

BENCHMARK

b, 1991

height 16.0

Dosage (13-10-25-0-0); DI: 2.84; CD: 0.75

See gray pages—Polynesian

RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2	0	0	0	0	—
3	1	0	0	0	\$0
4	4	2	1	1	\$57,250
5	2	1	0	0	\$29,775
6	7	4(3)	1(1)	1(1)	\$483,622
7	2	0	0	2(2)	\$66,060
Totals	16	7(3)	2(1)	4(3)	\$636,707

Won Goodwood Breeders' Cup H (gr. II, 9f), **Del Mar Breeders' Cup H** (gr. II, 8f), **San Bernardino H** (gr. II, 9f), **2nd San Diego H** (gr. III, 8.5f), **3rd Californian S** (gr. II, 9f), **Triple Bend Invitational Breeders' Cup H** (gr. II, 7f), **San Diego H** (gr. III, 8.5f).

SIRE LINE

BENCHMARK is by **ALYDAR**, stakes winner of 14 races, \$957,195, Travers S (gr. I), etc., and sire of more than 75 stakes winners, including **ALYSHEBA** (Horse of the Year, champion 3yo colt and older male, Kentucky Derby, gr. I, Preakness S, gr. I, Breeders' Cup Classic, gr. I, etc.), **CRIMINAL TYPE** (Horse of the Year, champion older male), **EASY GOER** (champion 2yo colt, Belmont S, gr. I, etc.), **TURKOMAN** (champion older male), **ALTHEA** (champion 2yo filly), **ALYDARESS** (champion 3yo filly in Ire), **STRIKE THE GOLD** (Kentucky Derby, gr. I, etc.), etc.

ALYDAR'S other sons as stallions include **EASY GOER**, **SARATOGA SIX**, **Steady Beat**, **ALYSHEBA**, **TURKOMAN**, **BUCKLEY BOY**, **Henbane**, etc.

BENCHMARK Has Sired:

BROTHER DEREK, 03, c (A++), dam by Siyah Kalem, 2nd dam by Relaunch, 3X4 Raise a Native): \$1,611,138, Santa Anita Derby (gr. I), Hollywood Futurity (gr. I), Norfolk S (gr. II), etc.
IDIOT PROOF, 04, c (A, Bertrando, Storm Cat): \$1,294,484, Ancient Title S (gr. IA), Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup S (gr. III), 2nd Gulf News Dubai Golden Shaheen (UAE-I), etc., to 5, 2009.
SILENT SIGNS, 01, f (A, Bertrando, Pirate's Bounty): \$442,700, Santa Anita Oaks (gr. I), Ocala Stud Oaks, California Breeders' Champion S, etc.
A TO THE Z, 00, g (A++), Replant, Prince John): \$629,722, Mervin H. Muniz Jr. Memorial H (gr. IIT), Sunland Park H, California Cup Mile H, etc.
PROPOSED, 02, f (A, Bertrando, Pirate's Bounty): \$567,600, Milady Breeders' Cup H (gr. II), El Encino S (gr. II), B. Thoughtful S, etc.
GRAZEN, 06, c (A+, Rubiano, Kris S.): \$245,400, Affirmed H (gr. IIIA), El Cajon S, etc., to 3, 2009.
STANDARD SETTER, 00, g (A++), Siyah Kalem, Jungle Blade, 3X4 Raise a Native): \$173,825, Golden Gate Derby (gr. III), 2nd Malcolm Anderson S, etc.

STUD ANALYSIS

By Foal Crop (8 crops)

Year	Named Foals	Run-ners	Win-ners	2yo Wnrs	2yo SW	Stakes Winners
2000	46	37 (80%)	31 (67%)	10	0	5 (11%)
2001	46	34 (74%)	25 (54%)	9	3	3 (7%)
2002	52	42 (81%)	32 (62%)	6	0	2 (4%)
2003	63	46 (73%)	37 (59%)	6	1	5 (8%)
2004	66	45 (68%)	33 (50%)	8	2	5 (8%)
2005	92	74 (80%)	56 (61%)	13	1	2 (2%)
2006	73	56 (77%)	34 (47%)	13	1	2 (3%)
2007	63	20 (32%)	5 (8%)	5	2	3 (3%)

*Totals 501 354 (71%) 253 (50%) 70 10 26 (5%)

By Racing Year

Year	Wins	Stakes Wins	GS Wins	Earned
2002	12	0	0	\$435,089
2003	58	8	1	\$1,372,842
2004	65	5	1	\$1,748,042
2005	79	4	3	\$2,370,838
2006	100	8	5	\$3,285,950
2007	109	9	2	\$3,002,253
2008	150	5	0	\$3,154,195
2009	164	7	1	\$2,653,902

