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Broodmare Forbidden Isle gives Colonial Farms shot in arm

By Bill Finley

These have not been good times for Colonial Farms, one of the oldest and most prestigious breeding farms in New Jersey racing history. In the late spring, its top sire Cable Boy died unexpectedly at age 13 and Colonial, like all farms in the state, is trying to make its way through difficult times for racing and breeding in New Jersey. Colonial is down to just four mares.

But there is good news. One of those mares, Forbidden Isle, has emerged as one of the better broodmares in the state and has the potential to get even better. Within a 13-day span, two of Forbidden Isle's progeny won at Monmouth. Diamond Play (2013, by E Dubai) beat males in a optional claimer worth \$50,000 for state-breds July 29 to push her career earnings past the \$200,000 mark. On August 11, the 3-year-old filly Liz's Cable Girl (by Cable Boy) won her third straight, an open company allowance.

Neither horse is campaigned by Colonial and were sold privately before beginning their careers.

Forbidden Isle had the breeding to be a good horse. She is by New Jersey-bred champion and national top sire Belong to Me out of Hello Mom, a two-time stakes winner owned and bred by Colonial. Forbidden Isle finished second in her debut, a Jersey-bred maiden in 2008 at Meadowlands, but failed to hit the board in two subsequent starts before being retired.



Forbidden Isle's summer Monmouth winners: Diamond Play (top) in late July, and Liz's Cable Girl, a winner of three straight in open company.

"She got hurt," said Colonial's owner Sam Fieramosca. "She made her first start at the Meadowlands and was flying at the end and finished second. It was the end of the season



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Forbidden Isle *continued*

in Jersey so we ran her at Philadelphia Park. She hurt her shoulder in that race so we backed off her a little bit, ran her one more time and she came back sore. So we stopped on her. But she could run.”

With Forbidden Isle being one of the four mares left at Colonial, Fieramosca has watched intently as her two offspring have prospered. Liz’s Cable Girl, who is trained by Pat McBurney, recorded four wins in her first five career starts, her only loss a third in January at Aqueduct. A start in a stakes race was the likely next step. The year older Diamond Play, trained by Tony Margotta, has won five of 16 starts and might have found a home on the grass as her last win came on that surface and was one of the better races of her career.

“It’s wonderful to see what those two horses are doing,” Fieramosca said. “It helps. We’re still hanging in there.”

Fieramosca has been at Colonial from Day One, and he has seen the best and worst of times in Jersey racing.

“We started the farm in 1950,” he said. “I went into the service and my father’s secretary called me and said your father just bought two Thoroughbred broodmares. I called him and said, ‘What are you doing? You don’t know anything about Thoroughbred breeding.’ We had bought a 100-some acre farm just to get out of the city and do some horse back riding. He had gone to a farm in Lincroft where they were having an auction and he saw these two little mares that looked so pathetic. He

said he felt sorry for them and bought them for \$500 a piece. One of them was no good. The other, Midi’s Mom, had no breeding whatsoever, but she’s the one that started it all for us.”

Midi’s Mom had 10 starters, nine winners and four stakes horses, two of them winners, including Accordant, the winner of the Fall Highweight, Oceanport and Longport in 1963.

At its peak, Colonial, located in Colts Neck, usually had about nine or 10 mares and had 100 stalls that were always filled with horses of different varieties. For the farm, the sire Cable Boy had become a bright spot. He had sired a couple of serious horses, including She’s Hot Wired, who has earned over \$433,000 and won last year’s Pink Ribbon Stakes at Charles Town and Open Mind Handicap at Monmouth.

“I guess he had aneurysm or something,” Fieramosca. “We were just getting ready to tease him to breed him to cover a mare and he just flopped over. There are only a couple of nice stallions in the state so it was really a loss to lose him. The few by him that are running now, they can all run.”

Cable’s Boy death has made the emergence of Forbidden Isle as a broodmare all the more important. With two allowance winners on her record and the possibility that she’ll soon have a stakes winner, Fieramosca is strongly considering upping the ante and breeding her to the type of stallion where the offspring could bring good money. In the meantime, he’ll keep rooting for more success from Diamond Play and Liz’s Cable Girl.

New Jersey-bred superstar Bustin Out wins a second Eleven North Handicap



Thoroughbred Festival Aug. 27. Bustin Out won the 2016 Eleven North Handicap en route to being named Champion New Jersey-bred Older Female and looks to be on track for the same title in 2017.

