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## **COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:**

### **FINEST CITY**

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### FINEST CITY

Eclipse Award winner, Breeders' Cup winner, and track-record breaker: Finest City is among the most accomplished runners of her generation. Her pedigree is also a highly-appealing one: she is by stallion who has been represented by three Eclipse Award winners, and she is out of a young multiple stakes producing mare from a Phipps foundation family.

The Champion Female Sprinter of 2016, Finest City earned her title with a victory over stellar group of distaffers in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (gr. I). Pressing early fractions of :21.98 and :44.82, she took command in the stretch then held off the late charge of Wavell Avenue, the winner of that race in 2015. The defeated field also included two-time grade one winner Paulassilverlining, grade one winners Tara's Tango, Haveyougoneaway, Carina Mia, Paola Queen, and Gomo, multiple graded stakes winners By the Moon, Spelling Again, and Irish Jasper, and graded stakes winner Gloryzapper.

While that one race alone establishes Finest City's formidable talents as a sprinter on dirt, it doesn't illustrate her remarkable range and versatility. In fact, she's a graded stakes performer from 6½ to nine furlongs, with top-class form on turf as well as dirt. Finest City's record shows that she actually won or placed in 10 graded stakes from 13 tries. Her other triumphs include a track-record breaking win in the Great Lady M Stakes (gr. II), where she accounted for multiple graded stakes winner Fantastic Style and graded scorer Lost Bus, and a wire-to-wire 3 ¾ length tally over Fantastic Style in the Santa Monica Stakes (gr. I). Finest City missed by just a neck while dividing Paulassilverling and Carina Mia in the Humana Distaff Stakes (gr. I), fell only a head shy of defeating grade one winner Avenge in the John C. Mabee Handicap (gr. I) at nine furlongs on turf; and took second to multiple grade one winner Vale Dori in the Santa Margarita Handicap (gr. I) at nine furlongs on dirt. She was also a fine third to Beholder and Stellar Wind in the Vanity Mile Stakes (gr. I).

Finest City is a daughter of City Zip, and outstanding two-year-old and sprinter who is only the fourth horse in history to sweep Saratoga's juvenile triple of Sanford Stakes (gr. II), Saratoga Special (gr. I), and Hopeful Stakes (gr. I). City Zip charted a meteoric rise to the upper echelons of the stallion ranks and his more than 70 stakes winners also include other Eclipse Award winners Dayatthespa and Work All Week; Catch a Glimpse, successful in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly Turf (gr. I) and Belmont Oaks Invitational (gr. I); the brilliant 2017 Pacific Classic (gr. I) victor Collected; undefeated multiple grade one winner Bustin Stones; and multiple grade one winner Palace. As a son of Carson City out of Baby Zip, also the dam of the mighty Ghostzapper, City Zip has the pedigree to be a broodmare sire, and we can note that in that role he already appears in the pedigree of grade one winning two-year-old Noted and Quoted.

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Finest City is the second named foal of her dam, the multiple stakes placed Lemon Drop Kid mare, Be Envied. In addition to Finest City, Be Envied is also dam of current three-year-old Grand Prix. Stakes placed at two last year, Grand Prix is a now stakes winner this year at three with a daylight victory in the Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes on her most recent outing on September 2. Be Envied's current two-year-old is a three-quarters brother to Grand Prix.

Be Envied is a half-sister to Burning Roma, a \$1,500,000 earner who numbered the Futurity Stakes (gr. I) among his triumphs. Their dam, While Rome Burns, is out of the Northern Dancer mare, Fiddlesticks, and is half-sister to graded stakes winning Vivano (the granddam of stakes winner Enduring Will, and third dam of stakes winners McKenzie Honey, Sisterhood, and Cozy Kitten), and to English Humor (dam of stakes winner Tokai Pulsar and granddam of stakes winner Marubutsu Easter). The family goes back to the great Phipps foundation mare Lady Be Good – Finest City's fifth dam – the ancestress of 26 grade one winners, among them Epsom Derby (gr. I) hero Motivator, as well as such renowned performers as Goodbye Halo, Culture Vulture, Val's Prince, Awe Inspiring, Polish Precedent, and Zilzal.

A sprint champion who showed outstanding on-the-pace speed, Finest City is a rare performer who could also carry that speed a distance on dirt or turf. That background gives her the potential to produce at the highest level anywhere in the world.

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