

DESERT WARRIOR'S SON KATSKILL BAY CAPTURES BELMONT ALLOWANCE RACE – July 3, 2009

Three-year old KATSKILL BAY making his 8th career start grittily notched his second lifetime victory today at Belmont Park in a \$43,000 state-bred NW -1X allowance race. Originally carded for the turf at seven-furlongs, a heavy downpour forced the stewards to switch the race to the main track, which was listed as 'muddy'.



Jockey Alan Garcia, riding for the first time, chose to rate Katskill Bay in fourth position during the run down the backstretch before making a move on the far turn. After a sustained drive the game colt hooked the previously unchallenged front runner at the sixteenth-pole and after a head-to-head and nose-to-nose duel emerged with the victory.

Earning \$25,800 for the effort, the three-year old colt raised his lifetime earnings to \$78,600 and qualified his breeders, McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC and Ray Destefano, for a breeder's award of \$5,160 from the lucrative New York Breeding and Racing Program.

For horses sired by registered New York based stallions, the breeder award is 20% of winner's share of the purse; and, for horses finishing second and third, the breeder award is 10% of purse money earned.

With three-crops of racing age horses, including 53 two-year olds the McMahon-based stallion Desert Warrior has progeny earnings of over \$1.3-million to date with average earnings per horse of \$23,798.

The dark bay son of Desert Warrior is out of the 4-time winning mare Cat in Deed, by Alydeed. A half-brother to Katskill Bay by the McMahon-based stallion Utopia was foaled at McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, LLC on May 9, 2009 and can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#).

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