

**J BERESFORD TIPTON OVERCOMES TROUBLE TO WIN DELAWARE DEBUT
ANIMAL KINGDOM COLT CAME LAST SIXTEENTH IN :6 1/5 IN 1-LENGTH WIN
BARRY IRWIN HOMEBRED SCORES GOING LONG ON TURF FOR A. DELACOUR**



J Beresford Tipton wins with his ears pricked first time up for trainer Arnaud Delacour and Trevor McCarthy.

Three-year-old Animal Kingdom homebred J Beresford Tipton, bet down to even-money off a series of sharp Fair Hill works, surprisingly was dispatched at odds of even-money for his debut Thursday at Delaware Park. The colt's works had been good, but he only popped once from the gate and in his last move he was green and leaning in on a work mate.

But the money was smart in the end, as the half-brother to Graded half-million-dollar earner Howe Great proved much the best in scoring by a length after overcoming traffic issues in the lane.

The dark-coated youngster behaved perfectly in the paddock on a day that was so hot (How hot was it? It was soooooo hot that the post parade and warm-up periods were shortened in advance of post time. Post time temperature was between 92 and 95 degrees.)

Just before the gate was on the verge of opening, the Team Valor colorbearer acted up in his stall and required some assistance from an additional assistant starter before he settled back down. When the gates did pop open, “Beresford” broke on time, he fortunately was given a wide berth by those horses on either side of him and he was able to move into a good stalking position in about fifth going into the first turn. Down the backstretch the colt gradually improved to fourth saving ground along the inside.

J Beresford Tipton saved “all the ground” under young Trevor McCarthy, who realized midway around the far bend that he was unlikely to get a seam to maneuver outside, so he stuck to the fence hoping for a dream run up the pine. His notion looked like paying off at the top of the lane when a wide gap appeared. McCarthy sent his charge right up the rail, but as he neared his rivals the gap shut tight.

McCarthy then moved the colt off the fence and looked for all the world like he was going to circle the two rivals in front of him, but when the widest runner bore out, McCarthy cut back towards the center, drove his mount through that new opening, engaged with the runner-up in a duel for about 50 yards and gradually pulled clear to score by a length. [VIDEO.](#)

Barry Irwin, proud breeder of the winner, said “Well that was a surprise, wasn’t it? I figured the betting was because of the rider and the trainer, not the animal himself. Having seen all of his recent breezes on tape and listening to the trainer, I thought his inexperience would prevent him from winning. What really impressed me about the colt was when Trevor steered him off the rail towards the outside and the colt managed to maintain his speed to a point where he was making up ground while running sideways. That’s a pretty athletic move for a first-time starter.”

Once McCarthy got the big colt rolling there was no stopping him. He got the lead with a sixteenth of a mile remaining and covered that final phase on deep turf in a fast :06 1/5.

Named for the generous (but never actually seen) lead character from the 1955-1960 TV program “The Millionaire,” who anonymously gave a deserving individual a check for \$1-million, J Beresford Tipton is out of Barry Irwin’s personal mare Ginger Sea.

“She’s the best-looking mare I’ve ever owned,” Irwin said. “She was one of the top 3 highest-priced yearlings of her crop in South Africa, she won early, but bled twice, so I bought a third of her from two guys and brought her to Kentucky with the idea of racing her on Lasix. She was such a bad bleeder that she gushed from the nostrils one morning just jogging in the shedrow.



“My partners gave her to me when they found out and I tried unsuccessfully to give her away because of her issues and having a pathetic female family. When unable to unload her, I bred her on one of my breeding rights to my ex-stallion Hat Trick. The resultant foal Howe Great won the Grade 3 Palm Beach at Gulfstream among a slew of stakes wins and earned more than \$550,000.”

Irwin has a gorgeous 2-year-old Verrazano filly out of the mare Ginger Sea that he may syndicate in a few weeks after Arnaud Delacour has breezed her a couple of times and has a good opinion of her. Graham Motion saw the handsome colt in the ring and told Irwin that he was magnificent. He trained Howe Great and said the colt reminds him a lot of the Hat Trick Graded winner.