



## BREEDERS' CUP FOCUS: JUVENILE

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### BC Focus: Wicked Style

Owner	Ashbrook Farm
Breeder	Adena Springs (FL)
Trainer	George R. Arnold, II

Look at Wicked Style's sales history, and the 2-year-old son of Macho Uno could al-

most be defined as the horse no one wanted. Given a chance to prove his worth, however, he's quickly risen above his modest background. An unbeaten grade I winner with earnings of \$445,000, the colt is on track for the Bessemer Trust Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I), according to trainer George "Rusty" Arnold.

Bred by Adena Springs (FL) out of the Trempolino mare Deviletta, Wicked Style brought \$55,000 at the Ocala Breeders Sales mixed winter sale in 2006, when Todd Wojciechowski signed the ticket for pinhooking venture Big Red Thorobred.

"He was a good-looking horse," said Wojciechowski, a native of Tarpley, Texas. "He had plenty of scope and size to him. Part of the deal of Big Red Thorobred was that we didn't keep anything. Of course, in hindsight, I wish we would have held onto him. I always felt he was going to get better and better. When he went across the pasture, there was no doubt at all that he was a very fine mover. He would just float across the ground; he was effortless."

Sticking to their game plan, the pinhookers flipped Wicked Style right back through that August's OBS select yearling sale, where agent Anthony Costanzo picked him up for \$43,000.

"I just liked him," Costanzo said. "He trained really well and I was happy with the way he looked. He did everything right."

Bloodstock agent David Ingordo stopped by Costanzo's Florida farm in January and looked at the colt, but he didn't make the connection until Wicked Style was consigned to the OBS 2007 spring sale of 2-year-olds in training. There, Ingordo was shopping with Arnold in mind, knowing he wanted to purchase a runner for Glen Bromagen of Ashbrook Farm.

"I didn't remember him until I saw him at the sale," Ingordo said. "He had turned into a really nice horse. He breezed nicely



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and galloped out strong. He had a good shoulder, a nice hip, and a deep heartgirth."

Ingordo decided to bid, and the hammer dropped at \$75,000.

"I can't tell you why he sold for that price," said Ingordo. "The prices at sales are only indicative of what people think a horse is worth that day, so I don't get hung up on opinions."

Bromagen's only horse, Wicked Style raced to a 1 1/2-length victory in his debut, a 6 1/2-furlong maiden special weight over the Arlington Park Polytrack. Arnold moved the colt up to the Arlington-Washington Futurity's (gr. III) one-mile challenge

Sept. 1. Wicked Style nailed that win by a hard-fought head, so Arnold brought him Oct. 6 to Keeneland's 1 1/16-mile Lane's End Breeders' Futurity (gr. I). There he wired the field from post position 12, a practically unheard-of accomplishment over the surface.

"He definitely has everybody's attention right now," said Wojciechowski. "He did what he wasn't supposed to be able to do, and he did it nicely."

MACHO UNO, gr/ro, 1998	Holy Bull, 1991	Great Above, 1972	Minnesota Mac Ta Wee
	Primal Force, 1987	Sharon Brown, 1980	Al Hattab Agathe's Dawn
WICKED STYLE, ch c, April 5, 2005	Trempolino, 1984	Blushing Groom (FR), 1974	Red God Runaway Bride (GB)
	Polish Devil, 1990	Prime Prospect, 1978	Mr. Prospector Square Generation
DEVILETTA, ch, 1996		Sharpen Up (GB), 1969	Atan Rocchetta (GB)
		Trephine (FR), 1977	Viceregal Quiriquina
		Devil's Bag, 1981	Halo Ballade
		Polonia, 1984	Danzig Moss



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