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JAVIER CASTELLANO, on hand riding GRACE HALL
to a 6½ length win in the G2 Gulfstream Oaks and
a 3¾ length win in the G2 Delaware Oaks.

Past Performance & Pedigree

Of all the fillies in the 2009 U.S. foal crop to race in the U.S., none have compiled a better body of work over two seasons than Grace Hall. Officially rated below only Champion Two-Year-Old Filly My Miss Aurelia at two, Grace Hall has trained on to become a multiple graded stakes winning classic performer and millionaire at three.

A three length winner over six furlongs in her debut, Grace Hall captured one of the season's most important juvenile contests, the historic Spinaway Stakes (gr. I) in only her second race track appearance. Scoring by 1¾ lengths from stakes winner Judy the Beauty, Grace Hall was more than 10 lengths clear of the rest of the field, which included impressive graded scorer Georgie's Angel.

Grace Hall took her record to three-for-three with a dominating 5¾ lengths victory in the Blue Hen Stakes, and concluded her season in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I). Closing with a will, she took second behind undefeated champion My Miss Aurelia. In turn, Grace Hall was six lengths or more clear of the rest of the field, which included the multiple grade one winners Questing and Weemissfrankie, European classic winner Homecoming Queen, graded stakes winners Northern Passion and Rocket Twentyone, and stakes winners Awesome Belle, Candrea, Frolic's Revenge and Say a Novena. Grace Hall's standing was recognized on the Experimental Free Handicap for Two-Year-Old Fillies where only she, My Miss Aurelia, and the grade one wining Stephanie's Kitten were rated at 120 lbs. or above.

Grace Hall notched her first graded victory of 2012 in the Gulfstream Oaks (gr. II), drawing away to defeat the subsequent Mother Goose Stakes (gr. I) victress, Zo Impressive, by 6½ lengths, with grade one winner Emma's Encore, and graded scorer Yara also in the beaten field. The third graded triumph of Grace Hall's career came in the \$400,000 Delaware Oaks (gr. II), where she scored under a hand ride from graded stakes winning and grade one placed Via Villaggio.

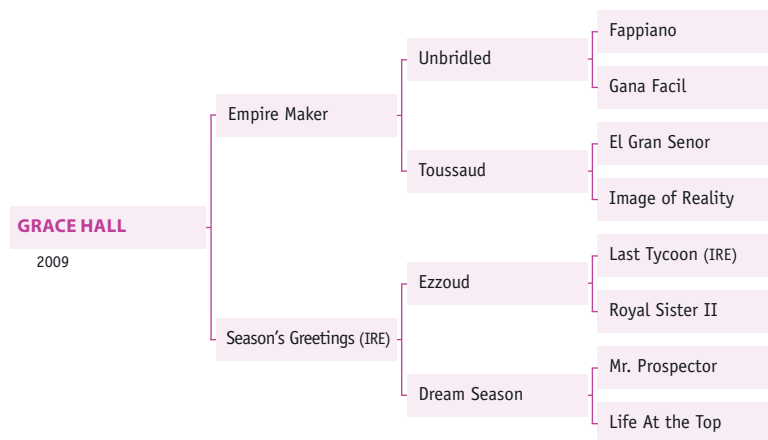
All told, from her first eight starts Grace Hall won five races, four stakes, three of them graded, and took second in two graded stakes, including the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I). Her only finish outside the top two was a third in the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I).

Grace Hall is one of the most talented runners by her sire Empire Maker, a beautifully-bred classic winner who had strong claims to being regarded as the best of his crop of three, having defeated Champion Funny Cide in two of three meetings. From his first five crops, Empire Maker has been represented by 33 stakes winners, ten in 2012 alone. Seventeen of his offspring have captured graded stakes, and in addition to Grace Hall, they include Champion Royal Delta, and grade one winners Bodemeister, Pioneerof the Nile, Country Star, Acoma, Mushka and Icon Project.

On the distaff side, Grace Hall comes from an internationally accomplished family. Her dam, Season's Greetings, captured the Criterium de Vitesse, and took second in three group events while racing against colts. Her second dam, Dream Season, a daughter of Mr. Prospector, is a sister to Elizabeth Bay, a group and stakes winner in Europe and the U.S., and also runner-up in the Coronation Stakes (gr. I). Dream Season and Elizabeth Bay are out of Life At the Top, who captured six graded stakes, including the Mother Goose Stakes (gr. I) and Ladies Handicap (gr. I), and who in turn is by Seattle Slew out of a half-sister to Kentucky Derby (gr. I) winner and Champion Three-Year-Old Bold Forbes. This is a fabulous Calumet Farm foundation family that goes back to Preakness Stakes victress Nellie Morse.

A mare with international appeal, Grace Hall has a world of options for her potential matings. Among leading international stallions that either rate highly here as a cross, or who appeal for other reasons, names such as Bernardini, Dalakhani, Deep Impact, Distorted Humor, Encosta de Lago, Frankel, Galileo, Giant's Causeway, Hard Spun, Malibu Moon, More Than Ready, Pivotal, Redoute's Choice and War Front, give just a flavor of the exciting possibilities.

