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ARCH'S GAL EDITH

Ch.m. 2002 by Arch – Force Five Gal by Pleasant Tap

In 2012, no horse has dominated his division like dual classic winner and champion-elect I'll Have Another. Flawless in four sophomore starts, I'll Have Another grew in stature with every outing.

A decisive winner of the Robert B. Lewis Stakes (gr. II) on his seasonal debut, I'll Have Another confirmed his standing as a classic contender by capturing the Santa Anita Derby (gr. I), from a field that including grade one winners Creative Cause, Paynter and Liason.

In the Kentucky Derby (gr. I), his powerful closing effort saw him score by daylight from the formidable front-runner Bodemeister - a 9 ½ lengths winner of the Arkansas Derby (gr. I) on his previous outing - with Champion Two-Year-Old Hansen, and grade one winners Dullahan, Union Rags, Creative Cause, Liason, Gemologist, and Take Charge Indy among those behind. In the Preakness Stakes (gr. I), suited by the shorter distance and allowed to set uncontested fractions, Bodemeister appeared to have made the decisive move when opening up by three lengths in early in the straight. That, however, was reckoning without the talent and determination of I'll Have Another, who in the words of the chart "closed relentlessly" to gain his second classic triumph. Odds-on favorite to become the first Triple Crown since Affirmed in 1978, I'll Have Another, was found to have suffered a minor injury on the eve of the Belmont Stakes (gr. I), leaving the finish to be fought out by Union Rags and Paynter, both of whom had been defeated by I'll Have Another in 2012.

When one considers the influences in the pedigree of Arch's Gal Edith, the dam of I'll Have Another, one begins to understand that it is no surprise that she should become a classic producer. She is a daughter of Arch, a Super Derby (gr. I) winning grandson of Epsom Derby (gr. I) hero, Roberto, and himself sire of a quarter of Champions, including Eclipse Award winner Blame. Arch's Gal Edith's dam, stakes placed Force Five Girl, is by Champion Older Horse Pleasant Tap, in turn a son of dual classic winner and Champion Three-Year-Old Pleasant Colony. Last Cause, the granddam of Arch's Gal Edith, is a graded stakes performer by Caucasus, classic winning son of English Triple Crown laureate Nijinsky II. A half-sister to grade one winner Roanoke, Last Cause is out Last Bird, a daughter of Sea-Bird II, not only runaway winner of the Epsom Derby and Prix l'Arc de Triomphe, but also a candidate to be regarded as the greatest European racehorse of all time. Last Bird's dam is the brilliant

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juvenile filly, Patelin. One of the cornerstone foundation mares for broodmare band of Thomas Mellon Evans, Patelin is also ancestress of Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Pleasant Stage, CCA Oaks (gr. I) victress Class Play, and grade one winners Into Mischief, Seattle Meteor, A Phenomenon, Marsh Side, Changeintheweather, Pillaster and Reenact.

Despite this rich classic background, Arch's Gal Edith had the natural speed and talent to win a maiden special weight over six furlongs at Belmont Park on her only outing. As a broodmare, she boasts a 100% winner to runners record with her first three foals, who in addition to I'll Have Another, also include Those Wer The Days, a winner of five consecutive races in seven starts. Arch's Gal Edith's only other foal is Gloria S., a 2010 filly by sire sensation Tapit, and this dam of a likely Eclipse Award winner and Horse of the Year candidate, is offered carrying a foal from the first crop of Storm Cat's three-time Eclipse Award winning grandson, Gio Ponti.

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