

BEANTOWN BABY EXTENDS WINNING STREAK TO 3 AT DELAWARE PARK MARE SLOWED TO WALK BY JOCKEY, YET SCORES BY NEARLY 3 LENGTHS DELACOUR EXCITED AT PROSPECT OF COLONIAL DOWNS SPRINT STAKES



Beantown Baby lopes home under a tight rein when eased a sixteenth of a mile from the finishing post on Monday, winning an optional claimer over 5 furlongs on grass at Delaware Park under jockey Mychel Sanchez.

Beantown Baby looked to be a shoe-in on paper at odds of 1 to 2 and that is exactly how it worked out in real life, as after breaking well, she was urged to assume command early by jockey Mychel Sanchez. The filly has never set the pace in any of her 6 turf races.

“The grass was soft,” trainer Arnaud Delacour explained “and I didn’t know if any speed would actually materialize, so I told Mychel to let her run on out of there and if somebody else wanted the lead to let them have it, otherwise let Beantown do it herself. [LINK](#)

“She was barely blowing when she came back. Very exciting!”

The tale of the race is this: she went to the front, set an uncontested pace early, began to draw off around the turn, she was 4 to 5 lengths in front in the stretch and was slowed to a jog well before she had reached the wire. “No horse could win easier than that,” said Barry Irwin, who with wife Kathleen had claimed the filly and syndicated her for Team Valor. She has now earned \$129,300.

Beantown Baby in 6 grass races has 4 wins and 2 seconds. Her 87 Beyer was a tick off her 88 topper accomplished when winning her last outing in 2020. The 5-year-old Artie Schiller mare will make her next start in a stakes in 6 weeks at Colonial Downs, where she broke the course record for 5 ½ furlongs when making her grass debut 2 years ago.

“The way she has won her last two races gives me hope she can land that Listed race next month and work her way into Graded company,” Irwin said. “She has won both of her races this year eased up. I have yet to have a horse with Delacour that has him this jazzed up.

“The way she won this race with an 87 Beyer leads the trainer and manager to think that she can do low 90s right now and that could stand her in good order next time out in the Colonial Downs stakes. There is a Graded race the same weekend at Saratoga, so we likely will be facing horses that will race next weekend at Monmouth in a similar contest there.”