

TEAM VALOR'S GREEN UP NAMED VIRGINIA-BRED HORSE OF THE YEAR UPSTART FILLY ALSO NAMED VIRGINIA-BRED CHAMPION 3-YEAR-OLD FILLY

On the evening before the Kentucky Derby, the Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Association handed out their annual awards for the horses considered to be the best representatives of the state's breeding program.

Horse of the Year honors went to Team Valor International's classy sophomore filly Green Up. The daughter of Upstart also took top honors in the Three-year-old Filly category.

Purchased as a two-year-old by Team Valor after running second in a Churchill Downs maiden race, Green Up proceeded at three to rip off 4 victories in a row, going from strength to strength, and progressing from a maiden winner in March to a Grade 1 contender at the end of September. Along the way she bagged two Stakes wins; the Boiling Springs Stakes and the Cathryn Sophia Stakes.

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