



BREEDERS' CUP FOCUS: BREEDERS' CUP MILE

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Trippi's Storm

Owner	Joyce Robsham
Breeder	E. Paul Robsham
Trainer	Stanley M. Hough

E. Paul Robsham and his wife, Joyce, began breeding and racing Thoroughbreds in 1983. Despite years

of success in the industry, the couple never had a horse make it to the Breeders' Cup. Now, three years after her husband passed away, Joyce Robsham will have connections to not one, but two starters at the World Championships Oct. 26-27 at Monmouth Park.

Until recently, the Robshams' most well known horse was 1995 Alabama Stakes (gr. I) winner Pretty Discreet, a homebred mare. One of her offspring turned out to be superstar Discreet Cat. By Forestry, Discreet Cat was bred by the Robshams in 2003 and after Paul died, Joyce sold him to Godolphin as a 2-year-old for an undisclosed price. Now 4, Discreet Cat is a multiple graded stakes winner and the probable favorite for the inaugural \$1-million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

As proud as she is of Discreet Cat, Robsham is even more excited about 4-year-old gelding Trippi's Storm, who she owns. A son of Trippi, out of the Storm Bird mare Pocket Beauty, Trippi's Storm captured the Kelso Handicap (gr. IIT) Sept. 29 at Belmont, paving his way to the \$2-million NetJets Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. IT).

"When my husband died in 2004, I decided to continue in the business," said Robsham, who still lives in Massachusetts where Paul Robsham ran his prominent real estate development firm. "I have about 60 horses right now. You would always love to have a horse in the Breeders' Cup. We've won some big races, but it just never happened until now.

"I'm thrilled. This is so exciting to finally be in it. When Trippi's Storm won the other day, I was really excited."

Trippi's Storm was bred in Florida and is trained by Stanley Hough. After beginning his racing career in October 2005, Trippi's

Storm lost the first eight races of his career before finally breaking his maiden at Gulfstream Park this March. At that time, the Breeders' Cup did not seem part of his future, but back-to-back allowance victories at Gulfstream prompted Hough to send him into stakes competition.

This summer Trippi's Storm was shipped up to New York, where he placed in a pair of graded stakes, including a third-place finish in the Sword Dancer (gr. IT) at Saratoga. After coming in fourth in the Man o' War (gr. IT) Sept. 8, the bay gelding broke through with his two-length score in the Kelso under Javier Castellano. He now has four wins and has earned \$370,618.

"I still enjoy racing all of my horses," said Robsham, whose other graded stakes winners include Discreet Cat's half-brother Pretty Wild, Canadian Frontier, Feline

Story and Astoria. "I just love all of them. I'm looking forward to my first Breeders' Cup."



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TRIPPI, b, 1997	End Sweep, 1991	Forty Niner, 1985	Mr. Prospector File
	Jealous Appeal, 1983	Broom Dance, 1979	Dance Spell Witching Hour
TRIPPI'S STORM, b g, March 17, 2003	Storm Bird, 1978	Valid Appeal, 1972	In Reality Desert Trial
	Kristana (GB), 1982	Jealous Cat, 1975	Cougar II Only the Loyal
POCKET BEAUTY, dkb/br, 1991		Northern Dancer, 1961	Nearctic Natalma
		South Ocean, 1967	New Providence Shining Sun
		Kris (GB), 1976	Sharpen Up (GB) Doubly Sure (GB)
		Sleat (GB), 1969	Santa Claus (IRE) Belle of Athens (GB)



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