

WHEELAWAY'S BRUCEONTHELOOSE WINS THE GR-1R JAMAICA ST. LEGER –  
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BRUCEONTHELOOSE, a three-year old son of the McMahon-based stallion Wheelaway, making his sixth start of the season registered his fifth victory in the 83<sup>rd</sup> running of the prestigious Jamaica St. Leger (GR-1R) for native three-year olds. Contested at 2000 meters (approx. 1-1/4), at Caymanas Park in Jamaica, a field of ten went to the post including the classy filly Saint Cecelia and He's Really Ok, who defeated "Bruce" by a head in the UBA Derby, thus denying him Jamaica's Triple Crown.

Ridden by leading all-time jockey Winston "Fanna" Griffiths, Bruceontheloose rated kindly off the early pace in fifth responding willingly when asked for run. Picking up horses while on an outside path "Bruce" forged past He's Really Ok at the 600-metre pole before engaging Saint Cecilia through the stretch run. The duo opened up daylight on the field with a determined Bruceontheloose a clear-cut 1-1/2-length winner.

His 14-time champion trainer, Philip Feanny, added a figure eight to the equipment of Bruceontheloose for the St. Leger and the victory did not come as a surprise.

"It was a very good performance, one which was expected. Unlike the Derby we expected a faster run and added the figure of eight in an attempt to get him (Bruceontheloose) to relax a bit more. He did just that and he delivered."

Plans are for the grey colt to race in the Royal Oak Derby in September and also the Midsummer Classic. Part owner Herbert Chung expanding on the schedule stated: "He will stay in Trinidad to contest the Royal Oak Derby." Adding: "All being well, he'll return for the Superstakes."

The victory was the second winner in two days for the McMahon-based Wheelaway, whose progeny earnings have now surpassed the \$1.3-million mark.

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