

## COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: YAHILWA

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## **YAHWILA**

A graded stakes winning and grade one placed daughter of Medaglia d'Oro and from a foundation family, Yahilwa is offered carry her first foal, a son daughter of War Front, bred on a powerful cross.

Yahilwa – who earned black-type at six different tracks – gained her graded victory with a decisive 2½ lengths tally in the Sixty Sails Handicap (gr. III). She also had a similar margin to spare when defeating grade two winner Kiss to Remember for the \$200,000 Treasure Chest Stakes.

The consistent Yahilwa also earned places in six other graded stakes events. Denied only by the formidable Beholder in the Clement L. Hirsch Stakes (gr. I), Yahilwa was a clear second to that great mare, 4% lengths or more clear of grade one winners Warren's Veneda and My Sweet Addiction and grade two scorer Thegirlinthatsong. She was also beaten just a ½ length by grade one winner Tara's Tango in the Santa Maria Stakes (gr. II), beating grade one winner Birdatthewire and grade two winner Living the Life; took second to Breeders' Cup Distaff (gr. I) captress Stopchargingmaria in the Allaire Dupont Distaff Stakes (gr. III); and was beaten only a neck in the Adoration Stakes. In another standout effort, Yahilwa was only denied by a neck and a head by Got Lucky and champion Untapable in the Spinster Stakes (gr. I), and she also took third in the La Canada Stakes (gr. II) to Taris and Birdatthewire, with grade one winner Illuminant behind.

Yahilwa is among the most accomplished daughters of the wonderful sire Medaglia d'Oro. A stallion who has proved himself outstanding international sire, Medaglia d'Oro has been represented by champions on three continents. He is now responsible for 100 stakes winners, including the marvelous racemares Rachel Alexandra and Songbird, as well as the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) heroine Plum Pretty; Passion For Gold, Champion Two-Year-Old Colt in France; Vancouver, Champion Two-Year-Old Colt in Australia; and multiple grade one winners Marketing Mix,



Mshawish, New Money Honey, Gabby's Golden Gal, and Champagne d'Oro. In 2017, Medaglia d'Oro already has by 12 stakes winners to his name, including not only Songbird, but also Bolt d'Oro, successful in the Del Mar Futurity (gr. I) and FrontRunner S. (gr. I); the Alabama Stakes (gr. I) heroine Elate; and other grade one winners New Money Honey and Dickinson. Medaglia d'Oro also appears to be on his way to establishing himself as an important broodmare sire. The first foals out of Medaglia d'Oro mares were only three in 2013, but he is already broodmare sire of 11 stakes winners, including grade one winners Rock Fall and Rachel's Valentina.

Yahilwa is out of the Smart Strike mare Verbanella, a half-sister to the dams the Clark Handicap (gr. II) captor Ubiquity; of Triple Bend Handicap (gr. II) scorer Elaborate; Areyoutalkintome, a near-millionaire graded stakes winner; and graded winner Crowd Pleaser. A sister to three-time graded stakes winner Houston, Yahilwa's granddam, Special Gift, is out of Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Smart Angle, winner of the Frizette Stakes (gr. I), Matron Stakes (gr. I), Spinaway Stakes (gr. I), and Selima Stakes (gr. I).

Smart Angle is herself a daughter of Broodmare of the Year Smartaire, to whom Yahilwa's dam is inbred 4x3. This very influential mare is ancestress of more than 30 stakes winners, including Smart Angle; the Yasuda Kinen (gr. I) scorer Strong Return – like Yahilwa out of a Smart Strike mare inbred to Smartaire; Jockey Club Gold Cup (gr. I) hero Wagon Limit; and grade two scorer and leading 2017 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (gr. I) hopeful Acclerate – by a son of Smart Strike – and other grade two winners Puzzlement, Homebuilder, Smarten, and Quadratic.

Yahilwa is offered carrying her first foal a son or daughter of Danzig's stellar stallion son, War Front. War Front is already the sire of 64 stakes winners, including European Champion Older Horse Declaration of War, European Champion Two-Year-Old Colt The Factor, and group and grade one winners The Factor, Jack Milton, Data Link, Hit It A Bomb, War Command, Summer Soiree, Peace and War and Brave Anna. In 2017 alone, War Front is sire of 17 individual stakes winners, nine of them group



or grade one winners, including the group and grade one winners Roly Poly, U S Navy Flag, Avenge and American Patriot. This foal will be the product of the cross of War Front with Sadler's Wells line mares that has produced six stakes winners, including group/grade one winners Roly Poly, U.S. Navy Flag, Brave Anna and Hit It A Bomb,