

**WHEELAWAY'S ES MIA FINISHES A CLOSE-UP SECOND IN NEW YORK
STALLION STATUE OF LIBERTY STAKES AT SPA – Aug. 13, 2009**

Wheelaway's **ES MIA** is still a maiden, but now is a maiden with black-type. The three-year old gray-roan filly was making her fifth-lifetime start for owner San Miguel Racing managed by Alejandro M. Morera of Mexico City, Mexico, and had the services of jockey Edgar Prado. Trainer Rodrigo Ubillo, confident in her ability, boldly entered the filly for the 7th Running of The New York Stallion Statue of Liberty Stakes for three-year old fillies sired by nominated New York-based stallions. The race was run over Saratoga Race Course's inner-turf course at a mile and one-sixteenth and had a field of seven go to the post. Included in the field were two previous stakes winners and three other stakes placed performers.



Tracking multiple stakes winner Mother Russia in mid-pack through the early stages of the race, Es Mia moved into second position rounding the far turn. At the top of the stretch, Es Mia trailed the front runner by 2-1/2 lengths before angled off the rail. With long graceful strides, Es Mia began to gain on the fully extended leader but ran out of real estate to finish second by a diminishing neck.

Es Mia fulfilled her trainer's faith in her ability. "She ran great", stated Ubillo, "I thought she was going to win. She will go to a maiden race next."

Bred by McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds, Es Mia is out of Tyler's Tops, by You and I. Her sire, Wheelaway, has four crops to the races including 78-two year olds and thus far has five-stakes winners and five-stakes-placed performers. Wheelaway's progeny earnings top \$.3.3-million with average earnings per starter now at \$26,000.

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