Old Friends

Sokitumi Samurai

2009 b G, First Samurai - Pleasant Laughter (Coronado's Quest)



Bred in Kentucky by Runnymede Farm and sold as a yearling to Catesby W. Clay for \$9,200, Sokitumi Samurai went to trainer Ken McPeek and began racing at three. A good earer at middle claiming level, he first won that September at 1 1/16 mile on the Belmont turf with Javier Castellano up for trainer John Parisella and owners Saul and Max Kupferberg. At four, Sokitumi Samurai was claimed back and forth between trainer Gary Gullo for Funky Munky Stable LLC, and John Toscano, Jr. for Bran Jam Stable, winning at 6 furlongs on the dirt twice with Luis Saez up and once with Rajiv Maragh. At five, his distinctive broad blaze pushed forward for three wins in a row for as many sets of connections: John Toscano and Bran Jam Stable with Trevor McCarthy riding; owner-trainer Diane Balsamo and jockey Jose Ortiz; and trainer Marcus Vitali for John Grossi's Racing Corp. with jockey Orlando Bocachica. He retired at the end of that campaign with \$260,222 earnings in 35 races with 6 wins, 7 seconds and 5 thirds. Though not a champion, Sokitumi Samurai showed lots of heart. Duels to the wire inspired his best performances. Good natured and playful, he now enjoys running with his paddock mates. Oh, and did we mention he's one of the cutest horses on the farm?

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