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Own: Braverman Paul and Pinch, Timothy

Dk. b or b. c. 3 (Mar) CANSEP23 \$88,551
Sire: Mo Town (Uncle Mo) \$5,000
Dam: Samsal (Consolidator)
Br: Huntington Stud Farm Corp. (Ont-C)
Tr: Charalambous John (12 1 1 2 .08) 2025 : (12 1 .08)

Life	5	2	2	1	\$338,520	81
2025	2	0	1	1	\$51,000	81
2024	3	2	1	0	\$287,520	80
Wo	4	1	2	1	\$188,520	81

D.Fst	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Wet(312)	0	0	0	0	\$0	-
Synth(323)					\$0	
Turf(266)	1	1	0	0	\$150,000	80
Dst(320)	1	0	0	1	\$15,000	81

20Jly25-8WO fst 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ C 47:11.12 1:37 $\frac{3}{4}$ 1:50 $\frac{1}{4}$ PlateTriB150k 81 2/9 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ Velazquez J R L126 1.90 88-09 SdbrsGhst1 $\frac{1}{2}$ NtrsGnstr1Scrchn3 $\frac{3}{4}$ Led3/8,collar16,held3
28Jun25-5WO fst 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ C 24 :48 $\frac{4}{5}$ 1:13 1:45 Marine-G3 77 3/7 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ 5 $\frac{2}{5}$ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Davis D 122 2.75 77-17 Mansetti1Scorching $\frac{1}{2}$ Megalodon $\frac{1}{2}$ Poor st,surged 2nd
6Oct24-9WO gd 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ C 23 $\frac{1}{2}$:46 $\frac{2}{5}$ 1:10 $\frac{4}{5}$ 1:42 $\frac{3}{4}$ CupSaucerB251k 80 3/10 4 $\frac{2}{5}$ 2 $\frac{2}{5}$ 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Husbands P L122 2.60 81-21 AshlysArchnoScorchng2Dwlfrd Inside bid,led,nailed
Placed first through disqualification
25Aug24-9WO fst 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ C 22 $\frac{1}{2}$:45 $\frac{3}{4}$ 1:10 $\frac{4}{5}$ 1:17 $\frac{2}{5}$ SimcoeB201k 80 4/11 2 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Husbands P L118 *2.00 85-17 Scorching $\frac{1}{2}$ Kekon $\frac{1}{2}$ ShdowReIm4 $\frac{1}{4}$ Led,drew off at 1/8th
19Jly24-5WO fst 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ C 22 $\frac{1}{2}$:45 $\frac{1}{5}$:57 1:03 $\frac{3}{4}$ Md Sp Wt 81k 64 2/7 5 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ 5 $\frac{4}{8}$ 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ 2 $\frac{6}{8}$ Aebly F $\frac{5}{8}$ 113 35.25 88-07 CutthDst6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Scorchng2ShdowRIm1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Strong late energy
WORKS: Aug9WO C 6f fst 1:14 $\frac{3}{4}$ B 1/1 Jly13WO tr.t4f fst :49 $\frac{2}{5}$ B 5/13 Jun21WO C 5f fst 1:00 B 7/52 Jun14WO C 5f fst :59 $\frac{2}{5}$ B 3/43 Jun7WO tr.t4f fst :48 $\frac{4}{5}$ B 3/10 May31WO tr.t4f fst :51 $\frac{1}{5}$ B 30/39
TRAINER: Routes (17.12 \$0.70) Stakes (6.33 \$2.20)

- “He was very professional in his demeanor,” said trainer John Charalambous. “Trained well, seemed to progress very well in his education and his development. After his first race, it was very impressive, and he improved each time he ran last year and this year. After his first start, he just seemed to grasp everything very well and showed that he could be a better-than-average colt.”
- “His greatest strength is just his mannerisms – he’s just very professional, and enjoys his training, and enjoys everything about being a racehorse.”
- What will it take for Scorching to win it all? “Some good racing luck, and obviously horses need stamina to run this grueling distance, and hopefully we have the stamina to do that.”
- Charalambous praised Scorching’s latest effort (third in the Plate Trial). “I thought he ran really well. He needed the race because he had a significant amount of time off before his first race this year, and we were happy with his race and look forward to the Plate.”
- “My journey to the Plate – it’s taken 44 years to have my first runner. Hopefully, it’s a good day.”
- Groom Sandy Hartsgrove noticed Scorching the moment the dark bay walked into the barn. “It was how calm he was for a colt. He just seemed smart, intelligent, and was a well-built horse. It was more the mental aspect that jumped out at you – just how smart he was. The look in his eyes, the way he carried himself – it was very impressive. He jogged around the shedrow for the first few days. It was like he was floating. He caught our eye.
- “He is a perfect example of the trust and bond that can be established between a groom and a horse,” said Hartsgrove. “I love this guy.”

Trainer – John Charalambous
Plate Starters: 0

John Charalambous began training racehorses when he was 22 years old and five decades later, he is still dedicated to his craft. He earned his first stakes win July 16, 1988, with Hear Music, won multiple stakes in the 1990s with Countess Steffi, and multiple stakes in the 2000s with London Snow and Crown Isle. So Long George won the 2013 Nijinsky Stakes to give Charalambous his first win in a graded stakes race. Charalambous has amassed nearly 550 career victories.

Owner – Paul Braverman and Timothy Pinch

Paul Braverman has been a thoroughbred owner and breeder since 1979 and joined the PDJF board in 2019. He is retired after working for 30 years in the investment management industry, serving his last 22 years as CFO and Partner of Wellington Management Company, LLP. Paul is an attorney and CPA and now serves on the boards of several for-profit and non-profit entities. Timothy Pinch is Managing Director, Senior Wealth Advisor, with Focus Partners Wealth, out of Massachusetts.

Jockey – Jose Lezcano
Plate Appearances: 0

Jose Lezcano attended the Laffit Pincay Jockey School in his native Panama and began riding in his home country before moving to the U.S. in 2003 and launching his U.S. career at Gulfstream Park. In 2006, Lezcano won the 2006 riding title at The Meadowlands and carried that success to Florida where he won the Tampa Bay Downs riding title, the same season he captured the Grade 3 Tampa Bay Derby with Deputy Glitters. Lezcano enjoyed a banner year in 2008, winning 287 races. He carried that momentum into the 2009 Gulfstream Park meet and also earned a leading rider title there with 71 wins. Lezcano finished in the top 10 among North American jockeys by purse earnings in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015. His success continued into the latter half of the decade with graded stakes winners including Henley’s Joy, Flameaway, La Coronel, and Voodoo Song. He finished as the leading rider by wins at Belmont’s spring-summer meet in 2019. Lezcano has three Breeders’ Cup victories to his credit, including the 2013 Breeders’ Cup Mile with Wise Dan. Lezcano recently won his 3,500th career race.

Breeder – Huntington Stud Farm Corp.
Groom – Sandy Hartsgrove