

Lauren's Bluff Begins Training for 2014 Debut Placed With Trainer Blaine Wright at Emerald Downs



Lauren's Bluff by Raise the Bluff, jogs with a pony at Emerald Downs preparing for her 2014 campaign. Her dam's half-sister Royal Lahaina is a Graded Stakes winner of \$537,000.

Z Thoroughbred Racing's 2 year-old filly Lauren's Bluff has begun training for her 2014 racing campaign under trainer Blaine Wright at Emerald Downs after a week of prep at Jones Farm. Emerald Downs opening day is Saturday, April 12th.

The stakes schedule for Emerald has been announced and total purses of \$1.6 Million. [Emerald Downs Stakes Schedule](#).

Video of Lauren's Bluff gallop at Jones Farm: <http://youtu.be/KEBipGXeaJs>

Lauren's Bluff, by Raise the Bluff, is from the female family of her 4th dam, the multiple graded stakes winning Fabulous Notion, with 9 wins in 16 starts and winner of the Hollywood Starlet and earner of \$702,000 and dam of Test Stakes (G1) winner Fabulously Fast and half-sister to near millionaire Cacoethes (G1), a star on 3 continents.

Lauren's Bluff's dam Laurelhurst Lauren is half-sister to 4 yr-old filly Royal Lahaina by Chapel Royal, currently racing under trainer Todd Pletcher at Aqueduct and winner on Nov. 29th of the Go for Wand Handicap (G2) and earner of \$527,000.

Lauren's Bluff is inbred to the great Danzig (3S x



Lauren's Bluff is an unraced 2 year-old WA-bred filly available now for partnership shares. Nominated for the NW Race Series at EmD - the \$50K Angie C. and \$50K Barbara Shinpoch Stakes.

5D), sire of War Front and grandsire to great runners The Factor, Declaration of War, Soldat, and War Command.

Lauren's Bluff is eligible for the NW Race Series and the Washington Cup races for WA-breds on Sept. 7th and the \$20,000 WTBOA Allowance race held in August for 2 year-old horses that have been through the 2013 WTBOA Yearling Sale.

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Blaine Wright - ZTR Trainer at Emerald Downs and Golden Gate



Hudson Landing shown here winning the \$150K San Francisco Mile (G3) in 2012 for Blaine Wright over Jeranimo and Gallant Son.

Blaine Wright, the son of long time jockey and trainer Richard Wright, has been training in earnest since 2006 and currently has a stable of horses at both Golden Gate Fields and Emerald Downs. Blaine won the Grade 3 San Francisco Mile with Hudson Landing and has trained stakes winners Gadget Queen, D'honorable One, Worldventurer, Newfound Man, and currently running stakes-placed Administer.

Blaine has a stellar 38% win percentage with first time

starters in 2013 with 8 wins from 21 starters and leads Emerald Downs trainers the last 2 years in overall win percentage at an excellent 30%.

He is an up and coming young trainer with excellent horsemanship, good staff, and organized training barn. His stable's starts have increased 50% over the 2012 racing season.

Blaine has trained for owners Chappell Alpine Farms, British Columbia's Peter Redekop, John and Janene Maryanski, and Heidi Nelson.



Lauren's Bluff has started training at Emerald Downs under trainer Blaine Wright since February 25th.

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3 yr-old filly Sunpenny Prepares for 2014 Emerald Downs Stakes

