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DREAM MOVER MAKES ALL RIGHT MOVES IN U.S. DEBUT AT SARATOGA JUVENILE SALE BUY CONTINUES TO BEAT ODDS AFTER WIND ISSUE FLASHY CHESTNUT WAS SHARP RIGHT OFF THE BAT FOR JIMMY JERKENS

Dream Mover delivered a dreamy start to his American career yesterday with a strong drive to get up at Saratoga over a 5 1/2-furlong trip that was well short of his bailiwick in Europe.



Dream Mover made a seamless transition to New York from GoldMark Farm, where he spent the winter and got up to 5 furlongs breezing this spring for Todd Quast.

but he was full of energy today and came from well back to mow 'em down in the lane to win drawing away by nearly a length.

"Once the 4yo colt stretches out to 7 or 8 furlongs around one turn at Belmont Park, he could develop into a very productive racehorse for us."

Dream Mover has defied a poor prognosis that he received after just his third career start when his throat collapsed and required surgery. Irwin has lamented ever since that the flashy chestnut was a certain Group stakes winner in the making before his airway went wrong, but the colt beat the odds just to return to the winner's circle last year and may still have a few tricks up his sleeve based on this mild and pleasure surprise at the Spa.

The colt registered an 88 Beyer and an 8 1/4 on the Ragozin Sheets. The replay is [here](#).

From the *Saratoga Special* comes the following:

Dream Mover collapsed after his third start, the 2015 Group 3 Tattersalls Acomb Stakes at York in England.

Group 3-placed under Marco Botti, the juvenile sale purchase returned with gusto in his first start since October, answering every question from jockey Junior Alvarado once they settled about 5 lengths off the pace in the full field of 12 after stumbling slightly at the break. Alvarado, who had been winless for the meet, commenced a steady stream of hand urging in the far turn and Dream Mover responded powerfully, swinging wide into the seven path and surging past recent Churchill Downs winner Hold Me Black to win going away by three-quarters of a length.

Barry Irwin, on hand along with some delighted partners, said "It seemed a bit unlikely before the race that the colt would be able to get up at the abbreviated distance of 5 1/2 furlongs,

"I bought him as a 2-year-old at the Craven breeze-up sale," Team Valor International's Barry Irwin said of the purchase for 160,000 guineas. "He broke his maiden like a real horse, then we ran him in a group race at York and he started making a noise about the last furlong. Then at the end of the race he started breathing really heavily, his heart was racing, and he fell down. He collapsed.

"The next day we had the vet scope him, and his throat collapses. We did a dynamic scope, (he had an operation), they told us we have a one out of 25 shot, and it's held."

Dream Mover ran like a horse without many limitations winning the ninth, a 5 1/2-furlong allowance on the grass for trainer Jimmy Jerkens.



Partner Otis Boersma and Barry Irwin, right, observing Dream Mover in the paddock.

Dream Mover raced towards the rear of the field before fanning out into the stretch, powering down the center of the track for jockey Junior Alvarado's first win of the meet.

"I can't read that European form very well," Jerkens said. "It looked like he was a horse where sprinting or middle distance was his thing and I thought especially on a firm turf he would like it. He ran just like we were hoping."

Thursday's win was Dream Mover's first start in the U.S. and his first race since a Group 3 stakes in Italy

last October for trainer Marco Botti.

"Barry just sent him to me out of the blue about two months ago," Jerkens said. "We just weren't sure what spot exactly to run him in. We just realized he won two races, but the money was so low that he was eligible for this a-other-than. That helped a lot, too. I'd like to keep him sprinting, keep him strong. It looks like he might be useful that way."

From the *TDN* comes the following:

DREAM MOVER (IRE) (c, 4, Dream Ahead--Maramba {SP-Eng}, by Hussonet), a narrow handicap winner at Wolverhampton back in February 2016, concluded his overseas campaign for Team Valor and trainer Marco Botti with a runner-up finish in the G3 Premio Chiusura at San Siro Oct. 29. Making his U.S. debut for the Jimmy Jerkens barn here, the 6-1 chance was outsprinted early through an opening quarter in :22.27. He began to make headway with a sweeping move on the far turn and came charging down the center of the course to register a 3/4-of-a-length victory over Hold Me Black (Hold Me Back). He is the third winner from four North American runners for his third-crop sire (by Diktat {GB}) who stands at Ballylinch Stud in Ireland and shuttles to Aquis Farm in the Hunter Valley, Australia. Sales history: i52,000 Wlg '13 GOFNOV; i58,000 Ylg '14 GOFORB; 160,000gns 2yo '15 TATBRE. Lifetime Record: GSPlt, 12-3-4-1, \$91,637. Click for the Equibase.com chart or [VIDEO](#), sponsored by Fasig-Tipton. O-Team Valor International; B-D. G. Icton (IRE); T-J Jerkens.