*Totals 737 46 13 \$18,023,111

1.33 AEI; 1.20 CI

In 2009: 169 rns, 85 wnrs, 5 sw

Lifetime On Turf: 46 wins, \$2,121,373

Avg Earnings Per Starter: \$50,913

*to November 8, 2009

Alydar, ch, 1975 26s, SW, \$957,195 689 f, 77 SW, 5.07 AEI	Raise a Native, 1961 4s, SW, \$45,955 838 f, 78 SW, 2.34 AEI	Native Dancer, 1950 22s, SW, \$785,240 304 f, 43 SW, 4.06 AEI	Polynesian, by Unbreakable
		Raise You, 1946 24s, SW, \$37,220 14 f, 12 r, 11 w, 2 SW	Geisha, by Discovery
	Sweet Tooth, 1965 41s, wnr, \$86,004 13 f, 10 r, 8 w, 3 SW	On-and-On, 1956 58s, SW, \$390,718 204 f, 12 SW, 1.77 AEI	Nasrullah, by Nearco
		Plum Cake, 1958 21s, SW, \$43,901 11 f, 9 r, 8 w, 2 SW	Case Ace, by Teddy Lady Glory, by American Flag Two Lea, by Bull Lea
Winters' Love, b, 1982 10s, wnr, \$48,911 13 f, 11 r, 10 w, 2 SW	Danzig, 1977 3s, wnr, \$32,400 1,075 f, 201 SW, 4.04 AEI	Northern Dancer, 1961 18s, SW, \$580,647 635 f, 147 SW, 5.10 AEI	Ponder, by Pensive Real Delight, by Bull Lea
		Pas de Nom, 1968 42s, SW, \$121,741 11 f, 8 r, 4 w	Nearctic, by Nearco Natalma, by Native Dancer
	Cold Hearted, 1974 20s, SW, \$59,353 13 f, 11 r, 9 w, 3 SW	The Axe II, 1958 38s, SW, \$405,411 414 f, 41 SW, 2.18 AEI	Admiral's Voyage, by Crafty Admiral Petitioner, by Petition
		Turn to North, 1965 6s, wnr, \$2,975 9 f, 8 r, 5 w, 1 SW	Mahmoud, by Blenheim II Blackball, by Shut Out Turn-to, by Royal Charger Bridle Way, by Mustang

DON'TSELLMESHORT, 01, c (A++), Siyah Kalem, Relaunch, 3X4 Raise a Native): \$402,365, California Breeders' Champion S, Graduation S, etc.

DUCKY DRAKE, 02, g (A, Pleasant Colony, Tom Rolfe, 4X4 Northern Dancer): \$399,989, Zia Park Express S, Lea County Sprint S, etc., to 7, 2009.

RED WARRIOR, 00, c (A, Plugged Nickle, In Reality): \$378,918, Padua Stables Sprint S, 2nd Sensational Star H, 3rd Sensational Star H twice, etc.

STELLA MARK, 04, g (A+, Deputy Minister, Seattle Slew, 2X4 Alydar, 4X4 Northern Dancer): \$305,276, Tiznow S, 3rd Lone Star Park H (gr. III), to 5, 2009.

SMOOTH PERFORMER, 05, f (A, Bertrando, Pirate's Bounty): \$232,900, E. B. Johnston S, 2nd Hollywood Oaks (gr. IIA), etc., to 4, 2009.

THE YELLOW SHEET, 00, f (Moscow Ballet, Hoedown's Day, 4X4 Northern Dancer): \$217,490, Warren's Thoroughbreds S, 3rd Daisycutter H.

CES'T MARK, 04, f (A++), Brocco, Groshawk): \$127,054, CTBA S.

BENCH THE JUDGE, 07, c (Judge T C, Yukon, 4X4 Northern Dancer): \$126,822, Bob Benoit California Cup Juvenile S, 3rd Barretts Juvenile S, to 2, 2009.

NOVEL T DREAMER, 00, g (Vernon Castle, Flying Paster): \$121,746, Albuquerque Derby, Ruidoso Thoroughbred Derby, 2nd Albuquerque Derby, etc.

BOLD BENGIE, 04, g (Never Tabled, Grenfall): \$112,398, Yavapai Downs Futurity, to 5, 2009.

NIGHT POWER, 03, f (A+, Native Prospector, Mickey McGuire, 3X4 Raise a Native): \$103,111, Willow Lake H, 2nd Willow Lake H, 3rd Magali Farms S.

RARE EXCHANGE, 03, f (Ventriloquist, In the Woodpile, 3X4 Raise a Native, 4X4 Northern Dancer): \$98,620, Magali Farms S.

MARK'S MY NAME, 05, g (A, Bertrando, Pirate's Bounty): \$61,537, ATBA Spring Sales S, to 4, 2009.

MINNETONKA MIST, 06, c (A++), Future Hope, Buckpasser): \$60,939, ATBA Fall Sales S, 3rd Brian Barescheer Juvenile S, to 3, 2009.

R EL JEFE, 07, g (A++), Never Tabled, Pirate's Bounty): \$51,691, ATBA Fall Sales S, to 2, 2009.

