

## **CURALINA**

Forming two legs of the classic New York "Triple Tiara" the Acorn Stakes (gr. I) and Coaching Club American Oaks (gr. I) are take high rank among the contests for three-year-old fillies. In the last 45 years, the only distaffers to capture both Acorn Stakes (gr. I) and the Coaching Club American Oaks (gr. I) are the immortal Ruffian, Champions Chris Evert, Davona Dale, Mom's Command, Open Mind and Sky Beauty, It's Tricky and most recently Curalina.

Curalina took her place in the Acorn Stakes (gr. I) having made only three previous starts, but delivered a courageous victory over grade one winner By the Moon, with grade one winner Condo Commando, and graded scorers Miss Ella, Calamity Kate and Promise Me Silver behind. In the Coaching Club Oaks (gr. I) Curalina battled to the wire with the outstanding filly, I'm A Chatterbox, the pair drawing clear of Include Betty, who had won the Mother Goose Stakes (gr. I) in her previous start.

Curalina confirmed her standing as not only one of the top three-year-old fillies of 2015, but one of the best females in training with a third to Stopchargingmaria and Stellar Wind in the Breeders' Cup Distaff (gr. I), those behind including her old rival I'm a Chatterbox, as well as grade one winners Sheer Drama, Warren's Veneda, Got Lucky, Wedding Toast, My Sweet Addiction and Peace and War. Curalina's only other stakes outings at three resulted in a second in the Beldame Stakes (gr. I) and a third in the Alabama Stakes (gr. I).

Curalina has continued to add to her laurels in 2016, winning the La Troienne Stakes (gr. I) and Shuvee Handicap (gr. III) in completely dominating performances. In the La Troienne Stakes, Curalina romped by 7½ lengths while defeating grade one winners Sheer Drama and Angela Renee, and graded winners Brooklynsway and Penwith. The Shuvee Stakes (gr. III) saw Curalina stretch away to record a 9¼ lengths triumph over graded winner Carrumba. Most recently, Curalina demonstrated her well-being with a close second to Cavorting in the Personal Ensign Stakes (gr. I), with those behind including grade one winners Forever Unbridled and I'm a Chatterbox.

Since winning a maiden and allowance event on her second and third starts, Curalina has now competed in nine straight graded stakes, eight of them grade one. She has won four of these prestigious contests, has two seconds, and two thirds, her only other run being a fourth in the Ogden Phipps Stakes (gr. I).

Curalina is a daughter of the Champion Three-Year-Old Colt, Champion Older Horse and twotime Horse of the Year, Curlin. A horse who has rapidly emerged as one of North America's premier classic stallions, Curlin has 28 stakes winners in his first four crops, including

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Curalina; Champion Three-Year-Old Filly Stellar Wind; Preakness (gr. I) and Haskell Invitational Stakes (gr. I) victor Exaggerator; Belmont Stakes (gr. I) winner Palace Malice; Keen Ice, conqueror of American Pharoah and Frosted in the Travers Stakes (gr. I); and Mother Goose Stakes (gr. I) heroine Off The Tracks. With a view to Curalina's future as a producer, we'll not that Curlin is by one outstanding broodmare sire, Smart Strike, out of a mare by another, Deputy Minister.

Curalina's dam, multiple stakes producer, Whatdreamsrmadeof, was stakes placed at two, and grade two placed at three. A half-sister to stakes winner Ladyecho, Whatdreamsrmadeof, is out of a half-sister to multiple stakes winner Gold Star Deputy, and the dam of millionaire Uncaptured, Champion Two-Year-Old and Horse of the Year in Canada. The family traces back to Windfields Farm tap-root mare Orchestra.

Already a member of an elite, historic group of classic racemares, Curalina, has demonstrated exemplary consistency at the highest level. If remaining in training, she looks sure to remain a formidable contender for the top filly and mare dirt contests. Or, if retired to stud, she has clearly established her right to be a prized visitor to the court of almost any of the world's leading sires.

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