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## BREEDERS' CUP JUVENILE TURF HERO PLUCK RETURNING TO TRAINING DR. BRAMLAGE GIVES GREEN LIGHT FOLLOWING RADIOGRAPH REVIEW



Team Valor International and The Vinery's Pluck, who won last year's Breeder's Cup Juvenile Turf, will be returned to training tomorrow, after Dr. Larry Bramlage gave the green light to trainer Graham Motion.

Earlier this season, after a pair of disappointing grass races in Florida and Kentucky, Pluck was diagnosed with bone bruising on his canon bones, which necessitated him being turned out in a grass paddock for two months. Radiographs reviewed this morning by Dr. Bramlage at Lexington-based Rood & Riddle

Veterinary Clinic revealed that both bones had healed, after which Bramlage advised trainer Motion it was alright to return the horse to training.

Pluck will begin jogging on Tuesday on the Tapeta surface at Fair Hill Training Center in northern Maryland.

Barry Irwin, chief executive officer of Team Valor international, said "We are very happy to be able to put the horse back into training. It'll probably take Graham the better part of four months to get him back to the races, but at least we are back in action. We've had a few horses with this same ailment before and they were able to make it all the way back to their previous form, the most notable of which was Unbridled Belle, who went on to win the Grade-1 Beldame and earn nearly \$2 million for our stable."