

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**.

Dad's Crazy 2009 Miss Grillo S.
Belmont Park, NY | Owner: Smarch Racing
Trainer: Todd Pletcher | Breeder: William Harrigan

Maybe Dad's Crazy just needed to race on dirt rather than turf? When the Miss Grillo S. came off the grass because of wet conditions, Dad's Crazy stayed in the field and broke her maiden in a stakes race. The juvenile daughter of Langfuhr had made her first three starts on the turf but relished the wet dirt, drawing off to win by 3/4 lengths.



Eskendereya 2009 Pilgrim S.
Belmont Park, NY | Owner: Zayat Stables
Trainer: Todd Pletcher | Breeder: Sanford Robertson

Eskendereya finished second in his first start but had no problem breaking his maiden in his next outing, the Pilgrim S. at Belmont Park. The race came off the turf because of wet weather, but the 2-year-old son of Giant's Causeway was in complete control, moving at the quarter-pole and drawing off down the stretch to win by an easy 7/4 lengths.



Lookin At Lucky 2009 Norfolk S.
Santa Anita, CA | Owners: Mike Pegram, Karl Watson & Paul Weitman
Trainer: Bob Baffert | Breeder: Gulf Coast Farms

There doesn't seem to be any area in which the 2-year-old colt Lookin At Lucky needs to rely on luck. The son of Smart Strike is undefeated in four starts, a record that doesn't just happen with luck. The talented colt has now won two grade I stakes, the Del Mar Futurity and the Norfolk Stakes, to establish himself as the top juvenile in North America.



Blind Luck 2009 Oak Leaf S.
Santa Anita, CA | Owners: Mark DeDomenico, John Carver & Jerry Hollendorfer
Trainer: Jerry Hollendorfer | Breeder: Fairlawn Farm

Blind Luck has come a long way since winning her first start for a claiming tag at Calder Race Course in Florida. Privately purchased after that initial win and shipped to California, the 2-year-old daughter of Pollard's Vision ran second in the Darley Debutante S. (gr. I) at Del Mar before winning the Oak Leaf S. (gr. I) at Santa Anita Oct. 4, her third victory in four lifetime starts.



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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