

GET TO KNOW BRUJO DE OLLEROS AHEAD OF BREEDERS' CUP DIRT MILE



Owner: Team Valor International and Richard Santulli. NFL Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk bought into Team Valor's share after Brujo de Olleros's second-place finish in the Grade 2 Kelso Handicap at Belmont Park. Faulk's only other runner is Infinite Magic, who won the Grade 3 American Derby at Arlington Park.

Trainer: Rick Mettee, private trainer for Team Valor International. Brujo de Olleros joined Mettee on May 1, after spending the winter with Bill Recio in Ocala to fully acclimate to the U.S.

Name: "Wizard of Olleros," named for late Argentine trainer Francisco Mascio.

Bred: in Brazil by Luiz Fernando Cirne Lima, he was born at the same stud in Bage where Leroidesanimaux, the U.S. turf champion and sire of Team Valor's Animal Kingdom, was bred. Lima, a former Brazilian Minister of Agriculture, is attending the Breeders' Cup. He sold Brujo de Olleros to Team Valor and Santulli in February 2012, a month after Brujo de Olleros shattered a 75-year-old track record at Maronas in Montevideo with a mile in 1:33 1/5 in a 14 1/4-length length win in the Group 1 Gran Premio Pedro Pineyrua.

Jockey: Alan Garcia.

Training: Brujo de Olleros finished his last workout for the Dirt Mile with a quarter mile in :23 to get 6 furlongs in 1:13 4/5. He galloped out 7 furlongs in 1:26.60. His morning pilot, Danielle Hodsdon, is a champion Steeplechase jockey who was the exercise rider for Flat champion Forever Together when she worked for Jonathan Sheppard.

Notes: Brujo de Olleros might look like a smart aleck in photos around the barn with his tongue hanging out. He actually just loves to have it rubbed. He was shipped from Maryland to Santa Anita Park on October 26 along with stablemates Mexikoma (Breeders' Cup Juvenile) and Street Sailing (Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf). Team Valor had 3 runners in the Breeders' Cup twice before, in 2007 and 2011. Overall in the Breeders' Cup, the stable has collected 2 wins (Prized in the 1989 Turf and Pluck in the 2010 Juvenile Turf) and finished second in the 2012 Mile with Animal Kingdom and third in the 1991 Mile with Star of Cozzene.

Videos:

[Workout](#), October 25, Fair Hill dirt (right).

[Workout](#), October 11, Fair Hill synthetic.

[Kelso Handicap](#), second, Belmont Park.

[Carl Hanford Memorial](#), win, Delaware.

[Pedro Pineyrua](#), win, Maronas.

[Clasico Argentina](#), win, Maronas.

