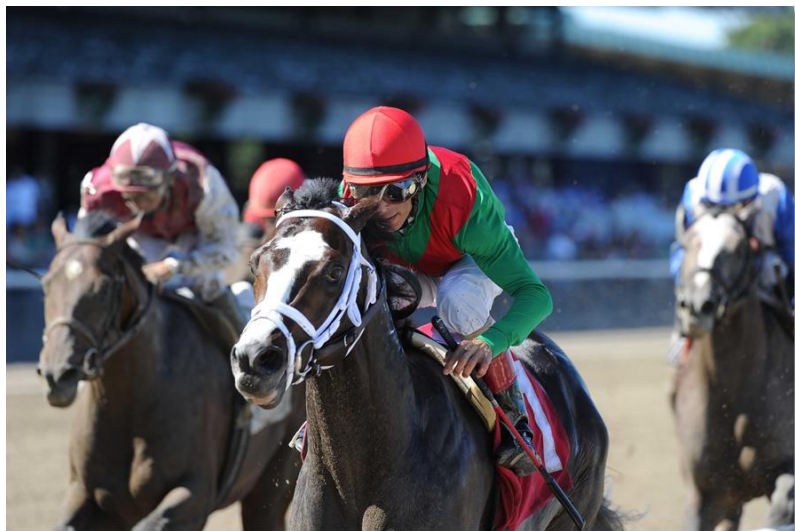


HIGH-PRICED 2YO SAVOY STOMP GLIDES TO DEBUT WIN AT BELMONT TOP COLT IN SARATOGA SALE SHRUGS OFF RAIL POST OVER 7 FURLONGS TODD PLETCHER WINS WITH HIS FIRST TEAM VALOR RUNNER SINCE PLUCK

A standout yearling when purchased as the highest-priced colt in the 2013 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga select sale, Savoy Stomp showed plenty of potential on the racetrack on September 27 when he cruised to a debut win on Belmont Park's Super Saturday card.



The 2-year-old Medaglia d'Oro colt shrugged off the dreaded rail post and pounced from just off the pace for jockey John Velazquez to score by 2 lengths over 11 rivals in the 7-furlong maiden special weight with a purse of \$90,000.

Team Valor races Savoy Stomp in partnership with Mike Moreno's Southern Equine Stable. He was the first Team Valor runner for trainer Todd Pletcher since Pluck's victory in the 2010 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf at Churchill Downs. Pletcher also is the new conditioner of the stable's Grade 1 Beverly D. winner Euro Charline,

who will make her next start in the Grade 1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup on October 11 at Keeneland.

Savoy Stomp joined Pletcher's roster at Saratoga over the summer after receiving his early lessons at Gold Mark Farm in Ocala under the care of farm trainer Todd Quast, who also prepared Pluck as a young horse.

Team Valor CEO Barry Irwin bought Savoy Stomp with the impression that he looked the part of a classic American dirt horse, topped off with an ideal temperament. The colt strongly resembles his sire, and Irwin should know, since he bought Medaglia d'Oro as a stallion prospect for a client in 2004.

As Quast put Savoy Stomp through his early paces, the words "does everything right" were a common description. He was precocious enough to be ready to race this summer, but his true calling is a route of ground, so Pletcher settled on 7 furlongs at the dawn of fall as a starting point.

For Savoy Stomp to succeed in a sprint first time out and with a difficult post suggests there is plenty more quality to be revealed.

Irwin said "This colt has some temperament for a young horse. Not many could have done what he did today. I was very proud of him."

Kathleen Irwin, Barry's wife, named the colt for the jazz standard "Stompin' at the Savoy" and famed Harlem nightspot, pronounced "suh-voy."