

DESERT WARRIOR'S PROGENY SCORE IN LAST TWO DAYS!

OUT IN THE OPEN and QUINTESSENTIAL both registered open length victories in allowance and maiden special weight races, respectively, at Finger Lakes; and, first time starter LINDSAY'S POINT narrowly missed breaking her maiden in her initial voyage finishing second by less than a length in a 10-horse two-year old maiden special weight race run at Belmont Park.



Four year-old gelding Out in the Open won for the fourth time in his 19th start career this time beating state-bred allowance horses going six-furlongs in Thursday's Finger Lakes' feature. The victory raised the son of Desert Warrior, who is out of the mare Over the Transom, by Allen's Prospect, lifetime earnings to \$54,260 and qualified his breeder, Wonderland Breeding LLC, for a \$2,604 breeders' award for the open-length score.

Earlier on Thursday in a race run at Belmont Park, the McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds LLC bred two-year old Desert Warrior daughter, had to check in traffic during the early going of a five-and-one-half furlong state-bred maiden race before moving four wide around the far turn eventually losing to the even-money favorite by less than a length. The good first-start effort for the sharp looking chestnut filly, who is out of the Turkoman mare Ashley Lindsey, indicates she has a promising future.

On Friday, Quintessential stepped foot on the racetrack sporting a set of blinkers for the first time and the tactic worked like a charm for his third-career start. Quickly took command of the race soon after the start dictating the pace down the backstretch and opened up a six-length lead. The three-year old gelded son of Desert Warrior, who is out of Distinctive Sister, by Distinctive Pro maintained a comfortable lead on the field coasting under the wire to win by more than 2-lengths. Bred by James Hooper and Susanne Hooper, who together qualified for a \$2,880 breeder's award, Quintessential's positive response to equipment change bodes well for future earning power as he moves through his conditions.



With three-crops of racing age including 52 current two year olds, the progeny of the McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds-based DESERT WARRIOR have earned over \$1.6-million with average earnings over \$25,000. Desert Warrior is a son of Deputy Minister and is out of Navajo Pass, who is a full sister to the dam of the immortal Storm Cat.