

CALMLY PROVES EASY 3 1/4-LENGTH VICTRESS IN LISTED RACE AT SAN SIRO DUBAWI 3YO RELISHES HEAVY GOING OVER 10 FURLONGS IN CLASSIC PREP



[Calmly skips to the finishing post as rival jockey Andreas Mezzatesta can only watch in disappointment.](#)

Calmly (Dubawi), based somewhat on form but more on trainer Jerome Reynier's reputation, was bet down to prohibitive favoritism as though losing was not even an option on Saturday at San Siro racecourse in Milan, Italy for the final Classic prep in advance of the June 11 Oaks d'Italia. The punters proved to be prescient, as the filly cat-hopped home on top by 3 1/4 lengths ahead of market rival Beirut.

Employing an easy action that allowed her to skip over the extremely testing heavy ground, Calmly firmly repulsed a strong bid from the runner-up, which was making her seasonal debut after showing good form at 2 when running to a 90 Timeform rating off of some Listed placings and a Group 2 fourth.

The Premio Mario Incisa della Rochetta, a black-type race with a rich history, was always a 2-filly affair, featuring tactics from trainer Bruzo Grizzetti designed to put the favorite at a decided disadvantage from the start.

Under hot-riding Antonio Orani, Calmly from her outside draw seemed to be completely out of her ground in the run down the backstretch over the expansive San Siro course and he failed to improve his position around the turn. The problem was that third-choice Beirut was ridden just inside and just in advance of Calmly, as jockey Andreas Mezzatesta was intent on causing the favorite to race in the worst part of the racecourse.

But in the end it backfired, as Orani was too clever for his Italian counterpart. While Beirut was kept wide as she rounded the final bend into the lane, Orani moved Calmly over to be positioned in the middle of his rivals, as he chased them to the top of the lane. Orani saved a considerable amount of real estate in the penultimate quarter-mile.

Riding patiently even as a few of the other fillies were already off the bridle with less than 3 furlongs remaining, Orani saw an opening he wanted, but it quickly closed up on him. Shortly afterwards the jockey was able to maneuver the filly sideways to his right where there was plenty of daylight ahead of him. The filly moved up on her own. Inside the final 2 furlongs the filly picked off one rival after another. In the final furlong and a half she moved from being in a line of fillies all contending for command, to going to the front. It was there that Beirut was driven hard to make a strong challenge outside of her. Orani then asked Calmly to pick it up and she responded beautifully. Calmly had no trouble repelling the strong move by the runner-up, after which Orani allowed the filly to cruise to the line and win doing handsprings. [VIDEO LINK](#)



Reynier reported that the jockey “got a really good feeling on her, he said they went way too fast early, so he was not really worried waiting at the back and instead of going around them he came in the middle and said he had plenty of petrol, cruising very easily, and he felt that she was flying on the sticky, heavy ground, so he was on the bridle very easily, going off the bridle only in the last furlong so, just to ensure victory.

“He says she carried on, won very easily, she has plenty of stamina, and definitely handles that type of ground.”