



HAVRE DE GRACE

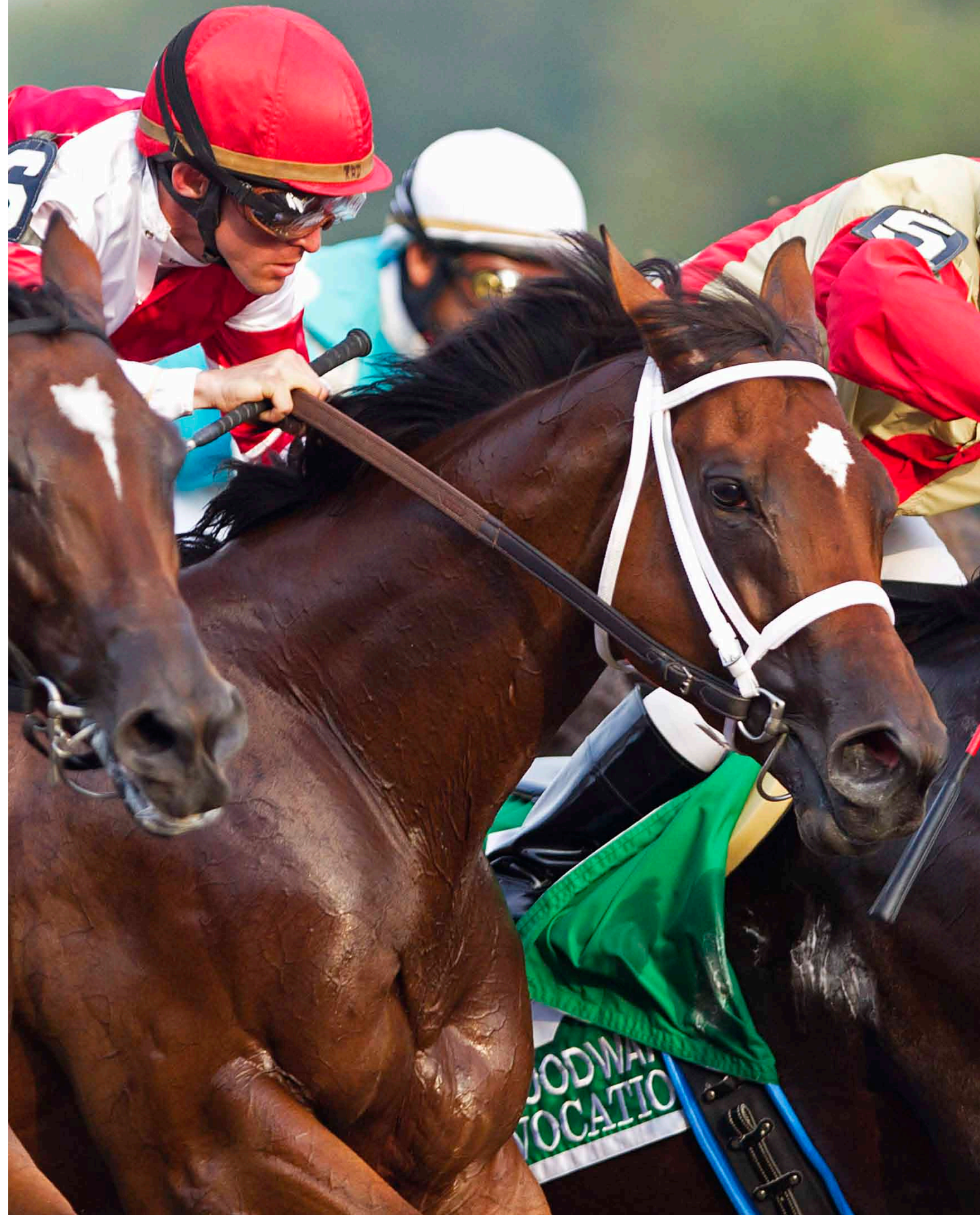


*Horse of the Year*  
— 2011 —



*Only one can be chosen Horse of the Year...*

*and with the honor comes immortality.*





The legacy of **Havre de Grace** began long before she entered the world on May 12th, 2007.

This is her story...



*Future Champion and Horse of the Year, Havre de Grace, alongside her dam, Easter Bunnette.*

She was bred in Kentucky by Nancy Dillman, some 66 years after her classic-winning 5th dam, Uvira II, was imported to America.

