

HASTALAVISTABABY FALLS JUST SHORT IN ONTARIO LASSIE AT WOODBINE BLAZES HOME LATE, 2ND BY HEAD IN NICE STEP UP TO STAKES COMPANY TVI HAS SOMEHOW DROPPED SEVEN PHOTO FINISHES IN STAKES THIS YEAR

Team Valor and Gary Barber bought Hastalavistababy when she made a dramatic improvement when stretched out to a mile and switched to turf in her third career start, flashing a solid turn of foot in a 5 1/4-length maiden win. On Sunday, she showed a similar kick on the Tapeta synthetic track at Woodbine in falling a head short at the wire in the Ontario Lassie Stakes and with an abundance of stamina to boot, as she galloped out far in front.



Hastalavistababy, in the pink silks of co-owner Gary Barber, caught Artilena a couple jumps past the wire and galloped out far in front.

With the versatility proven and every reason to suspect she will appreciate more distance, Hastalavistababy now an appealing profile for the Woodbine stakes series for Canadian-bred 3-year-old fillies next summer, featuring the Woodbine Oaks at 9 furlongs on the Tapeta and the Wonder Where Stakes at 10 furlongs on the grass.

The 2017 Ontario Lassie winner, Dixie Moon, came back to win the \$400,000 Woodbine Oaks in June, and she finished

second in the \$175,000 Wonder Where in August.

Barry Irwin still thinks Hastalavistababy's best prospects are on the turf but trainer Mark Casse came away from the Lassie with confidence that she can also be a contender for the Woodbine Oaks, a race that Casse has won three times, including the 2014 edition with Barber's Lexie Lou.

Hastalavistababy only had two horses before "jumping in" at the quarter pole in the 8 1/2-furlong Lassie. She flew home with a quarter in :24 2/5 and then a final sixteenth in :6 2/5 as Artilena held on desperately for the victory. Hastalavistababy was a head back at the wire, even terms a jump or two later and about 5 lengths in front galloping out as she approached the first turn. She received a 14 3/4 on the Ragozin Sheets, a slight improvement from her grass win.

TVI's Tough Year In Close Stakes Races		
Horse	Race	Margin
Hayabusa One	2nd, San Marcos-G2	Nose
Vulcan's Forge	3rd, Westchester-G3	Nose
Go Rose (Ger)	2nd, Henkel-Rennen-L	Nose
Va Bank (Ire)	2nd, Von Hamburg-G3	Head
Devant (Fr)	2nd, Six Perfections-G3	Nose
Va Bank (Ire)	2nd, GP Sparkassen-G3	Nose
Hastalavistababy	2nd, Ontario Lassie S.	Head

Casse will send the filly down to his training center in Ocala for the winter, give her a little respite and begin cranking her back up for a 3-year-old season, which could begin in Florida, at Keeneland, or at Woodbine in the spring.