

Tom's Magic

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Own: C.I Thoroughbreds and Mo Speed Racing

Ch. c. 3 (Mar) KEESEP23 \$200,000
Sire: Justify (Scat Daddy) \$250,000
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Br: Sean Fitzhenry & Dorothy Fitzhenry (Ont-C)

Tr: Stidham Michael (0 0 0 0 .00) 2025 :(182 42 .23)

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WORKS: ● Aug9 Del 5f fst 1:013 B 1/11 Aug2 Del 5f fst 1:021 B 6/9 Jly26 Del 4f fst :491 B 9/54 ● Jly19 Del 5f fst 1:014 B 1/12 Jly12 Del 4f fst :48 B 4/67 Jun21 Del 5f fst 1:012 B 2/6 TRAINER: 20ff45-180 (61 .20 \$1.20) 31-60Days (163 .17 \$1.83) WonLastStart (78 .21 \$2.07) Routes (285 .17 \$1.36) Stakes (40 .17 \$2.02)

- The chestnut son of Justify won the \$102,00 Tale of the Cat Stakes (black type) on June 28 at Monmouth Park in his last start. "He won in his style," said trainer Michael Stidham, "which is being in that stalking spot where he breaks and he's forward, but you get him tucked in behind something. Then, he's got a really nice kick when you need it. I was very happy with it, very impressed with the way he did it... I do think that the mile and a quarter is going to be in his wheelhouse."
- The King's Plate will be the colt's first start at Woodbine, following races at the Fair Grounds, Keeneland and Monmouth Park. "As a 2-year-old, we actually had him [on the Tapeta surface] at Turfway. He had several really good works there as a 2-year-old before he made his first start, and he seemed to really like the synthetic at Turfway. Then this summer, he has been stabled at Delaware, and he has been working at Delaware on the dirt, but two or three works, we shifted him to Fair Hill, where we have a stable. They have Tapeta at Fair Hill and he worked really well on it."
- Tom's Magic was purchased for \$200,000 at the 2023 Keeneland September Yearling Sale.
- "I like the horse a lot," said Stidham. "He's done things the right way. I think he's had a good preparation coming up to this race. I think we're in there with a really live chance." The trainer said Tom's Magic reminds him a little bit of a young Michael Jordan, "Before [Jordan] was a superstar... [Tom's Magic] is one of those ones that you see the talent there, but it hasn't all come out, yet."

Trainer – Michael Stidham Plate Starters: 0

Horse racing has been in Mike Stidham's blood since birth. His father was a jockey and later a trainer on the East Coast. Stidham helped out in his father's barn and initially had dreams of veterinary medicine, eventually deciding instead to become a trainer like his father. Stidham took out his training license at age 21 and won his first graded stakes in 1988 with Manzotti. Stidham has since trained top horses including Two Altazano, Tizaqueena, Upperline, Willcox Inn and Istanford. Stidham added a Grade 1 success in 2015 with Grade 1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup winner Her Emmynency. Zipessa added a Grade 1 win for Stidham in 2017 when she scored in the First Lady Stakes at Keeneland. In recent years, Stidham has trained multiple graded stakes winners Synchrony and Alms and, in 2021, he won the \$12 million Dubai World Cup with Mystic Guide.

Owner - CJ Thoroughbreds & Mo Speed Racing

CJ Thoroughbreds (www.cjthoroughbreds.com) was founded by racetrack owner and executive Corey Johnsen (who is now full-time into horse ownership and philanthropy), his son, C.J. Johnsen, and former Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers wide receiver Mike Renfro. CJ Thoroughbreds took the final step toward becoming a full-service thoroughbred racing and breeding operation with the launching of CJ Thoroughbreds Farm in the heart of Kentucky's bluegrass region. The horse partnership, established more than 20 years ago, began leasing 145 acres of prime Central Kentucky farmland in 2022 and opened for both its own and clients' horses in June 2022. The CJ Thoroughbreds property comprises tracts on some of the best acreage anywhere for raising racehorses. CJ Thoroughbreds also supports of number of causes, including the founding of a charitable foundation Hope 4 All. Based in Dallas/Fort Worth, it helps cultivate equal access to opportunity by supporting or creating several initiatives in the DFW area and nationally by collaborating, raising awareness, volunteering and making financial gifts. The genesis of Mo Speed Racing (www.mospeedracing.com) traces back to a pivotal moment when a client, instead of opting for the usual golf outing, suggested a visit to Thistledown Racetrack to founder Scott Mawaka. This seemingly innocuous decision set in motion a chain of events that would forever alter Mawaka's trajectory. From the action on the track to the electrifying atmosphere, Mawaka found himself captivated by the excitement of horse racing. Central to Mo Speed Racing's success is its commitment to cultivating a diverse network of horse people and trainers.

Jockey – Rafael Hernandez

Plate Appearances: 10 - Plate Wins: 3 (2015, 2022, 2024)

Rafael Hernandez was born in Puerto Rico and began his riding career at Tampa Bay Downs in 2004. He's competed at a number of racetracks throughout the United States, but firmly established himself at Fairmount Park in Collinsville, Illinois, where he was the leading rider nine times, winning four straight riding titles between 2005 and 2008, and five straight riding titles between 2010 and 2014. During 2015, he bounced around to several different tracks, including Churchill Downs, Saratoga and Gulfstream Park, before moving to Woodbine full-time during the summer of 2016. He found immediate success winning 99 races at Woodbine in an abbreviated 2016 campaign. Since then, he has been a fixture at the top of the standings. In 2020, he was first with 129 wins. Hernandez won the 2015 King's Plate with Shaman Ghost, the 2022 Plate (and Woodbine Oaks) with Moira, and the 2024 Plate with Caitlinhergrtness. He has more than 3,300 wins, 153 career stakes scores and lifetime purse earnings of more than \$75 million.