

# 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 At 4

An allowance race at Del Mar (\$46,000, 1 mile in 1:35.92, by 3).

A maiden special weight race at Hollywood Park (\$34,000, 7 furlongs in 1:22.16, ETW).

### Won At 5

An allowance race at Hollywood Park (\$48,000, 1 1/16 miles in 1:42.54, ETW).

### Won At 6

**Goodwood Breeders' Cup H** (gr. II, \$200,000, 1 1/16 miles in 1:47 3/5, TW, dftg. Score Quick, Hesabull, Savinio, Semoran).

**Del Mar Breeders' Cup H** (gr. II, \$125,000, 1 mile in 1:35.57, dftg. Crafty Friend, Northern Afleet, New Century, Pinfloron).

**San Bernardino H** (gr. II, \$150,000, 1 1/16 miles in 1:48.26, dftg. Kingdom Found, Private Song, Region, Big Sky Chester, Del Mar Dennis, etc.).

A race at Santa Anita Park (\$57,000, 1 1/16 miles in 1:42.21).

**2nd San Diego H** (gr. III, 1 1/16 miles, to Northern Afleet, dftg. New Century, Semoran, etc.).

**3rd Californian S** (gr. II, 1 1/8 miles, ETW, to River Keen, Hesabull, dftg. Region, etc.).

### 3rd At 7

**Triple Bend Invitational Breeders' Cup H** (gr. II, 7 furlongs, to Son of a Pistol, The Exeter Man, dftg. Gold Land, Young At Heart, Slews Royal Son, etc.).

**San Diego H** (gr. III, 1 1/16 miles, to Mud Route, Hal's Pal, dftg. Ayrton S, Silver Charm).

## 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, champion 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.), **LINDO SHAVER** (champion 2yo colt in Japan), **MISS KASSBAAN** (champion older male in UAE), etc.

## STUD ANALYSIS

### By Foal Crop (7 crops)

Year	Named Foals	Runners	Winners	2yo Wnrs	Stakes Winners
2000	46	37(80%)	31(67%)	10(22%)	5(11%)
2001	46	33(72%)	25(54%)	9(20%)	3(7%)
2002	52	42(81%)	32(62%)	6(12%)	2(4%)
2003	63	46(73%)	37(59%)	6(10%)	5(8%)
2004	66	45(68%)	29(44%)	8(12%)	5(8%)
2005	90	67(74%)	43(48%)	13(14%)	1(1%)
2006	71	24(34%)	7(10%)	7(10%)	1(1%)
*Totals	434	294(68%)	204(47%)	59(14%)	22(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	\$2,370,384
2006	100	8	5	\$3,285,950
2007	109	9	2	\$3,002,253
2008	119	4	0	\$2,748,979
*Totals	542	38	12	\$14,963,539

1.43 AEI; 1.25 CI

In 2008: 169 mrs, 78 wnrs, 4 sw

Lifetime On Turf: 33 wins, \$1,800,761

Avg Earnings Per Starter: \$50,896

\*to October 26, 2008

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 Geisha, by Discovery
		Raise You, 1946 24s, SW, \$37,220 14 f, 12 r, 11 w, 2 SW	Case Ace, by Teddy Lady Glory, by American Flag
	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 Two Lea, by Bull Lea
		Plum Cake, 1958 21s, SW, \$43,901 11 f, 9 r, 8 w, 2 SW	Ponder, by Pensive Real Delight, 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, 200 SW, 4.09 AEI	Northern Dancer, 1961 18s, SW, \$580,647 635 f, 147 SW, 5.10 AEI	Nearctic, by Nearco Natalma, by Native Dancer
		Pas de Nom, 1968 42s, SW, \$121,741 11 f, 8 r, 4 w	Admiral's Voyage, by Crafty Admiral Petitioner, by Petition
	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	Mahmoud, by Blenheim II Blackball, by Shut Out
	Turn to North, 1965 6s, wnr, \$2,975 9 f, 8 r, 5 w, 1 SW	Turn-to, by Royal Charger Bridle Way, by Mustang	

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

### BENCHMARK Has Sired:

**SIERRA NIGHTS**, 03, f (dam by Cox's Ridge, 2nd dam by Folk's Pride): champion older female in Pol, Rzecznaj, 2nd Syreny.

