

Sunpenny 2nd in Northwest Farms Stakes Earns Black-type with the Stakes Placing



Sunpenny is Z Thoroughbred Racing's 2 yr-old filly shown making her move off the turn in the Northwest Farms Stakes at Emerald Downs on September 8th.

Z Thoroughbred Racing's 2 year-old filly **Sunpenny** finished 2nd in the \$50,000 Northwest Farms Stakes rallying from 7th to beat 7 other rivals earning catalog-page black type as a stakes placed filly.

In her 4th career start after winning the WTBOA Allowance race on August 10th, Sunpenny was rated behind front runners by David Lopez under instructions to take her back by trainer Frank Lucarelli, and showed her versatility in running from behind for the first time. She finished with "good energy" according to the chart callers but was no match for the winner Chu and You now undefeated in 4 starts including 3 stakes.

More photographs of the race at: <https://skydrive.live.com/redir?resid=3593DDCD2FD6708811291>

Sunpenny has earned a \$27,890 with a 1-3-0 record from 4 starts. She also will receive a WA-bred bonus from the state in December in the state of Washington sponsored



Sunpenny partners in the Emerald Downs paddock before the race.

industry incentive program, about 12% of total placed earnings given to owners at the end of the calendar year.

Sunpenny has been turned out to **Jones & Jones farm** for the Emerald Downs off-season and will recommence training in 2014 preparing for a 3 year-old campaign which could include up to 5 stakes races for 3 year-old fillies including the **\$65,000 Washington Oaks**.

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El Mesano's 1/2 Brother Yearling Sells for \$875,000 at Keeneland

Colt's Last Timed Workout at Pegasus Training Center was Sept. 27th - Now at Golden Gate Fields



El Mesano's half-brother sells at Keeneland September 2013 to Shadwell Estate Company and Sheik Hamden of Dubai. <http://youtu.be/861AnX9uGyg>

El Mesano, ZTR's 2 year-old colt by **Mizzen Mast**, had his half-brother yearling by **War Front** out of El Mesano's dam, La Laja, sell for \$875,000 at Keeneland September. The buyer was Shadwell Estate Company headed by the deputy ruler of Dubai, Sheik Hamden.

El Mesano is Z Thoroughbred Racing's current offering for partnerships and is from the stellar family of Verrazano, Hungary Island, Somali Lemonade among many others. There were 4 other year-

lings sold at Keeneland from the family of El Mesano including a filly out of Flying Passage by **Medaglia d'Oro** selling to Flaxman Stables Ire for \$1.5 million and two colts with the same 3rd dam of El Mesano, Chic Shirine selling for \$700,000 and \$300,000.

El Mesano arrived at Golden Gate Fields on Oct 4th and his training taken up by **Jerry Hollendorfer**, the Hall of Fame trainer and winner of 43 training championships at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley,



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CA, 32 of them consecutive. A limited number of shares are remaining.

Gowran Park Racecourse, County Kilkenny, Ireland



Curragh Training Grounds, County Kildare, Ireland



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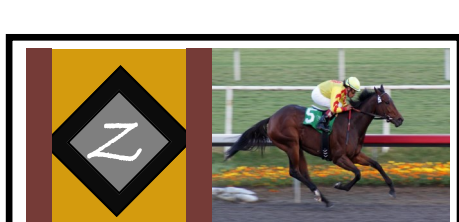
The **Curragh Racecourse** in Ireland has been running the Irish Derby since 1866 and the first recorded race on the Curragh plains was in 1727.

Z Thoroughbred Racing recently visited the largest horse training center in Ireland, the Curragh Training Grounds and observed first-hand the training methods of European trainers utilizing the natural grass plains of Ireland.

The home of Irish Flat Racing, the Curragh in County Kildare, hosts an array of Group 1 races, including all five Classic rac-

es: 1000 Guineas, 2000 Guineas, Derby, Oaks and St Leger the oldest being the Derby run since 1866.

The word "Curragh" means place of the running horse. As early as the third century there was chariot racing on the Curragh. The area of the Curragh Plains is recognised as one of the oldest natural grasslands in Europe.



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Z Thoroughbred Racing LLC was founded by Steve Zerda in 2010 to bring the opportunity for thoroughbred ownership to more racing fans in the Pacific Northwest and Arizona. Steve is formerly a successful airline executive whose interest in horse racing began back in 1978 when he calculated Beyer figures by hand for races at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, and Del Mar. Steve has studied pedigree analysis and conformation to enable the acquisition of quality stock for racing. Along with his company based in Renton, Washington, Steve previously owned a portion of the multiple Grade I winning filly Turbulent Descent based at Hollywood Park, winner as a 2 year-old in 2010 of the Hollywood Starlet GI, and an Eclipse Award finalist for 2010. At 3, TD won the Test Stakes (GI) at Saratoga, the Santa Anita Oaks (GI) and the Beaumont Stakes (GII) at Keeneland and was 2nd in the Las Virgenes (GI) and Acorn (GI) and finished 5th in the 2011 Breeder's Cup Filly & Mare Sprint. She was 7-2-0 in 11 starts and had lifetime earnings of \$901,350 prior to being sold to Coolmore in July of 2012. Her final career earnings totaled \$1,211,640 after winning the Ballerina Stakes (GI) and she was retired after the 2012 Breeders Cup Filly and Mare Sprint.