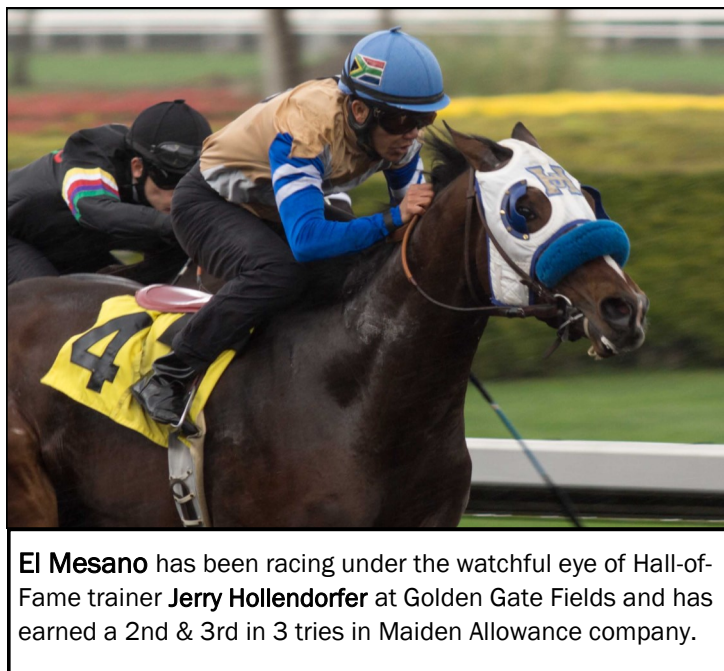
Bullet Workout March 19th



El Mesano Places Twice at Golden Gate Fields



El Mesano shown here in his first test at a mile under jockey Leslie Mawing, is by the sire Mizzen Mast and his damsire is El Prado (IRE).



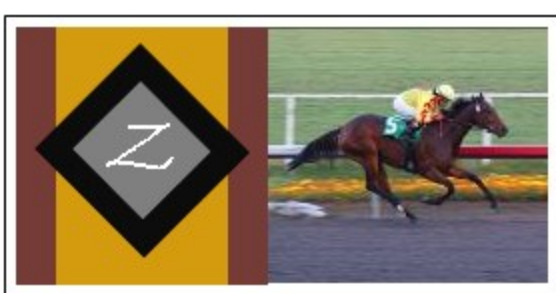
El Mesano has been racing under the watchful eye of Hall-of-Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer at Golden Gate Fields and has earned a 2nd & 3rd in 3 tries in Maiden Allowance company.

3 year-old gelding El Mesano debuted at Golden Gate Fields on Feb. 8th and made a strong middle move to reach the leaders before tiring in a 5 1/2 furlong sprint. He finished 2nd at 3/4 mile in his second start. Trying a mile for the first time in his third start and running against older horses as well, El Mesano finished 3rd and earned a 70 Beyer figure on the main Tapeta track at Golden Gate Fields on Mar. 21st. All 3 starts were against Maiden Allowance company.

El Mesano's trainer Jerry Hollendorfer stated, "I am pleased at the way he is coming along."

El Mesano's next start may be on turf with the GGate turf course opening again in April and his pedigree full of turf runners such as his sire Mizzen Mast, himself sire of 2 time Breeders Cup Turf Sprint winner Mizdirection, 1985 Champion Grass Horse Cozzene, and European turf runners El Prado (IRE) and Nureyev.

Jerry set a record for most stakes wins at Betfair Hollywood Park with seven during its last race meeting and has notched 13 stakes wins since Nov. 1st. Jerry trains Kentucky Derby candidate Tamarando and co-owns and trains the Eclipse Champion 2 year-old of 2013, now 3 year-old gelding Shared Belief.



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Z Thoroughbred Racing LLC was founded by managing partner Steve Zerda in 2010 to bring the opportunity for thoroughbred ownership to more racing fans in the Pacific Northwest. Steve is currently on the Board of Directors of the Washington Breeders and Owners Association and 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 of the Hollywood Starlet (G1) as a 2 year-old in 2010, and an Eclipse Award finalist for 2010. At 3, Turbulent Descent won the Test Stakes (G1) at Saratoga, the Santa Anita Oaks (G1) and the Beaumont Stakes (GII) at Keeneland and was 2nd in the Las Virgenes (G1) and Acorn (G1) and finished a troubled 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 including winnings from the 2012 Ballerina Stakes (G1) at Saratoga making her a Grade I stakes winner at 2, 3, and 4 years-old. She was retired after the 2012 Breeders Cup Filly and Mare Sprint.