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Trickmeister Brings Speed, Class, and Sire Power to NY

by Nicolle Neulist

Sharlene Kenny of Bergen Stables had gotten to know Trickmeister over the course of the last year. Rather shy in the stall, the ten-year-old son of Proud Citizen was a little more outgoing in the field. "Outside, I could go right up to him, touch him, kiss his nose."

As she continued, her tone of voice took on a tone of awe. "Then, I saw him move, and I was interested in *him*. I couldn't believe what I was seeing in the field. I was just sitting there, and then he took off, and I stood up."

Behind Trickmeister's powerful physical impression lie the classy pedigree and versatile race record of a promising stallion. From a pedigree standpoint, Trickmeister brings the emerging Proud Citizen sire line to the state of New York. Other lines of Gone West are deepening their roots in the stud book, through sons of Speightstown, Elusive Quality, Zafonic, and Mr. Greeley. Proud Citizen, as one of the youngest prominent sons of Gone West, is only beginning to get his chance as a sire of sires.

A winner of six of his 16 career starts, Trickmeister earned \$437,968 on the track, ranking him among the top ten earners of Proud Citizen's progeny. With stakes-quality form at sprints, miles, and routes, Trickmeister showed the speed and the stamina to make a worthy heir to Proud Citizen's line.

Jerry Restel, also of Bergen Stables, saw a race record well in keeping with the speed Trickmeister still had a few years off the track. "I was attracted to the fact that he was unbeaten as a three-year-old, and a four-year-old. During his time, he ran with all the classy horses. He didn't duck anybody – he ran against anybody who was out there."

Trickmeister raced from ages three through seven in a



career defined by class and versatility. During that time, Trickmeister showed stakes quality at both sprint and route distances. At six furlongs, Trickmeister won twice and was twice stakes-placed. He could also carry his speed, and continued to prove his class as his he stretched out. He won four stakes between a mile and a mile and an eighth, and twice placed in graded company.

Trickmeister's crowning achievement on the track came May 17, 2012 at Belmont Park. He faced Grade 1-winning, Classic-placed Stay Thirsty in the Vanlandingham Stakes. Trickmeister exploded out of the gate, then settled comfortably in front. Stay Thirsty tried to press to his inside into Belmont's sweeping turn, but Trickmeister slipped clear once more. Down the stretch, though Stay Thirsty was asked for everything he had, Trickmeister had more. Well within himself, he prevailed by a length and three quarters.

Bergen Stables acquired Trickmeister on October 1. They moved him to Majestic Views Farm International, where he stands for the 2018 season. Between his powerful speed, sire line, and racing class, Trickmeister is an exciting new stallion prospect for New York.

Trickmeister stands for a fee of \$2,500 LFSN. Contact Bergen Stables to arrange a visit with Trickmeister, and learn how he can fit your breeding program.

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