Havre de Grace's multiple Grade 1 victories, Eclipse Championship and Horse of the Year title are the result of generations of work by some of the most esteemed racing families of the 20th century:

H.H. Aga Khan III, A.B. "Bull" Hancock III, the Phipps Family, John Schiff and Nancy Dillman.





“Havre de Grace hails from a distinguished branch of one of the world’s most renowned tap-root families.” -Alan Porter

**UVIRA II - 5TH DAM**

**MISSY BABA - 4TH DAM**

**TOLL BOOTH - 3RD DAM**

**TOLL FEE - 2ND DAM**

**EASTER BUNNETTE - 1ST DAM**

These are among the most storied names in the stud book. They represent an unbroken chain of excellence that continues to reproduce breed-shaping horses generation after generation.



“ Havre de Grace is directly descended from one of the best daughters of one of the best producing mares of all time... you just don’t find impeccable bloodlines like that. You most often see the Reines-de-course pop up in a pedigree as the dams of the most influential stallions. It is very rare and very valuable to see a direct female lineage of such amazing genetics.”

-Matt Gardner, [www.anddownthestretchtheycome.com](http://www.anddownthestretchtheycome.com)

# 70 years in the making...

*The chain of events which lead to the conception of Havre de Grace is an epic tale that traces back to the 1940's.*

*by John P. Sparkman*

## Uvira II (fifth dam)

No 20th century breeder left a greater legacy than the Aga Khan III. Two years after purchasing the fabulous "Flying Filly" Mumtaz Mahal, granddam of \*Nasrullah, \*Mahmoud, and Abernant and great-granddam of \*Royal Charger, the Indian potentate returned to the Doncaster sales to purchase the Son-in-Law filly, Lady Lawless, for about \$28,000 (6,100 guineas).

Lady Lawless was nowhere near as good as Mumtaz Mahal, but produced a filly who may yet develop as long-lasting a legacy in \*Uvira II. Sold to the Vicomte de Fontarce to raise funds when the Aga Khan was trapped in Switzerland during World War II, \*Uvira II won the Irish Oaks by six lengths, and then sold to Texas oilman, Emmerson J. Woodward.

In 1949, A.B. "Bull" Hancock, Jr. paid a world record \$61,000 for \*Uvira II on behalf of Ogden Phipps's uncle John S. Phipps and she produced five stakes winners, including Francis U and General Staff, both the equivalent of modern Grade 1 winners.

\*Uvira II's other daughters established branches of her family that include top class runners Iron Ruler, Lawyer Ron, First Dude, Ski Paradise, and Dernier Empereur, but none were in the same class as Missy Baba, who established a lasting matriarchy.

## Missy Baba (fourth dam)

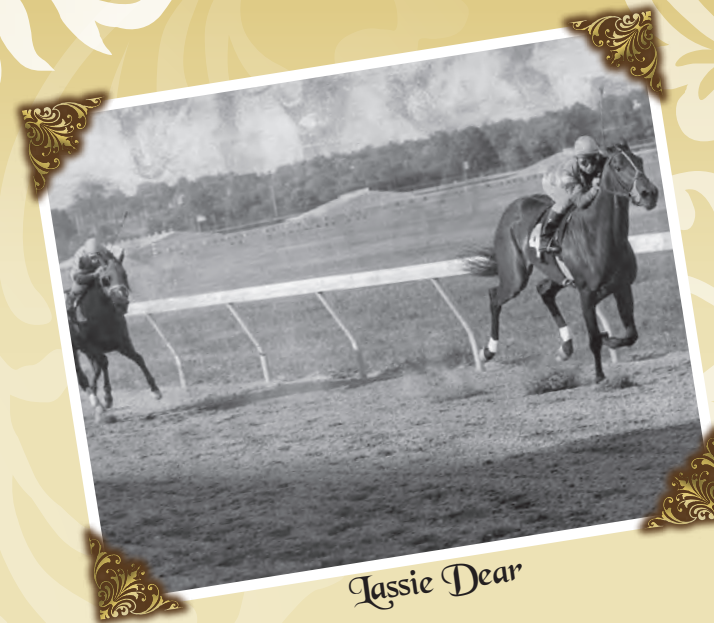
It is perhaps prophetic that the pedigree of Missy Baba combined the bloodlines of the greatest English breeder of the 20th century and the greatest French breeder of the century, Marcel Boussac—for Missy Baba and her daughters enriched the studs of the great breeders of the late 20th century.

Her sire, \*My Babu was the best miler sired by Boussac's great stallion Djebel, and became an influential broodmare sire through champions Damascus, Gamely, Highest Trump, and Little Current, as well as through Missy Baba.

