

CAPLA TEMPTRESS CONNECTS IN GRADE 3 MY CHARMER AT GULFSTREAM REUNITED WITH ROSARIO, GR. 1 WINNER CAPS 3YO SEASON ON HIGH NOTE EXTENDS VALOR'S LEAD IN SYNDICATE STANDINGS OF STAKES SUCCESS



Capla Temptress reunited with Joel Rosario, who took a surprise day off from vacation.

Capla Temptress, a Grade 1 winner in her second race after Team Valor privately acquired her as a 2-year-old in 2017, closed the book on her 3-year-old season in high style on December 15 when she kicked away to a strong win against elders in the Grade 3, \$100,000 My Charmer Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

One of just two 3-year-old fillies in a full field of 14, Capla Temptress reunited with jockey Joel Rosario for the first time in 13 months and delivered a career-best performance, as she surged through the stretch to win drawing away by a length and a half at 4-to-1 odds for Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott,

registering a 94 Beyer. Rosario was aboard Capla Temptress for her September 2017 victory in the Grade 1 Natalma Stakes at Woodbine.

Capla Temptress registered Team Valor's 12th stakes win of 2018, the most of any North American-based public partnership. Team Valor also is the leader with eight stakes winners, eight Graded stakes wins and six individual Graded stakes winners.

Capla Temptress was Grade 2-placed at Saratoga this summer following a narrow defeat in the French One Thousand Guineas, in which she beaten a half-length for it all, two heads for second and a single head for the third spot. Mott noticed this fall that she was training better than he had ever seen her. Mott tried to start her in the \$100,000 Winter Memories Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at Aqueduct on Thanksgiving Day but freezing conditions forced the race to the main track and she was scratched. She shipped to South Florida instead and Barry Irwin favored the idea of running her in the mile My Charmer rather than waiting until December 29 for the Tropical Park Oaks within the 3-year-old filly division.



A triumphant Capla Temptress and Bill Mott at Payson Park.

"She finally caught a break with the condition of the turf course and the availability of Rosario, who made a surprise appearance during his vacation to the Dominican Republic," Irwin said. "He gave her a brilliant ride."

Capla Temptress broke last in the

My Charmer and settled near the back before creeping up gradually and moving to within striking distance by the top of the stretch, where she found a seam and went on to dispatch favored La Moneda to complete a mile in 1:39.08 on a course rated "good" following rain earlier in the day.

Team Valor purchased the Irish-bred daughter of Lope de Vega after she won her first two starts in England for trainer Marco Botti, whom she represented in the Natalma and the French Guineas.

Capla Temptress has scored four wins in 11 starts overall and earned \$343,876.

Public Syndicate Groups - Stakes Stats for 2018

| | Stakes Wins | Stakes Winners | Graded Stakes Wins | Individual Gr Winners |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL | 12 | 8 | 8 | 6 |
| STARLIGHT | 9 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| ECLIPSE TB PARTNERS | 7 | 6 | 3 | 3 |
| WEST POINT | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| WOODFORD RACING | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| LADY SHEILA STABLE | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| DONEGAL RACING | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| MAGDALENA RACING | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| UPTOWNCHARLYBROWN STUD | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| CENTENNIAL | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ZILLA RACING STABLE | 2 | 1 | | |
| DARE TO DREAM STABLE | 2 | 1 | | |
| A J SUITED STABLE | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CHURCHILL DOWNS R.CLUB | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| ABBONDANZA RACING | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| PINNACLE RACING | 1 | 1 | | |
| STARLADIES | 1 | 1 | | |