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**DAVERON EXPLODES TO 3-LENGTH STAKES TRIUMPH AT BELMONT PARK, TEAM VALOR GERMAN YEARLING BUY WINS SCOOT STAKES ON THE SOD, GRAHAM MOTION TURNS MARE AROUND AT FAIR HILL TRAINING CENTER**



Team Valor International's Daveron blasted to a 3-length victory today at Belmont Park in 1 ¼-mile Scoot Stakes.

The 5-year-old German import was reunited today with Eddie Castro, who had guided her to a debut win over the Belmont course earlier in the spring in her only prior score in the United States.

The chestnut was making only her second start for Graham Motion, who took over in the fall.

Daveron ran 2:05 on turf that was labeled "good" and flew home from off the pace to shade 23 seconds for the final quarter mile.

Barry Irwin, who bought Daveron as a yearling at the BBAG National Yearling Sale in Germany, said "We sent her to Graham because we thought she would thrive at Fair Hill, as it is more of a European style setting that she was used to in Germany. She can be quite high strung and we hoped that the peaceful, serene country-like setting would help to relax her."

When Daveron stripped for action in the paddock at Belmont Park today, it was at once apparent that Fair Hill and Graham Motion had combined to do their magic, as the mare looked to have gained a considerable amount of condition. "Geez, that's the first time I ever noticed that she actually had a hip," joked Irwin. "It was a wonderful sight to see."

Daveron broke running, but was gradually eased back to race in fifth by Castro, who is the only rider to have succeeded in getting her to relax in her races. Castro "buried" the mare and made no move to un-box himself until he turned for home. "Eddie knows the mare and experienced her terrific turn of foot, so he never went into panic mode," Irwin noted. "I have to admit I enjoyed every second that she was under cover. Brilliant ride!"

Once she had room inside the lane, Daveron took hold of the bit and moved to second, a length back, at the furlong grounds. When Castro switched the stick to his right hand, the mare exploded and quickly put 3 lengths between herself and the field to win easily. A stakes winner in Germany and the United States who has been first (4) or second (2) in half of her 12 outings, the earner of \$127,654 will continue to race as a 6-year-for for TVI.

The Scoot was stakes victory number 12 for a Team Valor International runner in 2010.