Bred by John Phipps's son Michael G. Phipps, Missy Baba won only one of seven starts, but produced five stakes winners from 14 foals, best of whom was probably Grade 1 winner **Sauce Boat**.



Sauce Boat



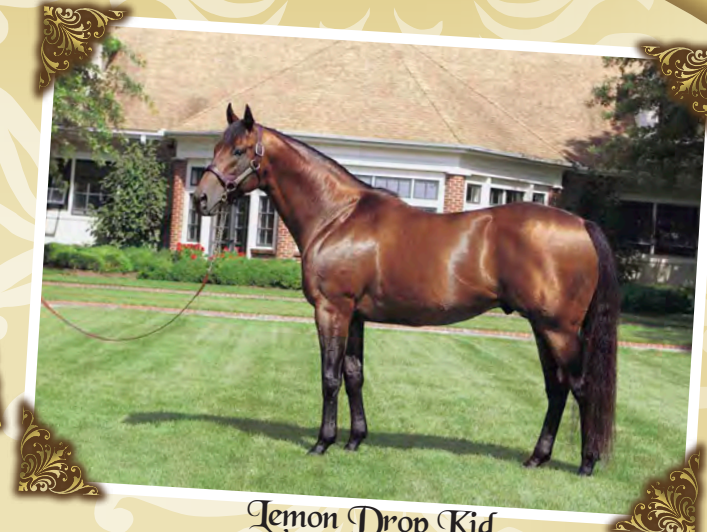
Lassie Dear

William S. Farish of Lane's End bought Missy Baba's stakes winning son, Raja Baba, as a four-year-old and he became Farish's first leading sire standing at Warner Jones's Hermitage Farm, heading the list in 1980. Farish and partner William S. Kilroy also purchased Missy Baba's granddaughter, **Lassie Dear** (by Buckpasser out of stakes winner Gay Missile), establishing the great branch of Missy Baba's family that includes **A.P. Indy**, Summer Squall, **Lemon Drop Kid**, Duke of Marmalade, and Court Vision.

## Toll Booth (third dam)

Michael Phipps sold Missy Baba privately to New York banker John M. Schiff in 1970, making Schiff the breeder of her 1971 Buckpasser filly Toll Booth, as well as Sauce Boat. Schiff had already bred champion and great sire Hoist the Flag and champion Droll Role, but he bred a different kind of champion in Toll Booth. A good New York allowance winner, Toll Booth won 3 of 22 starts, but she is one of a handful of broodmares to produce seven stakes winners, led by Schiff's 1980 champion sprinter Plugged Nickle and Grade 1 winner Christecat. **Toll Booth earned Broodmare of the Year honors in 1991.**

Toll Booth's daughters have produced an honor roll of graded stakes winners for various breeders. Grade 3 winner Key to the Bridge, is dam of graded winner Islefaxyou and third dam of graded winner Hot Summer; stakes winner Idle Gossip is granddam of graded winners Solvig and Lady Carlock; stakes winner Tokens Only,



Lemon Drop Kid



A.P. Indy



Toll Booth





Riskaverse

is dam of graded winner, Token Dance, and granddam of graded winner, Gator Dancer. But stakes winner **Toll Fee** has proven to be Toll Booth's most important daughter.

### Toll Fee (second dam)

Though not the most talented, Toll Fee was perhaps the toughest of Schiff's daughters of Toll Booth, by Northern Dancer's son Topsider. Toll Fee raced from two through five, winning 7 of 39 starts, winning the Weber City Miss Stakes and placing in four graded stakes. A tough, sound sprinter himself, Topsider imparted much of that toughness to his offspring, siring top-level winners at distances from five furlongs to 1 1/2 miles.

Peter G. Schiff inherited Toll Fee on the death of his father in 1987 and bred and raced her best offspring, her first foal, The Bink. Beaten only a neck in the Interborough Handicap (G3),

The Bink never quite won the stakes race her talent deserved, but placed in five stakes.

Peter Schiff also bred and raced The Bink's near-champion daughter **Riskaverse**, who won three Grade 1 races among her 9 wins for \$2.1-million. Riskaverse's half-sister, Cozzy Corner, was also talented and tough, winning the Valley View S. (G3).

Toll Fee's other daughters have contributed to the family's ever-expanding legacy, producing graded winners **Bouquet Booth** and Tasteyville. Those four graded stakes winners descending from Toll Fee inherited her toughness as well as her talent, racing an average of 31 times each.

