

THIRD TIMES THE CHARM FOR SON OF DESERT WARRIOR – Sept. 10, 2009

DELISSIMO, a four year old son of Desert Warrior, making his third career start easily defeated a \$28,000 Maiden Special Weight field today at Charles Town Racetrack in West Virginia. The dark bay gelding made his initial start at Saratoga Race Course on August 8th finishing 9th beaten six and three-quarter lengths after being forwardly positioned throughout the 5-1/2 furlong turf race. In his next outing and first effort over the main Charles Town Racetrack, Delissimo finished a close-up second in a ten-horse field.

Delissimo was bred by Robert Ross and is out of the Way West (Fr) mare Lass Away. He was sired by the McMahan of Saratoga Thoroughbreds-based Desert Warrior, whose progeny have been clicking on a regular basis of late.

With three-crops of racing age including 52 current two year olds, the McMahan 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.