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**HARLAN'S HOLIDAY YEARLING COLT BOUGHT BY TEAM VALOR STABLE  
POWERFUL STAMP OF COLT HAS "2-YEAR-OLD WRITTEN ALL OVER HIM"  
BARRY IRWIN LOOKS AT HIM AS AN EARLY DEVELOPER NEXT SEASON AT 2**



Team Valor International today offers a yearling colt that Barry Irwin describes as being a prime prospect for racing early as a 2-year-old next season. "He's got 2-year-old written all over him," Irwin said.



***Harlan's Holiday's powerfully built Speechify could have a lot to say early next season at 2.***

The yearling colt is by successful sire Harlan's Holiday, best in 4 stakes at 2 from 6 starts, and is out of a fast Saint Ballado stakes mare named Preach It that won 3 races and earned \$120,839.

Irwin said “The colt is bred to fly and he has the looks to go along with it,” he said. “Rarely does one see a horse this powerful that also is well balanced. He looks like a perfectly formed 2-year-old right now. He is powerful in his chest, as well as his shoulder and he has a rear end that is eye catching.

“I like the fact that he has the bone to handle this much of a power pack. He is strong through the neck. He has the right angle to his pastern. There is nothing to fault on this guy.”

With an eye to his dam Preach It, the colt has been named Speechify. Irwin put him on a van right after he bought him and sent him to Tony Everhard at New Episode Farm near Ocala, Florida. Each year, transplanted Irishman Everhard probably sends out more early 2-year-old winners from his farm than any other public trainer in North America with the exception of Wesley Ward.



“What a specimen,” remarked Everhard when he called Irwin upon the colt’s arrival. “My goodness is he built for speed. I am looking forward to seeing what he can do. We will give him a chance to settle in, then break him and take our time with him.”

Preach It, dam of the colt, was a very fast filly, running a 6 ¾ Ragozin speed figure sprinting on the dirt. She garnered 3 wins, was a triple-digit earner and twice was stakes placed, once on the Ocala day of Championship racing at the Ocala Training Center and once over the winter at Tampa Bay.



Sired by the middle distance runner Saint Ballado, sire of Team Valor’s Captain Bodgit, Preach It is bred to be speedy, as her dam won 8 of her 12 outings, earned \$319,969 for owner-trainer Louis Roussel and won 4 stakes. She was the fastest 2 and 3-year-old filly in Louisiana and Texas and had considerable class, as a second place finish in the Grade 1 Matron would attest. She was beaten only a nose in the Matron going a one-turn mile at Belmont Park by a Phipps Stable runner.

Arrested Dreams, in addition to foaling Preach It, more importantly produced Oratory, winner at Belmont Park of the Grade 2 Peter Pan Stakes over 9 furlongs.

*Oratory cruised to victory in the G2 Peter Pan Stakes in New York*

Stakes winner and stakes producer Arrested Dreams came by her talent honestly, as she was foaled by Moment to Buy, one of the most accomplished fillies ever to be trained in the San Francisco Bay Area. The \$423,392 earner won 10 of her 18 starts at 3 and 4, including the Grade 1 Hollywood Oaks on dirt and the Grade 3 Palomar Handicap on turf. Among the horses that appear under her name on a catalogue page are \$769,203 earner and 4-time stakes winner Ask The Lord and 14-time winner and \$892,201 earner and multiple Graded stakes winner Ravalo.

Speechify was sired by Harlan's Holiday, a sire that has been productive for Team Valor International as the sire of Tasha's Miracle, a \$398,452 earner best in the Grade 3 Harold C. Ramser Stakes at Santa Anita and placed in the Grade 1 Las Virgenes. She was morning line favorite for the Grade 1 Del Mar Debutante, but was forced to be scratched when she tied up 48 hours before the race. She was fourth in the Breeders' Cup after that mishap.

Harlan's Holiday has been represented this year by 10 stakes winners, among them 6 colts and fillies that are 3 years old, including Wilcox Inn (Grade 2 American Derby, Arlington Classic) and Dynamic Holiday (Grade 3 Herecomesthebride Stakes, Grade 3 Florida Oaks).

