

Raging Bull

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• The movie "Raging Bull," first screened in 1980, was the story of boxer Jake LaMotta, portrayed by Robert De Niro in an Academy Award-winning performance. The horse, Raging Bull, figures to have a serious fight on his hands when he attempts to turn the tables on the filly, Got Stormy, in Saturday's Ricoh Woodbine Mile.

• Raging Bull was cutting back to a flat mile with trainer Chad Brown hoping that a good pace would enhance his chances in the Grade 1 Fourstardave at Saratoga last month. The pace wound up to be scorching but was not particularly of a helpful nature as Gidu sped off to a double-digit lead. That one couldn't come close to lasting the distance, but it left his opponents with a difficult choice as to when to go for the knockout punch.

• Got Stormy pulled the trigger earlier than Raging Bull, who was still trailing the field of 10 with a quarter-mile to run and was unable to seriously threaten the winner. He did show tenacity, however, in closing for second money in a late battle with his favoured female stablemate Uni and March to the Arch, who like Raging Bull is conditioned by Mark Casse. "He ran a good race," said Brown, who is at the Keeneland yearling sales this week.

• Raging Bull was making his 11th career start, all on turf, and was the second choice there based on his solid resume for Brown and owner Peter Brant. In his start prior to the Fourstardave, Raging Bull had finished third behind stablemates Bricks and Mortar and Robert Bruce. Bricks and Mortar, currently the top turf horse in North America, came back to win the Grade 1 Arlington Million with the now-retired Robert Bruce ending fourth. Robert Bruce had won the 2018 Arlington Million.

• Raging Bull, unraced at two, came out as a sophomore, winning his first two starts prior to ending second when making his stakes debut in Belmont's Manila. The four-year-old Dark Angel colt subsequently has won three stakes, headlined by Del Mar's Grade I Hollywood Derby at 11/8 miles on the grass last December I.

In his first try at the mile distance this season, which came in his 2019 debut, Raging Bull finished a close fourth in Keeneland's Grade I Makers Mark Mile in his usual honest effort. Will he appreciate the sweeping turn and long stretch run on the E.P. Taylor Turf Course? "I think so—that's my hope, anyway," said Brown. "He's doing really well."
Raging Bull, bred by Dayton Investments Limited, was acquired by Brant through the Eugenio Colombo Agency for \$100,935 from the Castlebridge consignment at the 2016 Goffs Orby Sale in Ireland.

Owner - Peter M. Brant

Peter Brant, age 72, has a rich and colourful resume, which includes being a major player in the pulp and paper industry; an art collector who was an early patron of Andy Warhol's; film producer; polo player; publisher; philanthropist; and last but certainly not least, an owner of racehorses. Brant's first run in the racing game began in 1978 and included whole or part ownership of champions Just A Game and Waya, and an interest in Kentucky Derby and three-year-old champion Swale. He also bred Gulch, who won the 1995 Kentucky, but had left the game at that point and did not return until 2016. Casting his lot with trainer Chad Brown, Brant has enjoyed success with multiple Grade 1 stakes champion and 2018 Eclipse Award winner Sistercharlie; Dunbar Road, heroine of this year's Grade I Alabama at Saratoga; Fog of War, successful in Woodbine's Grade I Summer last September; and the current subject, Raging Bull. He owns White Birch Farm in Connecticut and purchased Florida's Payson Park Training Centre in Indiantown, Florida, this spring.

Trainer - Chad Brown

Chad Brown, who learned the racetrack ropes with trainer Shug McGaughey, moved on to work as an assistant to the late Bobby Frankel for five years when the stable's stars included the likes of Ghostzapper, Intercontinental, Empire Maker and Medaglia d'Oro. Brown saddled his first winner on his own account on November 23, 2007. His rise since then has been nothing short of meteoric and the 40-year-old Brown now is riding the crest of three consecutive Eclipse Awards as Outstanding Trainer. He recently captured his third Saratoga training title, following a record 46 victories last year. In 2018, Brown saddled the top two finishers in the Grade 1 Arlington Million after fielding the top three in the Grade 1 Beverly D. at that oval that same afternoon. He dominated Arlington Million Day again this year when winning four stakes including the Arlington Million, Beverly D., and Grade 1 Secretariat. Brown runners have been particularly dominant in grass racing with his Eclipse Award winners in turf racing including Flintshire, Lady Eli, Big Blue Kitten and Stacelita.

Jockey - Joel Rosario

The Dominican-born Joel Rosario, who turned 33 this January 14, rode his first North American winner at Fresno in 2006. Rosario equalled a Hollywood Park record on December 11, 2009 when he won six races on a single card. Career highlights include wins aboard Animal Kingdom in the 2013 Dubai World Cup and Orb in that spring's Kentucky Derby. Rosario has ridden six Breeders' Cup winners including a triple last year consisting of a Classic with Accelerate, the Juvenile with Game Winner, and the Juvenile Fillies with Jaywalk; the 2017 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint aboard Stormy Liberal; the 2015 Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint with Wavell Avenue; and the 2009 sprint with Dancing Silks. His other major wins include this year's Belmont aboard Sir Winston; the 2017 Arlington Million with Beach Patrol; and Woodbine's E.P. Taylor Stakes with Tamany in 2013.

Previous Ricoh Woodbine Mile Starters

Peter M. Brant	Chad Brown	Joel Rosario						
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