– Alan Porter



Race and (Black-Type) Record

| Age | Starts | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | Earnings |
|-----|--------|------|------|------|-------------|
| 2 | 4 | 3(2) | 1(1) | 0 | \$579,000 |
| 3 | 5 | 2(2) | 1(1) | 1(1) | 579,000 |
| | 9 | 5(4) | 2(2) | 1(1) | \$1,158,000 |

At 2, **WON Spinaway S. [G1]** at Saratoga (7 fur., defeating Judy the Beauty, And Why Not, Georgie's Angel, etc.), **Blue Hen S. [L]** at Delaware Park (1 mi. 70 yds., by 5¾ lengths, defeating Glinda the Good, Always Here Too, Filare l'Oro, etc.), a maiden special weight race at Delaware Park (6 fur., by 3 lengths, defeating Annaclone, Christmas Trippi, Filare l'Oro, etc.), **2nd Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies [G1]** at Churchill Downs (1¼ mi., to My Miss Aurelia, defeating Weemissfrankie, Self Preservation, Questing, etc.).

At 3, **WON Delaware Oaks [G2]** at Delaware Park (1¼ mi., top weight of 122 lbs., by 3¾ lengths, defeating Via Villaggio, Amie's Dini, Aubby K, etc.), **Gulfstream Oaks S. [G2]** at Gulfstream Park (1⅛ mi., by 6½ lengths, defeating Zo Impressive, Hearts of Red, The Cat's All That, etc.), **2nd Davona Dale S. [G2]** at Gulfstream Park (1¼ mi., to Yara, by a neck, defeating Captivating Lass, Disposablepleasure, etc.), **3rd Kentucky Oaks [G1]** at Churchill Downs (1 ⅛ mi., to Believe You Can, Broadway's Alibi, defeating Summer Applause, etc.).

1st dam

SEASON'S GREETINGS [IRE], by Ezzoud. 3 wins at 2, €103,056, in France, Criterium de Vitesse, 2nd Prix du Gros-Chene [G2], Prix d'Arenberg [G3], Prix de Saint-Georges [G3], 3rd Prix Hampton. (Total: \$91,094). Dam of 3 winners, including--

GRACE HALL (f. by Empire Maker). 5 wins in 9 starts at 2 and 3, 2012, \$1,158,000, Spinaway S. [G1] (SAR, \$150,000), Delaware Oaks [G2] (DEL, \$240,000), Gulfstream Oaks S. [G2] (GP, \$180,000), Blue Hen S. [L] (DEL, \$45,000), 2nd Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies [G1] (CD, \$360,000), Davona Dale S. [G2] (GP, \$50,000) 3rd Kentucky Oaks [G1] (CD, \$91,000).

Kind Regards (g. by Pulpit). 7 wins, 3 to 5, 2012, \$131,545.

2nd dam

DREAM SEASON, by Mr. Prospector. Unraced. Sister to **ELIZABETH BAY**. Dam of 4 foals, 3 to race, all winners--

SEASON'S GREETINGS [IRE] (f. by Ezzoud). Black-type winner, above.

Legend of Spring [GB] (f. by Night Shift). 2 wins at 2, €47,716, in France, 2nd Prix du Bois [G3], etc. (Total: \$49,434).

Deep Space (c. by Green Desert). 6 wins, £119,629, in England, 3rd Vodafone Dash Rated S., etc. (Total: \$187,214).

3rd dam

LIFE AT THE TOP, by Seattle Slew. 9 wins, 2 to 4, \$989,504, Mother Goose S. [G1], Ladies H. [G1], Long Look H. [G2], Rampart H. [G3], Las Virgenes S. [G3], etc. Dam of--

ELIZABETH BAY. 2 wins at 2, €86,592, in France, Prix Eclipse [G3], 2nd Prix Imprudence, etc.; placed in 2 starts at 3, £40,741, in England, 2nd Coronation S. [G1]; 5 wins at 4 and 5, \$176,925, in N.A./U.S., Just a Game S. [L] (BEL, \$33,330), etc. (Total: \$346,641). Dam of **BAYEUX** (Total: \$317,768, River City H. [G3] (CD, \$100,531), etc.), **COLONIAL** (Total: \$201,342, Prix Roland de Chambure, etc.), **Katoomba** (Total: \$67,077). Granddam of **CUTLASS BAY** (Total: \$462,038, Prix Ganay [G1], etc.), **BOSCOBEL** (Total: \$359,504, King Edward VII S. [G2], etc.), **CRESTED [GB]** [L] (Total: \$475,349).

Gingerbread Feast. 2 wins at 3, \$35,045, 3rd Susan's Girl S. (DEL, \$4,081).

Life in Seattle. Winner at 2 and 3, \$34,860. Dam of **KONA BLEND** (\$174,960),

Edgewater [L] (to 6, 2012, \$248,892).

Dorcinea. 3 wins, ¥41,118,000, in Japan. (Total: \$315,580). Dam of **MR DOB** (Total: \$122,353), **One Tough Hombre**.

