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BELVOIR BAY AND ARROYO FLY TO UNZIP ME WIN AT SANTA ANITA THREE STAKES WINS IN LAST FOUR STARTS FOR 3YO ENGLISH IMPORT SPEEDY FILLY AT HOME IN SO. CALIFORNIA WITH TRAINER PETER MILLER

English import Belvoir Bay continued to show her affinity for Southern California on October 1 when she collected her third stakes win over her last 4 starts, flying home best in the \$78,000 Unzip Me Stakes on the hillside turf course at Santa Anita.

The 3-year-old filly made a seamless switch back to turf after running away with the Grade 3 Torrey Pines Stakes at Del Mar on August 27 in her first and only start on dirt. Both wins have come under stellar guidance from jockey Norberto Arroyo Jr., who seems to fit the daughter of Equiano like a glove for trainer Peter Miller.



Belvoir Bay was a last-to-first closer in England but she has thrived by using her speed since settling into Southern California with trainer Peter Miller.

At 6-to-1 odds in the 6 1/2-furlong Unzip Me, Arroyo gave Belvoir a very confident ride as she shot to the front and set all the pace, spurted away by 3 1/2 lengths

crossing over the dirt and into the turf oval and then held on late with Arroyo merely showing her the whip as a reminder in a measured score by a half-length in 1:12.26 on firm turf.

Belvoir Bay also prevailed in the Blue Norther Stakes by 7 1/4 lengths at Santa Anita last winter in her introduction to Californian racing, and she will likely return to that one-mile trip at the Arcadia track on October 29 in the Grade 3 Autumn Miss Stakes for sophomore fillies.

Overall in 2016, Team Valor has the clear lead among public racing partnerships in the U.S. with seven stakes victories, and sister stable Valor Ladies boasts an additional Grade 2 score at Santa Anita with Tuttipaesi. Team Valor races Belvoir Bay in partnership with MGM CEO Gary Barber.

Belvoir Bay has utilized her speed in the U.S. but she previously was a closer in England, where won twice in four starts as a 2-year-old before Barry Irwin zeroed in on her for a private purchase last August, based on the lightning turn of foot she displayed in a handicap score at Goodwood that marked the final victory in the career of champion jockey Richard Hughes.

Belvoir Bay's record stands at 5 wins in 10 races, with a bankroll of \$194,776.

Public Syndicate Groups - Stakes Stats for 2016

	Stakes Wins	Stakes Winners	Graded Stakes Wins	Individual Gr Winners
TEAM VALOR INTERNATIONAL	7	6	3	3
ECLIPSE TB PARTNERS	6	4	3	2
VALOR LADIES	2	2	2	2
LADY SHEILA STABLE	2	2	0	0
CENTENNIAL	2	1	2	1
A J SUITED STABLE	2	1	0	0
DONEGAL RACING	1	1	1	1
MAGDALENA RACING	1	1	1	1
STARLIGHT	1	1	1	1
WEST POINT	1	1	1	1
HORSEPLAYERS RACING CLUB	1	1	0	0
DARE TO DREAM STABLE	1	1	0	0
PINNACLE RACING	1	1	0	0

From *Daily Racing Form* comes the following by Steve Andersen:

BELVOIR BAY WILL TARGET BIGGER JACKPOT AFTER WINNING UNZIP ME



Jockey Norberto Arroyo Jr. has delivered exceptional rides on Belvoir Bay in the Grade 3 Torrey Pines Stakes on dirt and the Unzip Me Stakes on turf.

Belvoir Bay won her third stakes in the last 12 months in Saturday's \$78,835 Unzip Me Stakes for 3-year-old fillies on the hillside turf course at Santa Anita.

The victory left co-owner Gary Barber contemplating races here and at Keeneland for Belvoir Bay's next start.

Ridden by Norberto Arroyo Jr., Belvoir Bay (\$14.80) was always in command and ran about 6 1/2 furlongs on the hillside turf course in 1:12.26. After leading by 3 1/2 lengths with a furlong to go Belvoir Bay held off a late threat from 7-2 Miss Katie Mae to win by a half-length. Nodiad, an 8-1 shot, finished third in the field of 12. Belvoir Bay, trained by Peter Miller, will be considered for the \$250,000 Raven Run Stakes for 3-year-old fillies at seven furlongs on dirt at Keeneland on Oct. 22 or the \$100,000 Autumn Miss Stakes for fillies and mares on the hillside turf course on Oct. 29, Barber said.

Belvoir Bay, a British-bred filly by Equiano, has won 5 of 10 starts and \$194,776.

She won the minor Blue Norther Stakes at a mile on turf last December, but emerged from the race with an injury, Barber said. During the Del Mar summer season, Belvoir Bay was

10th in the San Clemente Handicap after drifting out badly during the running, but rebounded to win the Grade 3 Torrey Pines Stakes at a mile on the main track on Aug. 28.