RIVER CHA CHING, 01, g (Never Tabled, Irish Ruler): \$37,616, Yavapai Downs Thoroughbred Futurity.

MARAVILLOSA MARCOS, 03, g (Manila, Hatchet Man, 4X4 The Axe II, 4X4 Northern Dancer): \$24,136, Au Revoir H, to 6, 2009.

SIERRA NIGHTS, 03, f (Cox's Ridge, Folk's Pride): \$27,046, champion older female in Pol, Nagroda Rzeznej, 2nd Nagroda Syreny.

Benchmark also has sired the winners **JAGS** (in Mex), **Barbara's Love** (\$274,820, to 4, 2009), **Martinblestme** (\$267,888), **D Pirates Marker** (\$213,298), **Apology Accepted** (\$128,393), **Point of Reference** (\$115,097, to 3, 2009), **Saipan** (\$99,243, to 4, 2009), **Korban** (\$93,516, to 3, 2009), **Peachy Canyon** (\$80,910, to 5, 2009), **Queen Clytemnestra** (\$79,418), **Sky's Snow**, **Talk**

Circuit (to 6, 2009), **Bench Mench**, **Benchmark's Bounty** (to 4, 2009), **Century Boulevard**, **Wide Eyed View** (to 4, 2009), **Mark Trey** (to 7, 2009), **Spice Spice Baby** (to 5, 2009), etc., stakes placed **Buck Basolo**, and three other 2009 2-year-old winners.

Sales Analysis*

	Weanlings		Yearlings		Cover Sire	
	# sold	Avg	# sold	Avg	# sold	Avg
2009	—	—	22	\$10,070	1	\$5,500
2008	3	\$2,167	30	\$13,333	7	\$23,386
Lifetime	11	\$8,582	193	\$14,927	87	\$9,323

*to November 8, 2009

LIFETIME AS BROODMARE SIRE:

BENCHMARK is the sire of 25 dams of 44 foals, 22 rns(50%), 12 wnrs(27%), 5 2yo wnrs(11%), 1.03 AEI, 1.55 CI; 0 sw here and abroad.

FAMILY

1st dam

Winters' Love. Winner at 2, \$48,911, 3rd Astarita S (gr. II), Schuylerville S (gr. III), Kilijaro S, Glade S. Dam of 13 foals, including—

TRANQUILITY LAKE (by Rahy). 11 wins, 3 to 6, \$1,662,390, Yellow Ribbon S (gr. IT), Gamely Breeders' Cup H (gr. IT), Clement L. Hirsch H (gr. II), Santa Barbara H (gr. IIT), Palomar H (gr. IIT) twice, Wilshire H (gr. IIIT), Royal Heroine S, Bold Ballet S, 2nd Matriarch S (gr. IT), Yellow Ribbon S (gr. IT), Ramona H (gr. IT), Gamely Breeders' Cup H (gr. IT), Beverly Hills H (gr. IT), Matiara S, Possibly Perfect S, 3rd Del Mar Oaks (gr. IT), La Brea S (gr. I), San Clemente H (gr. IIT). Dam of **AFTER MARKET** (\$903,685, Eddie Read H, gr. IT, Charles Whittingham Memorial H, gr. IT, Del Mar H, gr. IIT, National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame Breeders' Cup S, gr. IIT, Lexington S, gr. IIIT, Inglewood H, gr. IIIT, 2nd Kelso H, gr. IIT), **COURAGEOUS CAT** (\$571,300, National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame S, gr. IIT, A Gift S, 2nd TVG Breeders' Cup Mile, gr. IT, 3rd Jamaica H, gr. IT, to 3, 2009), **JALIL** (\$332,188, Sakhee Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum Challenge-Round 3, UAE-II, 3rd Waquoit S, to 5, 2009).

BENCHMARK (Subject stallion).

King Crimson (Capote). 3 wins, 3 to 6, \$112,291, 3rd San Felipe S (gr. II).

Hope for Gold (Ogygian). 5 wins, 2 to 7, \$93,591, 2nd Woodstock S.

2nd dam

COLD HEARTED. 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$59,353, Poinsettia S. Dam of 13 foals, including—

CAVEAT. 6 wins at 2 and 3, \$542,190, Belmont S (gr. I), Derby Trial, Prince John S, 2nd Arkansas Derby (gr. I), Tropical Park Derby (gr. II), Breeders' Futurity (gr. II), Pilgrim S (gr. IIIT), 3rd Kentucky Derby (gr. I), etc. Sire, 1.92 AEI.



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BENCHMARK

Alydar – Winters' Love, by Danzig

**One of three California sires represented by
a Synthetic Graded Winner in 2009**

Sire of graded winners in six of the past seven years, including
Grade I winners at 6 furlongs, 1 1/16 miles and 1 1/8 miles
at Santa Anita and Hollywood Park.

Nominated to:



2010 FEE: \$4,000 LIVE FOAL
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