

The Perfect Trip



Blood-Horse Magazine is pleased to present this week's nominees for the second annual **Perfect Trip Award presented by Sentient Jet.**

Gran Estreno 2009 Washington Park H.
Arlington Park, IL | Owner: Feel The Thunder Stable
Trainer: Michael Stidham | Breeder: Eduardo Carlos Luther

All Gran Estreno has done since being claimed by his current connections in May is win five consecutive races. Well, the 6-year-old son of Lucky Roberto is now a graded stakes winner, taking the Washington Park H. (gr. III) in wire-to-wire fashion. He was a group I winner in his native Argentina back in 2006.



Swift Temper 2009 Ruffian H.
Belmont Park, NY | Owner: Mark H. Stanley
Trainer: Dale L. Romans | Breeders: Richard Nip & Omar Trevino

Swift Temper had won five races, three of them graded stakes, but in her 29th life-time start she became a grade I winner, taking the Ruffian H. over a sloppy Belmont racetrack. At age 5, the daughter of Giant's Causeway has really come into her own, with three graded wins and more than \$1 million in earnings in 2009.



Nite Light 2009 Turfway Park Fall Championship S.
Turfway Park, KY | Owner: Edward P. Evans
Trainer: Todd A. Pletcher | Breeder: Foxfield

Nite Light found Turfway Park's Polytrack to his liking. In his first start on a synthetic surface, he bounded to the lead and never looked back under jockey Jon Court. The 5-year-old son of Thunder Gulch coasted home in front by 5¾ lengths. The horse's name is a play on that of his well-known dam, grade I winner Lite



Bay to Bay 2009 Natalma S.
Woodbine, CAN | Owner: Robert Smithen
Trainer: Brian A. Lynch | Breeder: Adena Springs

With the addition of Lasix for her second start, Bay to Bay lay closer to the pace and broke her maiden. A month later she became a stakes winner when she battled on the front end and proved quite tenacious with a gutsy victory in the Natalma S. (Can-IIIT). The Sligo Bay filly was bought as a yearling for \$35,000.



Bridgetown 2009 Summer S.
Woodbine, CAN | Owner: Melnyk Racing Stables
Trainer: Kenneth G. McPeck | Breeder: Eugene Melnyk

Owner/breeder Eugene Melnyk lives in Barbados, so it is quite appropriate he named a good horse Bridgetown, the capital of the country. Having broken his maiden at Saratoga, the Speightstown colt wasted no time becoming a stakes winner, taking the Summer S. (Can-IIIT) at Woodbine in his next start.



This year's Perfect Trip Award will recognize a Breeders' Cup Challenge race winner from this season's North American races that best exemplifies a "Perfect Trip." The winner will be selected from a panel of racing experts and will have the opportunity to experience his or her own "Perfect Trip" through Sentient Jet, with complimentary round-trip private jet travel for six people to the 2009 Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita. The Perfect Trip Award winner will be announced the week of October 19th, and the owner will be awarded the Perfect Trip trophy on ESPN during the Championship weekend.

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