**BROTHER DEREK**, 03, c (A++), Siyah Kalem, Relaunch, 3X4 Raise a Native: \$1,611,138, Santa Anita Derby (gr. I), Hollywood Futurity (gr. I), Norfolk S (gr. II), etc., to 5, 2008.

**IDIOT PROOF**, 04, c (A+, Bertrando, Storm Cat): \$1,289,992, Ancient Title S (gr. IA), Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup S (gr. III), 2nd Gulf News Dubai Golden Shaheen (UAE-I), etc., to 4, 2008.

**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): \$629,783, 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.

**STANDARD SETTER**, 00, g (A++), Siyah Kalem, Jungle Blade, 3X4 Raise a Native: \$173,825, Golden Gate Derby (gr. III), 2nd Malcolm Anderson S, Everett Nevin Alameda County Futurity.

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

**RED WARRIOR**, 00, c (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 4, 2008.

**DUCKY DRAKE**, 02, g (A, Pleasant Colony, Tom Rolfe, 4X4 Northern Dancer): \$289,549, Zia Park Express S, Bill Thomas Memorial H, KLAQ Handicap, etc., to 6, 2008.

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

**CES'T MARK**, 04, f (A++), Brocco, Groshawk): \$127,054, California Thoroughbred Breeders' Association S, to 4, 2008.

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

**NIGHT POWER**, 03, f (A, Native Prospector, Mickey McGuire, 3X4 Raise a Native): \$100,749, Willow Lake H, 2nd Willow Lake H, etc., to 5, 2008.

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

**BOLD BENGIE**, 04, g (Never Tabled, Grenfall): \$74,748, Yavapai Downs Futurity, to 4, 2008.

**MINNETONKA MIST**, 06, c (A++), Future Hope, Buckpasser): \$59,439, ATBA Fall Sales S, 3rd Brian Barendscheer Juvenile S, to 2, 2008.

**MARK'S MY NAME**, 05, g (A+, Bertrando, Pirate's Bounty): \$41,397, ATBA Spring Sales S.

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

**JAGS**, 04, c (Cox's Ridge, Pirate's Bounty, 4X4 Northern Dancer): Clasico Baycho, to 4, 2008, in Mex.

Benchmark also has sired the winners **MARAVILLOSA MARCOS** (to 5, 2008), **Martinblestme** (\$267,888), **Barbara's Love** (\$236,054, to 3, 2008), **D Pirates Marker** (\$213,298), **Smooth Performer** (\$142,600, to 3, 2008), **Apology Accepted** (\$128,393), **Queen Clytemnestra** (\$79,418, to 4, 2008), **Sky's Snow** (\$62,877), **Peachy Canyon** (\$56,980, to 4, 2008), **Bench Mench** (\$47,381), **Saipan** (\$40,066, to 3, 2008), **Century Boulevard** (\$35,952), **Benchmark's Bounty** (to 3, 2008), **Mark Trey** (to 6, 2008), **Spice Spice Baby** (to 4, 2008), **Remarkablyreidiant** (to 4, 2008), etc., stakes-placed **Buck Basolo**, and other 2008 2-year-old winners **Cassie's Mark**, **Dashwood**, **Marked Treasure**, **Alywyn**, **Lucky Legs**, **Raindancer**.

### Sales Analysis Last Three Years\*

	Colts # sold—Avg	Fillies # sold—Avg	Total # sold—Avg
Yrlgs	46—\$17,244	39—\$13,149	85—\$15,365
Wnrgs	2—\$30,500	—	2—\$30,500
2yos	15—\$16,660	21—\$11,424	36—\$13,606

\*to October 26, 2008

## 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), Gately 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), Gately 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), **JALIL** (\$332,188, Sakhee Al Maktoum Challenge-Round 3, UAE-II, to 4, 2008).

**BENCHMARK** (Subject stallion).



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Alydar – Winter's Love, by Danzig

## Lowest Stud Fee among California Sires of North American Grade I Winners

Sire of graded winners in five of the past six years, including  
Grade I winners at 6 furlongs, 1 1/16 miles and 1 1/8 miles  
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