattle Slew, 1974 17s, SW, \$1,208,726 1,017 f, 108 SW, 3.85 AEI	Bold Reasoning, 1968 12s, SW, \$189,564 61 f, 10 SW, 3.75 AEI	Boldnesian Reason to Earn
	Weekend Surprise, 1980 31s, SW, \$402,892 14 f, 12 r, 9 w, 3 SW	My Charmer, 1969 32s, SW, \$34,133 12 f, 8 r, 6 w, 4 SW	Poker Fair Charmer
MINESHAFT, dkb/br c, May 17, 1999	Mr. Prospector, 1970 14s, SW, \$112,171 1,176 f, 179 SW, 4.08 AEI	Secretariat, 1970 21s, SW, \$1,316,808 653 f, 57 SW, 2.95 AEI	Bold Ruler Somethingroyal
	Up the Flagpole, 1978 22s, SW, \$166,960 10 f, 10 r, 10 w, 7 SW	Lassie Dear, 1974 26s, SW, \$80,549 13 f, 12 r, 12 w, 4 SW	Buckpasser Gay Missile
PROSPECTORS DELITE, ch, 1989		Raise a Native, 1961 4s, SW, \$45,955 838 f, 78 SW, 2.34 AEI	Native Dancer Raise You
		Gold Digger, 1962 35s, SW, \$127,255 12 f, 7 r, 7 w, 3 SW	Nashua Sequence
		Hoist the Flag, 1968 6s, SW, \$78,145 246 f, 51 SW, 3.88 AEI	Tom Rolfe Wavy Navy
		The Garden Club, 1966 15s, wnr, \$18,475 12 f, 10 r, 7 w, 3 SW	Herbager Fashion Verdict

MINESHAFT'S RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD

Year	Age	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2002	at 3 in Fr, Eng, NA	9	3	1	1(1)	\$73,716
2003	at 4 in NA	9	7(7)	2(2)	0	\$2,209,686
	Lifetime	18	10(7)	3(2)	1(1)	\$2,283,402

Sire: A.P. INDY, dkb/br, 1989. Raced 2 yrs, 11 sts, 8 wins, \$2,979,815. Horse of the Year and champion 3yo colt. Won Belmont S (gr. I), Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), Santa Anita Derby (gr. I), Hollywood Futurity (gr. I), San Rafael S (gr. II), Peter Pan S (gr. II); 3rd Jockey Club Gold Cup (gr. I).

Lifetime: 8 crops, 543 foals, 399 mtrs (73%), 267 wnr (49%), 85 2yo wnr (16%), 59 sw (11%), 3.40 AEI, 4.50 CI, 210 sale yrlds, avg \$457,759, 9.4 TNA.

1st dam: PROSPECTORS DELITE, ch, 1989-2001. Bred by William S. Farish (Ky.). Raced 1 yr, 9 sts, 6 wins, \$432,953. Won Acorn S (gr. I), Ashland S (gr. I), Fair Grounds Oaks (gr. III), Davona Dale S; 2nd Lieutenant Governor S; 3rd Kentucky Oaks (gr. I). Dam of 5 named foals, 5 mtrs, 5 wnr, 5 sw.

1994: TOMISUE'S DELIGHT, ch f, by A.P. Indy. Raced 3 yrs, 20 sts, 7 wins, \$1,207,537. Won Personal Ensign H (gr. I), Ruffian H (gr. I), Falls City H (gr. III); 2nd Coaching Club American Oaks (gr. I), Kentucky Oaks (gr. I), Beldame

S (gr. I), Fair Grounds Oaks (gr. III), Davona Dale S; 3rd Mother Goose S (gr. I), Alabama S (gr. I), Go for Wand H (gr. I), Fleur de Lis H (gr. III). Dam of 1 foal, 1 rnr, 1 wnr. (\$575,000 keejuj yrld).

1995: DELTA MUSIC, dkb/br f, by Dixieland Band. Raced 2 yrs, 16 sts, 7 wins, \$272,923. Won Straight Deal Breeders' Cup H; 2nd Lady Mannequin S; 3rd Vagrancy H (gr. III), Susquehanna H.

1996: Barren.

1997: MONASHEE MOUNTAIN, b c, by Danzig. Raced 2 yrs in Eng, Fr, and Ire, 7 sts, 4 wins, \$110,117. Won Desert King E.B.F. Tetrarch S (Ire-III), Killavullan S (Ire-III), Rochestown S, Loughbrown S. (\$1,000,000 keejuj yrld).

1998: ROCK SLIDE, b c, by A.P. Indy. Raced 4 yrs, 23 sts, 9 wins, \$442,500. Won Sea O Erin Breeders' Cup Mile H (T), Tenacious H; 2nd Turfway Park Fall Championship S (gr. III), John D. Schapiro Memorial Breeders' Cup H (T).

1999: MINESHAFT, dkb/br c, by A.P. Indy.

At 3: 3rd Prix Daphnis (Fr-III).

At 4: Won Jockey Club Gold Cup S (gr. I), Pimlico Special H (gr. I), Suburban H (gr. I), Woodward S (gr. I), New Orleans H (gr. II), Ben Ali S (gr. III), Diplomat Way H; 2nd Stephen Foster H (gr. I), Whirlaway H (gr. III).

2000: Barren.

2001: C, by Storm Cat. Died 2001.

Broodmare sire: MR. PROSPECTOR, b, 1970-1999. Sire of 481 dams of 2,811 foals, 2,172 mtrs (77%), 1,549 wnr (55%), 490 2yo wnr (17%), 2.17 AEI, 1.68 CI; 262 sw.

2nd dam: UP THE FLAGPOLE, dkb/br, 1978. Bred by William S. Farish (Ky.). Raced 3 yrs, 22 sts, 7 wins, \$166,960. Won Delaware Oaks (gr. II), Anne Arundel H; 2nd Chrysanthemum H (gr. III); 3rd Barbara Fritchie H (gr. III). Dam of **FLAGBIRD** (f, Nureyev; \$435,152, champion older female in Eng, Ire, and Italy, Won Premio Presidente della Repubblica, It-I, Independent Pretty Polly S, Ire-II, Prix de la Grotte, Fr-III; 2nd Gamely H, gr. IT, Prix Marcel Boussac Criterium des Pouliches, Fr-I, Sun Chariot S, Eng-II, Prix d'Aumale, Fr-III; 3rd Beverly Hills H, gr. IT, Guinness Irish Champion S, Ire-I, Prix Quincey, Fr-III; producer, dam of **Anasheed**, **Marhoob**, **Dubai Belle**), **RUNUP THE COLORS** (f, A.P. Indy; \$555,024, Won Alabama S, gr. I, Delaware Oaks; 2nd Three Chimneys Spinster S, gr. I, Ballerina H, gr. I; producer, dam of **Tafaseel**), **TOP ACCOUNT** (c, Private Account; \$466,819, Won King's Bishop S, gr. II; 2nd Forego H, gr. II, Ack Ack H; 3rd NYRA Mile H, gr. I, Jerome H, gr. II, Rushaway S; sire), **ALLIED FLAG** (c, Danzig; \$144,860, Won Motor City H; 3rd Motor City H; sire), **FOLD THE FLAG** (f, Raja Baba; \$124,849, Won Beaumont S; 2nd Magic City S, Tulip S; 3rd La Brea S, gr. III, Schuykill S; producer, dam of **Moving Tribute**), **LONG VIEW** (f, Damascus; \$67,177, Won Furl Sail H; dam of **OVERVIEW**, **MUSIC CLUB**). Granddam of **Morning Bagel**.