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Colonel Samsen breaks maiden at Del Mar, follows it up with stakes victory

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What a great last few weeks it has been for Endeavor farm foaled and raised Colonel Samsen! Since the last newsletter, the 2-year-old bay gelding by Colonel John has broken his maiden as well as won a stake! His first win came on Nov. 13 when he sat off the pace and came flying down the stretch to win a maiden special weight race at Del

Mar by a neck. Three weeks later on Dec. 3, Colonel Samsen made short work of his opponents in the Gold Rush Stakes at Golden Gate Fields, winning the mile all weather surface contest by half a length. He picked up \$45,000 for the victory, his career earnings now totaling \$108,365 for his owners and breeders, Casner Racing LP and CJ Thoroughbreds (Corey Johnsen). We couldn't be more thrilled for our longtime friend and client Corey, who, along with his partner, bought back Colonel Samsen when he was a \$19,000 R.N.A. in last year's Keeneland September Sale. I'd say he was a good one to hold on to! Colonel Samsen's dam, Blondz Away (by Skip Away), is a veteran resident of the farm. She had a full brother to Colonel Samsen in 2015 and is currently in foal to Langfuhr and due to pop in late January 2017. A huge congratulations to Corey and Casner Racing, as well as trainer Eoin Harty and jockey Juan Hernandez. It's so much fun for us to see a horse like this leave the farm and go on to show so much talent and promise this early in his career. We anxiously await Colonel Samsen's next start and wish all parties involved the best of luck!



Hip #776

More Than Ready – Irish Exchange



Hip #932

Liaison – Silver Hustler



Hip #1134

Alternation – Gilded Sunrise

Keeneland January Offerings

It may be a small group of horses but there's no shortage of quality here! If you can survive the cold of the January sale come check them out!



Employee Spotlight

Alfredo Gomez Ramoz

Alfredo was born and raised in Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico, in the very southern portion of the country next to the border with Guatemala. He is the youngest of 5 children, his parents along with his 3 brothers and 1 sister still reside in Tapachula. After moving to the United States, Alfredo worked in several different fields before becoming a horseman. His past work in landscaping is pretty evident as he has quite the green thumb around the farm!

Following a stint on the grounds crew at Taylor Made Farm, Alfredo started working for Endeavor Farm in 2014, went back to Mexico in 2015, and then started working for the farm once again in early 2016. We love having Alfredo around as he is a hard and dependable worker and he has a great sense of humor, definitely the comedian of the farm! In his free time he likes to drive and work on his car, watch movies, go to church, and learn and practice Kung Fu. Alfredo has also developed an affinity for the Wildcats after living in Kentucky for so long and likes to cheer on the Big Blue!

Photo: Dustin Orona Photography



Endeavor foaled U S Officer now a stakes winner

U S Officer added some black type to his dam's pedigree by taking down the Clever Trevor Stakes at Remington Park on Nov. 4th. The bay colt by U S Ranger made up a ton of ground late in the race, nearly ten lengths off the lead and in last place as the field of 9 entered the top of the stretch. He floated down the rail to pass the entire field and won by a clear margin of 2 ½ lengths. U S Officer paid \$33.20 to win,

overlooked by the betting public even though he came into the race off an allowance optional claiming victory at the same track. He added \$60,000 to his bankroll for his owner and breeder Jerry Durant, as well as his co-owner, Bill Jordan. U S Officer was foaled at Endeavor Farm on Super Bowl Sunday of 2014 and he was the first foal for his dam, Lacey Officer (by Officer). Congratulations to his owner and breeder as well as trainer Danny Pish and jockey David Cabrera.