

DESERT WARRIOR FILLY WINS MSW IN FIRST OUTING – August 23, 2009

The Desert Warrior sired WARRIOR BABE broke her maiden in first lifetime start. The \$24,000 MSW race was run at 5-1/2 furlongs over Finger Lakes' main track. Trainer Paul Barrow had the dark bay filly sharp for her maiden voyage and jockey Paul Nicol Jr. patiently guided the filly to a come from behind victory making up six lengths through the stretch run to win by a head at the wire.

Bred by Sez Who Thoroughbreds and Aron Yagoda, Warrior Babe is out of Birdie Babe, by Way West (Fr.). Aside from the winner's share (\$14,400) of the purse the breeding partnership earns an additional 20% or \$2,880 in breeder awards from the lucrative New York Breeding and Racing Program.



The McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds-based DESERT WARRIOR has three-crops of racing age including 52 two year olds. His progeny earnings to date are nearing the \$1.5-million mark with average earnings per starter at \$24,664.

Desert Warrior is by Deputy Minister out of the Secretariat mare Navajo Pass, who's a full sister to the dam of Storm Cat.

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