

WOODBINE "PLAY OF THE DAY"

12.8.23

R6, Moc25, 2yos, 1 mile 70 yards

#2 Screen Legend 4-1 ML

This boy has been beaten double digits in both starts, yes, but they were also both at the Moc40 level going 6.5f, and on debut, he did show speed, willing to duel, before tiring out of contention. Winner was Sherif Ali and he earned a 72 Beyer for that win. They took the blinkers off for Screen Legend's second start, and at the start of the race, he was bumped around dramatically – think it certainly compromised the performance. He did try to show something, but ended up so far back, as the pacesetter, and eventual winner, clipped along at a good pace up front to cross the wire 9-3/4 lengths the best – he then went on to get the show dough in the Clarendon Stakes. The 5th placed Smart Almasty was a next out winner of a Moc40—earned a 68 Beyer for that effort. Blinkers go back on Screen Legend today and he's got plenty enough in the pedigree to think he can get the two turns. With a smooth start, perhaps he wires.