



## CONVEYANCE

### THE HORSE

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert sent this son of Indian Charlie to the Sunland Derby to hone his skills and keep his career slate clean of defeat, but the best he could do in New Mexico was finish second to another top Derby prospect, Endorsement, making his first start in stakes company.

Prior to the loss, Conveyance had posted victories in the Grade III San Rafael and Southwest Stakes to along with his maiden and first-level allowance wins. His record is four wins in five starts.



There's a bit of irony connected to the colt inasmuch as owner Zabeel Racing International is owned and operated by Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed al Maktoum, the oldest son of international racing kingpin Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum, the operator of Godolphin Racing who has had a long-held desire to win the Kentucky Derby. Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin Racing does not have a horse in the 2009 Kentucky Derby.

### THE OWNER

Zabeel Racing International is the nom de course of Sheikh Rashid bin Mohammed al Maktoum, oldest son of the internationally famed Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum of the Dubai royal family. Sheikh Mohammed operates Godolphin Racing and Darley Stable, and whose horses have captured numerous prominent stakes races around the world.

Sheikh Rashid was born Nov. 12, 1981 and lives in Dubai. He studied at Sandhurst Military Academy in England.

His racing background starts with the fact he rode successfully in amateur riders' races in Dubai and ranks as an accomplished endurance race rider.

As owner, he has led the owners' list in Dubai five times, notching 428 career victories. His biggest wins have come in the Dubai Duty Free with Rhythm Band in 2000 and the Godolphin Mile with Grand Emporium in 2005. He scored his first big overseas victory at age 17 when For Your Eyes Only captured the William Hill Mile at England's Goodwood in 1998.

The U.S.-based Zabeel Racing International was formed in 2006, with Henny Hughes being its first stakes winner when nabbing the Jersey Shore Stakes at Monmouth Park on July 1 of that year. He went on to win two Grade I events – the King’s Bishop Stakes and the Vosburgh Stakes.

His biggest win in England came with the victory by Hellvelyn in the 2006 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot. He has reduced his presence in English racing since 2007. In the meantime, he has had horses with Kiaran McLaughlin and Todd Pletcher, including the Pletcher-trained Game Face, who won four graded stakes in 2009 before finishing last of nine in the Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Sprint.

### **THE BREEDER**

Gulf Coast Farms is owned by Lance Robinson and Jerry Bailey and managed by Bailey and his wife, Leslie. The Baileys live on the Ocala, Fla., farm where they raise and break the partnership’s yearlings.

Robinson and his wife, Maria, live on a 100-acre Quarter Horse farm in Spanish Fork, Utah. The Robinsons have a married daughter, Brooke Stephens, and a son, Clint, who is a professional cowboy specializing in calf-roping. The Baileys have two children, Jodie and Jim.

Robinson, born Dec. 16, 1955, is a graduate of Ricks College (now Brigham Young University-Idaho) and Weber State University with a degree in pre-veterinary science. Bailey, born Sept. 16, 1943, has a degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Minnesota.

Robinson grew up on a dairy farm and cattle ranch in Ogden, Utah, and has spent his life working with horses. He was a professional rodeo cowboy for about 15 years and five times qualified for the National Finals Rodeo as a steer wrestler. He got acquainted with Kentucky and Thoroughbred racing while on a Mormon mission in 1977.

Bailey, who also has a rodeo background, was a racetrack veterinarian in Florida for seven years before becoming the attending veterinarian and manager at the Lazy E Ranch in Oklahoma. On returning to Florida, Bailey and fellow Minnesotan Ken Ellenberg formed a successful pinhooking venture as Jerry Bailey Sales Agency. Among successful purchases were dual classic winner Thunder Gulch, whom Bailey raced four times before selling him to Michael Tabor, and juvenile winner Henny Hughes.

Among other successful pinhooks: Grade I winners Deputy Commander, Honour and Glory and Yes It’s True.

Robinson, who has known Bailey since the early 1980s, joined Bailey and Ellenberg to form Gulf Coast. Ellenberg no longer is a partner in the venture.

Gulf Coast operates a racing stable, too, with the top 2009 runner being Kensei, in which Gulf Coast kept 25 percent after selling the majority portion to

Stonestreet Stable. Kensei won the Dwyer and Jim Dandy stakes before finishing sixth in the Travers. The partners usually have about 10 horses in training.

Robinson and Bailey have been breeding partners for several years. Gulf Coast Bloodstock owns about 120 broodmares, who are boarded at Kentucky's Taylor Made Farm and Viking Stud. The partnership aims at the commercial breeding market and has bred such top runners as Chelokee, Cowtown Cat, Salute the Sarge, Grand Adventure, Conveyance and Lookin At Lucky.