

DESERT WARRIOR'S PAPA CHARLIE TAKES SUFFOLK FEATURE – Sept. 1, 2009

PAPA CHARLIE, a three-year old chestnut gelding, stepped up in company and stepped out against a 9-horse allowance company field to register his third consecutive victory at Suffolk Downs. His two previous victories were against claiming horses and based on the ease of those victories trainer George Saccardo entered the son of Desert Warrior – Demaloot's Girl into a six-furlong NW-1X condition race. After a brief encounter in the run down the backstretch, Papa Charlie took command nearing the quarter pole then held off all challengers through the stretch to win by three-quarters of a length for his fourth career victory in 15-starts.

With three-crops of racing age including 52 current two year olds, the McMahon of Saratoga Thoroughbreds-based stallion has career earnings surpassing \$1.5-million with average earnings per starter of over \$24,000. Desert Warrior is a son of Deputy Minister, out of the Secretariat mare Navajo Pass, who's a full sister to the dam of Storm Cat.