



MESHELL

A stakes winner and graded stakes placed performer, Meshell is a three-quarters sister to one of the most gifted runners of the past quarter century, and half-sister to a current two-year-old graded stakes winner.

Meshell gained bold black-type with a courageous victory in the Fort Springs Stakes at Keeneland, defeating a field that included graded stakes winner Cristina's Journey and stakes winners Clothes Fall Off, Coco's Wildcat, Fusaichi Red, and Dr. Fager's Gal. A wire-to-wire three lengths winner of a Keeneland maiden event, Meshell also took an allowance test by 5¼ lengths.

Meshell was also third in the Bayakoa Stakes (gr. III), beaten little more than a ½ length by the accomplished grade two winner Call Pat, while defeating grade two winner Sarah Sis, and was third in the American Beauty Stakes. She also took runner-up spot in the Minnesota H. B. P. A. Distaff Stakes on the turf.

Meshell is by the world-record breaking racehorse and internationally important sire, Elusive Quality. The sire to date of 123 stakes winners, 50 graded, Elusive Quality is responsible for outstanding champions in the U.S., Europe, and Australia. His offspring including Smarty Jones, Raven's Pass, Quality Road, Sepoy, Elusive Kate, Maryfield, Certify, Camarilla, and Elusive City. Similarly, Elusive Quality's daughters have already produced grade one winners in the U.S., Europe, Australia, and Japan, among them Champion and classic winner Guelph, classic winner Shooting to Win, the brilliant No Nay Never, and grade one juvenile scorer Gomo.

Meshell is half-sister to the 2016 Sanford Stakes (gr. III) scorer, Bitumen. Their dam, the young Tale of the Cat mare Kobla Cat, is also dam of a three-year-old filly by Tiznow, and a colt foal who is a brother to Bitumen. Kobla Cat is half-sister to Quality Road, who as a son of Elusive Quality is also a three-quarters brother to Meshell. An immensely talented runner, Quality Road set four track records at 6½ furlongs, a mile and nine furlongs. His triumphs included the Donn Handicap (gr. I), which he won by nearly 13 lengths, earning a Beyer Speed Figure of 121; the Florida Derby (gr. I); the Woodward Stakes (gr. I) which he won by a margin of 4¾ lengths; and the Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I). The Leading Freshman Sire of

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2014, Quality Road is now the Leading Third Season Sire of 2016, his runners this year including the top two-year-old colt Klimt.

Kobla Cat's dam, Kobla, is a half-sister to Champion Three-Year-Old Filly Ajina – successful in the Breeders' Cup Distaff (gr. I), Coaching Club American Oaks (gr. I), and Mother Goose Stakes (gr. I) - and her granddam, graded stakes winner Winglet, is by Alydar out of Highest Trump, Champion Two-Year-Old Filly in Ireland, and granddam of European Champion Bahri.

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