



BREEDERS' CUP FOCUS: FILLY & MARE SPRINT

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Miss Macy Sue

Owner	Roll Reroll Stables, Inc.
Breeder	Bryan J. Howler
Trainer	Kelly R. Von Hemel

Her connections have thought highly of her for quite some time. But Miss Macy Sue needed to keep proving herself in her order to be considered for the inaugural \$1-million Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint Oct. 26 at Monmouth Park.

She did so in a big way Sept. 15, when she won the \$400,000 Presque Isle Downs Masters Stakes at six furlongs in impressive fashion. It was the first running of the race so it wasn't graded, but the field was of quality.

Second-place finisher Wild Gams returned to win the Thoroughbred Club of America Stakes (gr. III) at Keeneland in her next start. Kelly Von Hemel, trainer of Miss Macy Sue, proved prophetic in the winner's circle after the Masters Stakes.

"We thought this race had a deep, quality field," he said. "We'll sit down with the owners and decide about the Breeders' Cup."

When pre-entries were announced Oct. 17, Miss Macy Sue was among those entered in the Filly & Mare Sprint. The competition, which could include division leaders Dream Rush and the undefeated La Traviata, is about as tough as it gets when fillies and mares gather to go six furlongs.

Miss Macy Sue, a 4-year-old Florida-bred filly by Trippi out of the Great Above mare Yada Yada, won three of eight starts at 3, all of them allowance events. It wasn't until this year that she came into her own.

She began her year with a victory in the Carousel Stakes at Oaklawn Park, and followed with a win in the Prairie Rose Stakes at Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino, where Von Hemel is based in the spring and summer. Miss Macy Sue then won the grade III Winning Colors Stakes at Churchill Downs and the Saylorville Stakes at Prairie Meadows, both times threatening to break the 1:08 barrier.

Miss Macy Sue finished an even fourth in the Honorable Miss Stakes (gr. II) at Saratoga in early August before her Presque Isle Masters victory, which came under interesting circumstances. It marked her first race on a synthetic surface (Presque Isle has a

Tapeta Footings surface), and she raced inside throughout; the area nearest the rail was somewhat dull, if not tiring, for most of the Presque Isle meet.

The filly still pulled away at the top of the stretch and held off Wild Gams comfortably in track-record time of 1:08.21 for six furlongs. Von Hemel and jockey Eusebio Razo Jr. said they believed the speedy filly deserved a chance at the big prize.

Miss Macy Sue, with \$559,177 from nine wins in 17 starts, was a bargain in retrospect. She received a top bid of \$14,000 at the 2004 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. August yearling sale and failed to sell, but returned to the ring at the 2005 OBS 2-year-olds in training sale and was purchased for \$42,000 by Tom McCrocklin, agent, for Roll Reroll Stables, a partnership

of Iowans Leroy Gessman and Dennis Albaugh.

Roll Reroll Stables now has about 10 horses in training and continues to be active at various auctions. Gessman, a strong supporter of the Iowa-bred program, owned the popular Sure Shot Biscuit, a multiple Iowa-bred champion, member of the Iowa Hall of Fame, and the only Iowa-bred to earn \$1 million.



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TRIPPI, b, 1997	End Sweep, 1991	Forty Niner, 1985	Mr. Prospector File
		Broom Dance, 1979	Dance Spell Witching Hour
MISS MACY SUE, dkb/br f, May 1, 2003	Jealous Appeal, 1983	Valid Appeal, 1972	In Reality Desert Trial
		Jealous Cat, 1975	Cougar II Only the Loyal
YADA YADA, b, 1996	Great Above, 1972	Minnesota Mac, 1964	Rough'n Tumble Cow Girl II
		Ta Wee, 1966	Intentionally Aspidistra
	Stem, 1982	Damascus, 1964	Sword Dancer Kerala
		Tweak, 1976	Secretariat Ta Wee



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