

## CAPLA TEMPTRESS SURGES TO GRADE 1 WIN IN NATALMA AT WOODBINE FLIES HOME TO PUNCH TICKET FOR BREEDERS' CUP AT DEL MAR FILLY SUCCEEDS AT TOP LEVEL TWO RACES AFTER PRIVATE PURCHASE

Two races after a low-level win in England attracted the attention of Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin, Capla Temptress roared home for a Grade 1 triumph and free pass to the Breeders' Cup with a sharp score in the \$200,000 Natalma Stakes at Woodbine.



The juvenile filly became the 28<sup>th</sup> Grade 1 winner for a public partnership that Irwin has put together, and the second so far in 2017, joining Brazilian champion 2-year-old filly Love 'n' Happiness.

Team Valor acquired Capla Temptress in late July after Irwin was impressed by the way she won a novice race at Newmarket after debuting with a victory on Polytrack at Chelmsford City. Irwin kept her with trainer Marco Botti, with whom the stable had campaigned Grade 1 winners Gitano Hernando and Euro

Charline, and she shipped over to Toronto after finishing a solid third in the Group 3 Sweet Solera Stakes at Newmarket on August 12.

The Lope De Vega filly will point for the Grade 1, \$1-million Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf on November 3 at Del Mar.

Irwin and his stable had a major influence on the Woodbine feature races on September 17, as Team Valor's champion Animal Kingdom was represented by his first Graded stakes winner earlier on the card when Untamed Domain prevailed in the Grade 2 Summer Stakes.

From BrisNet.com comes the following:

### Capla Temptress, Untamed Domain bound for Breeders' Cup after Woodbine "Win and You're In" victories

"I bought her with this plan in mind."

So declared Team Valor impresario Barry Irwin after his English shipper Capla Temptress cut down longtime leader Dixie Moon in Sunday's \$218,038 [Natalma \(G1\)](#) at Woodbine, securing a free pass into the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf (G1).

Trained by Marco Botti and patiently handled by Joel Rosario, the 5-1 chance got off to a bit of a bumpy start and bided her time near the rear early. Meanwhile, the 13-1 Dixie Moon was carving out splits of :23.69 and :47.58 on the firm turf. After shrugging off a bid from Delamar at the six-furlong mark in 1:12.29, Dixie Moon was still in control, and holding 2-1 favorite Wonder Gadot down the stretch.

But the pocket rocket Capla Temptress was picking her way through the field, and once fully deployed, took off. Nabbing Dixie Moon late to win going away by three-quarters of a length, she clocked the mile in 1:35.12.



Wonder Gadot checked in another head back in third. March X Press reported home fourth, and Delamar faded to eighth.

According to Racing Post, Capla Temptress will now remain in North America and join Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott. Botti developed the €26,000 Goffs Orby yearling purchase, bringing her from a debut score on the Chelmsford Polytrack to a higher-grade success at Newmarket. That didn't escape Irwin's eye, and Team Valor snapped her up. Capla Temptress made her first start for her new connections in the August 12 Sweet Solera (G3) back at Newmarket, where she finished a promising third. The daughter of Lope de Vega has earned \$139,359 from her 4-3-0-1 line.

Bred by Pier House Stud in Ireland, Capla Temptress is out of the winning Mrs Beeton, a Dansili half-sister to multiple Group 3 scorer and 2009 Arlington Million (G1) third Stotsfold.

### Quotes from Woodbine

Team Valor's Barry Irwin on Capla Temptress: "She's a fighter. She's small, but she's got a long stride and she's all heart."

Winning rider Joel Rosario: "She broke very nice and for a second I had a little clear spot. I was just looking to follow Patrick (Husbands). He was on one of the speed horses (Wonder Gadot) on the outside. I was trying to let her be behind somebody all the time. She was very nice. I had to tap her a little bit on the backside to get her attention. After that, she did the job."

Earlier on the Woodbine card, Team Valor's past homebred champion Animal Kingdom scored his biggest win so far as a freshman sire when Untamed Domain exploded late in the \$208,400 [Summer \(G2\)](#) and thereby booked his passage to the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1).

Owned by West Point Thoroughbreds and trained, like Animal Kingdom, by Graham Motion, Untamed Domain overcame trouble to break his maiden at Saratoga second time out. He also endured a tough trip in the With Anticipation (G3), closing for a better-than-appears third. The addition of blinkers here helped the 3-1 chance come alive in the hands of new rider Joe Bravo.