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JAZZY SHOCKS BELMONT PARK'S \$65,000 CARESS STAKES IN 24 TO 1 UPSET, SOUTH AFRICAN MARE CAPTURES HER THIRD STAKES RACE IN NEW YORK, MARK HENNIG AND ALAN GARCIA COMBINE FOR GRASS SPRINT TRIUMPH



Jazzy, who had not visited the winners' enclosure since September of 2007, circled the field today in the \$65,000 Caress Stakes at Belmont Park to win by a half-length and spring a 24 to 1 upset of the 6-furlong black-type event that was run on yielding turf following a hard late afternoon shower and strong overnight rain. Racing next to last of 8 in the run on the backstretch, the South African import was taken wide to launch her bid in the final furlong and proved strongest at the finish to score as the second longest shot in the race over J Z Warrior and odds-on favorite Smart and Fancy.

Jazzy had some pretty smart one-corner distaffers behind her this afternoon, including Juddmonte Stable's Group 3 Prix Sandringham heroine Modern Look, trained by Bobby Frankel, and the 14-time winner and \$785,392 earner Smart and Fancy.

"I knew by the way she had trained the past couple of weeks that she was ready to do something big," said trainer Mark Hennig, who was running her for first time since he had her in Florida over the winter, before the mare was sent to Kentucky to be bred.

The daughter of Kentucky-based Mutakddim trained fine in Kentucky, but she did not have her mind on racing and seemed to go off form, until returned full time to training and taken out of broodmare mode.

"Once she knew she was a full time racehorse again, she began training like she meant business," said Hennig. "This was a very good win for her, because I know she prefers the ground harder. Alan (Garcia) told me he got hit by a couple of giant clods turning for home. When he came back to the winners' circle, he looked like he had just ridden in a sloppy track race he was so covered in mud."

Jazzy was scoring her third stakes victory in New York, earlier having taken the Grade 2 Gallant Bloom Handicap on dirt at Belmont Park and the Capades Stakes on grass at Saratoga. The talented internationalist now boasts a record in 21 starts of 6 wins and 4 seconds. The \$40,920 she earned for winning the Caress Stakes boosted her career gleanings to just shy of the \$300,000 mark.

In South Africa, Jazzy was a Listed winner and third in the Grade 1 South African Fillies Sprint Stakes to National Colour, who was the top-rated female sprinter in England last season after being imported to race in the United Kingdom and Europe. Jazzy also has placed in stakes in the United States at Fair Grounds, Monmouth Park and Tampa Bay in other grass sprints.