

Arkansas Derby cont.

Magnum Moon earned a big debut Beyer of 95 when defeating the aforementioned Machismo into third Jan. 13 at Gulfstream Park, then school was in session when he was accorded 'Rising Star' status for an easier-than-it-looked two-length allowance win at Tampa Feb. 15. Eschewing that track's Derby Mar. 10, he was given an extra week and took full advantage when powering home from off-the-pace to best Solomini by 3 1/2 lengths in this track's GII Rebel S.

Magnum Moon is campaigned by Robert and Lawana Low, whose best horse to date was the talented distaff sprinter Capote Belle (Capote), winner of the 1996 GI Test S. The couple has been down the Triple Crown trail before, namely with Steppenwolver (Aptitude), who was runner-up in the 2006 Arkansas Derby before finishing third in Barbaro (Dynaformer)'s Kentucky Derby and fourth in the GI Belmont S.



Magnum Moon green, but good, in Hot Springs | Coady

Pedigree Notes:

Magnum Moon is one of three winners from as many to race for his unraced dam, herself an \$825,000 Keeneland September graduate from an outstanding female family. Second dam Win McCool won the GIII Floral Park H. and was a daughter of GSW Win Crafty Lady, the dam of MGISW and \$1.65-million FTFEB juvenile Harmony Lodge (Hennessy) and Graeme Hall (Dehere), the first of Pletcher's five Arkansas Derby winners in 2000. The latter's full-sister Win's Fair Lady sold in excess of \$2 million at public auction in 2005 and 2006 and bred GSW First Passage (Giant's Causeway). Dazzling Song did not produce a foal in 2016 and delivered an Uncle Mo filly last year. Her foal by War Front died earlier this year. **Click for the [Equibase.com chart](#), the [TJCIS.com PPs](#) or the [free Equineline.com catalogue-style pedigree](#). VIDEO, sponsored by Fasig-Tipton.**

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