

GREEN UP COASTS HOME IN HAND AT ODDS OF 1-TO-2 AT GULFSTREAM PROMISING 3-YEAR-OLD FILLY SUCCESSFULLY STRETCHES OUT OVER MILE

Generously dispatched at odds of 1-to-2, Green Up scattered all matter of wildlife from seagulls to railbirds when she slammed the sides of the starting gate just before the break, prompting jockey Junior Alvarado to dismount the filly and move to the side of the stall. She quickly settled down, however, and broke from the Iron Monster in decent shape.

Although she mostly walked out of the gate, the 3-year-old filly was soon into stride and was allowed to move up on her own volition between horses in the initial run down the backstretch through an easy opening quarter-mile of :23 ⁴/₅.

The second quarter-mile was a different story, as it took less than 23 seconds to accomplish as the half was reached in :46 ³/₅. Green Up was always moving well in hand. She kept towards the outside around the turn, was allowed to drift wide when sent up at the quarter pole to assume command and was asked to put the race away at the top of the lane.



Alvarado twirled his stick, pushed on the filly, she drew clear and was geared down. In the final furlong she was merely galloping on her own and won “doing handsprings” by 4 lengths. It was easy as pie for the filly that had broken her maiden in such easy fashion that TDN crowned her a “Rising Star.”

A very good second sprinting exactly a year ago at Churchill Downs, Green Up was bought and syndicated by Team Valor and spent half of the next year getting over immature suspensory ligaments. She would train, have to be stopped on, then start up again, only to be sent back to the farm. Since being sent to Todd Pletcher last fall, she has not missed a beat.

With 2 wins and 1 second in 3 starts, the daughter of Upstart now has earned \$70,760.

The Irwins bought her dam about a month ago on the eve of her seasonal debut and she was bred last week to the sire of the star 3-year-old filly.

Barry Irwin will chat with Todd Pletcher over the next few days to see what the Hall of Fame trainer has in mind for the filly next. “My feeling is that he will want to keep her close by him in New York, which he can use as a base to spot the filly,” Irwin said. [VIDEO](#)