### Easter Bunnette (first dam)

Peter Schiff sold Havre de Grace's dam, Easter Bunnette, in training and she won the last three of her 11 starts. Veteran Kentucky breeder Nancy Dillman paid \$450,000 for Easter Bunnette at the 2003 Keeneland November breeding stock sale and has bred each of her foals, including current two-year-old Brabbham, by Bernardini, who topped the 2011 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of selected yearlings at \$1.2-million.

Easter Bunnette's sire, Carson City, is justly famous for injecting speed into pedigrees, particularly through his daughters, who have already produced Grade 1 winners Barbaro, Rail Trip, Stormello, Lear's Princess, A Z Warrior, Ancona, Magic Lamp, Sonrisa, and Swiss Ace, in addition to Havre de Grace.



Easter Bunnette

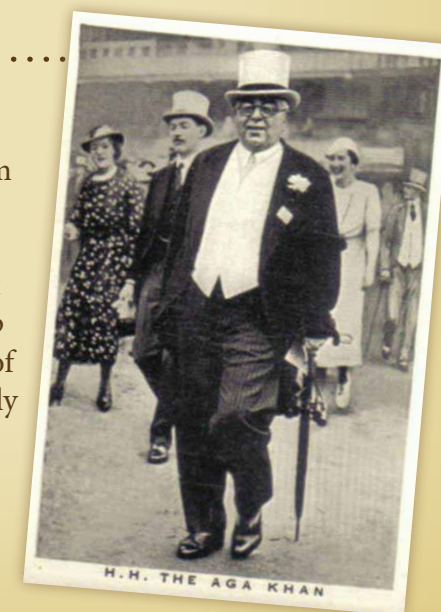


### Saint Liam (sire)

Havre de Grace's sire, Saint Liam, was the apotheosis of the breeding career of another great American breeder, the late Ned Evans, who developed the family through three generations over two decades. Horse of the Year in 2005, Saint Liam, sired four graded winners in his only crop, and his tragic death after only one season at stud was an enormous loss for the breeding industry.

Over the last 70 years, the world's greatest breeders have applied the sternest Darwinian principals of selection to the family descending from the Aga Khan's Lady Lawless, with Marcel Boussac, the Phipps family, the Schiff family, Will Farish, and Ned Evans all making invaluable contributions. Every sire along the female line of Havre de Grace—a list which includes some of the greatest sires of the 20th century—was a top racehorse and every one of them sired top-class runners over a variety of distances. And every mare along her female line has produced supremely talented runners.

*Havre de Grace is the legacy of the great breeders of the 20th century, and the foundation for the great breeders of the 21st century.*





Tom McGreevy

In the fall of 2008, a beautiful bay filly by Horse of Year Saint Liam, out of Easter Bunnette, caught the eye of renowned bloodstock agent, Tom McGreevy, at the Keeneland September sale.

He purchased her for \$380,000 on behalf of Fox Hill Farm owner Rick Porter, who named the filly Havre de Grace after the old race track in the port city of Havre de Grace, Maryland—where legends such as Man O' War, Seabiscuit, War Admiral, and Sir Barton competed many years ago.



Rick Porter



Havre de Grace selling at the 2008 Keeneland September sale.



“It is difficult to describe what a great racehorse looks like.  
I tell people to compare a drawing of a horse by a third grader to a painting  
by a famous artist. Havre de Grace is like a Rembrandt.”

-Tom McGreevy





**Havre de Grace** broke her maiden by 4 3/4 lengths on September 30th of her two-year-old year in maiden special weight company at Delaware Park.

She began her three-year-old campaign with a decisive allowance victory on May 10th, 2010.





Classic Rivalry: Havre de Grace versus Blind Luck



On the road to the Breeders' Cup, Havre de Grace  
battled champion **Blind Luck** in a classic  
three-race-duel for the ages.

Havre de Grace came up just a neck short of her more seasoned  
rival in both the Grade 2 Delaware Oaks and Grade 1 Alabama  
Stakes, but she turned the tables with a breakthrough victory  
over Blind Luck in the Grade 2 Cotillion Stakes  
on October 2nd, 2010.