Trained by Chuck Spina, Bustin Out, the 1.20-1 favorite, went the 6 furlongs on the main track in 1:09.27 as she defeated six other fillies and mares. Love Came to Town rallied along the rail to finish in second and it was nearly 3 lengths back to It’s the Truth in third.

“I never really asked her, she was so smooth the whole way around,” said winning jockey Jose Ferrer. “She broke so sharp, like always, and has that natural speed that makes her dangerous. They never really got close early and that was the end of it.”

Bred in New Jersey by Dianne Boyken, Bustin Out has won nine of her 18 career starts, for earnings of \$344,132. The New Jersey-bred distaffer is by Bustin Stones from the Disco Rico mare Disco Shaker.

Joseph and Gayle Ioia’s Bustin Out jumped out to the early lead and never looked back, cruising to a 2-length victory in the \$60,000 Eleven North Handicap during the New Jersey



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Fuzzy Muzzle repeats in Charles J. Hesse III Handicap

Rock Talk Farm's homebred Fuzzy Muzzle closed with determination down the center of the track to run by odds-on favorite Chublicious in the final sixteenth of a mile en route to a 3/4-length victory in the \$60,000 Charles Hesse III Handicap before a crowd of 10,712 on New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival Day at Monmouth Park Aug. 27, featuring the best runners bred in the Garden State.

Trained by Jason Servis, Fuzzy Muzzle went the 1 1/16 miles over a fast main track in 1:42.74. Chublicious finished second, with Jerandson another 1/4 lengths back in third.

"His style is to sit back and make one run," said winning rider Nik Juarez. "I wasn't too worried about the quickness up front. He just has a really good turn of foot coming down the lane. I just wanted to give him a clear run going for home."

Fuzzy Muzzle captured the Hesse Handicap in 2015 and was runner-up last year after taking the Dan Horn Handicap. The 8-year-old gelding by Closing Argument from the Victory Gallop mare Hope's Folly, has captured eight of 28 starts with earnings of \$315,224.



Rainbow Heir shows his class in New Jersey Breeders' Handicap

The New Jersey Breeders' Handicap saw multiple stakes winner Rainbow Heir shoot through on the inside and draw away late to score by 1/4 lengths in the 5 1/2-furlong turf sprint on the New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival card.

Trained by Jason Servis, who won his second stakes race of the day, Rainbow Heir stepped the distance over firm turf in 1:02.82 as the odds-on choice in the field of 11 colts and geldings. Saucy Don rallied to finish in second and it was another 1 1/2 lengths back to Visionary Ruler in third.

"He broke great," said winning rider Antonio Gallardo. "I wasn't worried about getting stuck on the rail. I knew I had a lot of horse and I know carrying [topweight of] 127 pounds is a lot so I thought it would be best to save some ground and not move too soon. He's a very easy and professional horse. When you ask him, he gives you everything."

Bred and owned by New Farm, Rainbow Heir is a 7-year-old by Wildcat Heir from the Prospectors Gamble mare



Rainbow Pride. He sports a record of 12-3-4 from 28 outings, good for earnings of \$621,405.



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Fillies and Mares Division

Horse	Breeder	Owner	Points
Jersey Rich	Wes Carter	Anna Popovich	18
Cookie Cookie	Joel Kligman	Manuel Berrios	18
Bustin Out	Dianne Boyken	Joseph and Gayle Ioia	18
Twofour Six Oh One	Albert and Lynn Ott	Tony Wilson	15
Liz's Cable Girl	Colonial Farms	Cocce, Dodd and Melee	14
Billyscrystalball	Hidden Acres 4-D Farm	Nick and Joan Sacco	12
Countess Geraldine	Charles Kromann	Geraldine Kromann	12
Boomerang Miss	Colonial Farms	Liz Dodd	10
Julia Choubouli	Joe-Dan Farm	Quiet Winter Farm	10
Wildly Good Lookin	Judy Sessa	Andrew Sulley	10

Colts and Gelding Division

Horse	Breeder	Owner	Points
Irish Strait	Isabelle de Tomaso	Isabelle de Tomaso	16
Phonemyposseagain	Bright Vew Farm	Joseph and Gayle Ioia	16
Sahara Goal	Menotti Lembo	Jason Artz	15
Light's Gone Wild	Joseph and Gayle Ioia	Joseph and Gayle Ioia	12.5
Chublicious	Joe-Dan Farm	David Gruskos	12.5
George Cross	Bright View Farm	Final Turn Racing Stables LLC	12
Credo	Quiet Winter Farm	Quiet Winter Farm	12
Bobby the Boss	Red Oak Stable	Robert Deckert Jr.	12
Rainbow Heir	New Farm	New Farm	12

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