As a sire, Harlan's Holiday is best known for his Grade 1 winners Into Mischief, winner of the CashCall Futurity, and Majesticperfection, winner of the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Stakes at Saratoga. But he is equally well known as the sire of Denis of Cork, an unlucky horse that went wrong after running second in the Belmont Stakes and third in the Kentucky Derby.



*Harlan's Holiday is having a typically good season in 2011*

Although considered an all around sire, Harlan's Holiday has 7 colts and only 3 fillies among his top 10 runners to date. He stands at WinStar Farm near Versailles, Kentucky and commands a fee of \$25,000 on a live foal basis.

Harlan's Holiday was an important racer, finishing first or second in 15 of 22 career outings and earning \$3,632,664. He was a terrific 2-year-old, capping a 4 stakes win season with a score at Churchill Downs in the Grade 3 Iroquois Stakes. He was even better at 3, winning the Grade 1 Florida Derby, the Grade 1 Blue Grass Stakes and the lucrative Pennsylvania Derby. Next season he began with a big victory in the Grade 1 Donn Handicap at Gulfstream Park and was second in the Grade 1 World Cup in Dubai to Moon Ballad.



When the colt appeared in the ring last week at the Keeneland September Yearling Sale, Barry Irwin bid \$85,000 and his bid was exceeded by one at \$90,000. Irwin got up, walked out the door and wound up talking to one of the 4 partners in the agency that consigned the colt to the Lexington public auction. Irwin and Steve Cauthen's brother, Kerry, struck a deal right then and there, which saw Irwin buying the colt for \$80,000 instead of \$85,000. Team Valor's policy is to mark up its purchases by 25 percent so the syndication price to racing partners is \$100,000.

*Irwin says "We are working to get our partners the best value for their money at all times."*

Interests in the Harlan's Holiday colt are being offered in increments of 10 percent (\$10,000) and 5 percent (\$5,000). Conversations that begin with the phrase "Can I buy 2.5 percent" will be cut short! Interested parties should contact Mary Hope Kramer (859-873-1003 or at [maryhopekramer@aol.com](mailto:maryhopekramer@aol.com)) or at [teamvalor2@aol.com](mailto:teamvalor2@aol.com)) to sign up, or, if anybody has any questions about the colt himself, they can contact Barry Irwin (859-621-8186 or [valorific@aol.com](mailto:valorific@aol.com)) or Bradley Weisbord (516-297-5021 or [bsweisbord@gmail.com](mailto:bsweisbord@gmail.com)). The colt has been insured for mortality and partners will be invoiced on a quarterly basis.

# FACT SHEET

<b>Name</b>	SPEECHIFY
<b>Sex</b>	colt
<b>Color</b>	dark brown or black
<b>Born</b>	January 15, 2010
<b>Bred</b>	Kentucky
<b>Eligibility</b>	Breeders' Cup
<b>Height at Maturity</b>	15 hands 3 inches
<b>Trainer</b>	Graham Motion
<b>Sire</b>	Harlan's Holiday
<b>Dam</b>	Preach It
<b>Broodmare Sire</b>	Saint Ballado
<b>Sire Line</b>	Harlan ... Storm Cat ... Storm Bird ... Northern Dancer
<b>Dam Sire Line</b>	Halo ... Hail to Reason ... Turn-To
<b>Inbreeding</b>	4 x 3 Halo 5 x 5 Secretariat
<b>Family</b>	Grade1 winner Moment to Buy, Grade 2 winner Oratory, Grade 3 winner Ravalo (set 2 ntrs), stakes winner Arrested Dreams (G1-placed), Ask the Lord, etc.
<b>Dosage Profile</b>	3 0 8 1 0
<b>Dosage Index</b>	1.40
<b>Center of Distribution</b>	0.42
<b>Total Valuation</b>	\$100,000
<b>10 %</b>	\$10,000
<b>5 %</b>	\$5,000

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*Top to bottom, Harlan's Holiday was winter book favorite for the Kentucky Derby after winning the Florida Derby and Blue Grass; Ravalo winning the Grade 3 Maryland Sprint Handicap. He set a pair of track records in sprint races; Oratory posing for a stallion advertisement upon retirement to stud to Country Life Farm in Maryland, where the successful sire Malibu Moon began his career at stud.*