On Breeders' Cup Day 2010,

Havre de Grace made only the eighth start of her career and ran a game third behind Bill Mott's multiple Grade 1 winning mare

**Unrivalled Belle**, who earlier in the year had defeated Horse of the Year **Rachel Alexandra**.

While 2010 proved Havre de Grace's class at the highest level, the switch to trainer **Larry Jones** following the Breeders' Cup propelled her to greatness. Under Jones, she won 5 of her next 6 starts, including her first Grade One victory in the Apple Blossom Handicap (G1), the Azeri Stakes (G3) and Obeah Stakes (G3).



Her meteoric rise to greatness continued with a courageous performance in the fall of 2011, when she defeated a deep field of colts in the Grade 1 **Woodward Stakes** at Saratoga, posting a career-high Beyer Speed Figure of **111**.

She joined the prestigious company of **Rachel Alexandra** as one of only two fillies to win this historic race since its inception in 1954.



Throughout the racing world, eyes were turning in her direction, and the rising star did not disappoint.



In her next start, Havre de Grace followed with another brilliant performance in the Grade 1 Beldame Stakes at Belmont Park. She won by over 8 lengths, dominating a field that included **Royal Delta**, who had just won the Grade 1 Alabama Stakes and would subsequently win the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Ladies Classic on her way to an Eclipse Award as champion three-year-old filly.



Havre de Grace winning the 2011 Beldame Stakes by 8 1/4 lengths over champion Royal Delta (left).





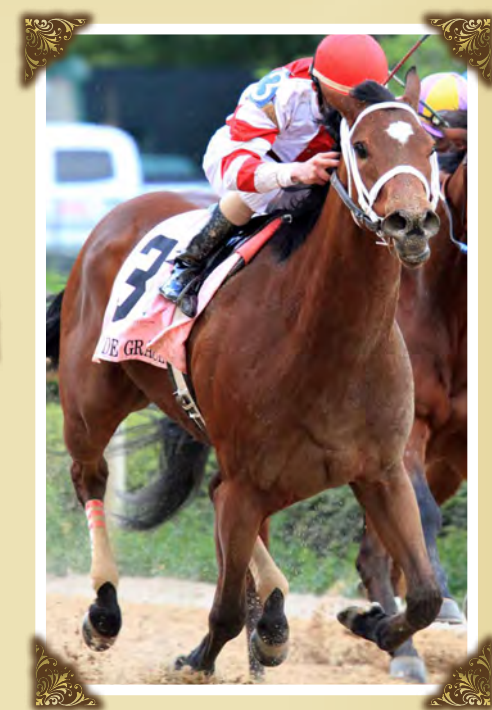
Following her remarkable 2011 campaign, Havre de Grace won racing's most prestigious title, Horse of the Year, joining super fillies

AZERI (G1)

RACHEL ALEXANDRA (G1)

ZENYATTA (G1)

as one of only 11 distaffers in history to win racing's highest honor.





In her next outing, she trounced the field with an easy 4 1/2 length victory in the New Orleans Ladies Stakes at the Fair Grounds in March of 2012. The race was to be a prelude to her next start, the Grade 2 La Troienne, in which she was the heavy favorite.

But during a workout at Churchill Downs, she injured her right front ankle. A few days later, owner Rick Porter made the difficult decision to retire his champion filly.





Her career featured Grade One wins at Oaklawn, Belmont and Saratoga.

She won graded stakes at **five different tracks**, earned more than **\$2.5 million** and defeated **nineteen** individual Grade One winners, including Flat Out, To Honor and Serve, Uncle Mo, Stay Thirsty, Acoma, Awesome Maria, Switch and Royal Delta.

Her blistering speed was evidenced by **triple digit** Beyer Speed Figures in **10** of her last **11** starts...

And she has left a legacy that will surely include induction into the **National Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame.**





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**She's Baaaack**

**Mission accomplished**

Horse of the Year Havre de Grace wins comeback in New Orleans Ladies

BY MIKE CURRY

R EMINENT HORSE of the Year Havre de Grace triumphed in the comeback win over the New Orleans Ladies on March 17 at Fair Grounds, in a dominant performance in her 2012 debut.

the 11½-mile race for older females. For the 1-in-20 favorite, the 5-year-old Saint Louis mare defied the odds to win the race, which was her first since she was injured in a racing accident in 2010.

For Donoghue, trainer Larry Jones, and owner Paul Pletcher, Havre de Grace had exceeded expectations on her first start since the injury. "She had a great day," said Donoghue. "The fact is a great day," said Donoghue, who was injured in a racing accident in 2010.

By an Associated Press reporter who was in the crowd with all Larry Jones' horses covering all the local, the crowd was so big that it was difficult to see the horse and the jockey who were in the race.

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