

Hard Not to Love

Bay Filly; May 11, 2016

Hard Not to Love Foaled in Ontario	Hard Spun, 04 b	Danzig, 77 b	Northern Dancer, 61 b Pas de Nom, 68 dk b/ Turkoman, 82 dk b/ Darbyvail, 84 ch Seattle Slew, 74 dk b/ Strawberry Reason, 92 dk b/ Elusive Quality, 93 b Hard Knocker, 83 ch
	Loving Vindication, 05 dk b/ b/	Vindication, 00 dk b/ Chimichurri, 00 ch	

By HARD SPUN (2004). Stakes winner of \$2,673,470, King's Bishop S. **[G1]** (SAR, \$150,000), etc. Sire of 10 crops of racing age, 1600 foals, 1137 starters, 77 stakes winners, 1 champion, 801 winners of 2662 races and earning \$101,684,304 USA, including Questing (GB) (Champion in U.S., \$876,876 USA, Alabama S. **[G1]** (SAR, \$360,000), etc.), Le Romain (\$3,172,258 USA, Girvan Waugh Randwick Guineas **[G1]**, etc.), Wicked Strong (\$1,994,460, Twinspires.com Wood Memorial S. **[G1]** (AQU, \$590,000), etc.), Gattung (to 6, 2019, \$1,475,786 USA, PFD Food Services Makybe Diva S. **[G1]**, etc.), Hard Aces (\$1,272,215, Gold Cup at Santa Anita S. **[G1]** (SA, \$300,000), etc.), Hard Not to Like (\$1,262,171 USA, Diana S. **[G1]**-ncr, 1 1/8 miles in 1:45.22 (SAR, \$300,000), etc.).

1st dam

LOVING VINDICATION, by Vindication. Winner at 2 and 3, \$133,467. Dam of 7 foals, 3 to race, 3 winners--

WONDER GADOT (f. by Medaglia d'Oro). 5 wins at 2 and 3, placed at 4, 2019, \$1,524,861(USA), Horse of the year in Canada, Champion 2-year-old filly in Canada, Champion 3-year-old filly in Canada, Demoiselle S. **[G2]** (AQU, \$150,000), Mazarine S. **[G3]** (WO, \$94,500(CAN)), Queen's Plate S. -R (WO, \$600,000(CAN)), Prince of Wales S. -R (FE, \$240,000(CAN)), 2nd Longines Kentucky Oaks **[G1]** (CD, \$182,000), Fantasy S. **[G3]** (OP, \$80,000), Woodbine Oaks -R (WO, \$100,000(CAN)), Silverbulletday S. [L] (FG, \$30,000), etc.

HARD NOT TO LOVE (f. by Hard Spun). Black type winner, see below.

SOLEMN TRIBUTE (g. by Medaglia d'Oro). 3 wins at 3, \$181,234(USA), Tropical Park Derby (GP, \$46,500), 2nd King Edward S. **[G2]** (WO, \$48,000(CAN)), Showing Up S. (GPW, \$14,400).

2nd dam

CHIMICHURRI, by Elusive Quality. 3 wins at 2, \$269,126, Tempted S. **[G3]** (AQU, \$66,240), Jersey Jumper S. (MED, \$30,000), 2nd Prioress S. **[G1]** (BEL, \$40,000), Miss Preakness S. **[G3]** (PIM, \$20,000), Old Hat S. [L] (GP, \$20,000), 3rd Astarita S. **[G2]** (BEL, \$16,500), Stonerside Forward Gal S. **[G3]** (GP, \$11,000). Half-sister to **HUAMBO** (\$45,330 USA), 50 Orakel der Dreijaehrigen [L], etc.), **Skip Poker** (\$109,938, 3rd Twin Lights S. (MTH, \$6,600)). Dam of 4 winners--

Loving Vindication (f. by Vindication). See above.

Chimayo (f. by A.P. Indy). Winner at 2, \$35,550. Dam of--

SECRET SPICE (f. by Discreet Cat). 3 wins, 2 to 4, 2019, \$548,510, Beholder Mile S. **[G1]** (SA, \$240,000), 2nd La Troienne S. **[G1]** (CD, \$96,000), Clement L. Hirsch S. **[G1]** (DMR, \$60,000), Zenyatta S. **[G2]** (SA, \$40,000), 3rd Desi Arnaz S. [L] (DMR, \$12,000).

Mexican Hat (f. by Street Cry (IRE)). 2 wins at 4 in NA, placed at 3 in FR, \$94,496 (USA), 3rd Belle Mahone S. (WO, \$11,000(CAN)).

She's Delightful (f. by Mission Impazible). 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$132,858.

Christina's World (f. by Unbridled's Song). Winner at 3, \$51,000. Producer.

Claire's Song (f. by Unbridled's Song). Placed at 3 and 4, \$37,471. Dam of--

ELUSIVE MISCHIEF (c. by Into Mischief). 4 wins at 3 and 4, 2019, \$208,112(USA), Meadow Stable S. -R (CNL, \$60,000), 3rd Charlie Barley S. (WO, \$11,000(CAN)).

3rd dam

HARD KNOCKER, by Raja Baba. Unraced. Half-sister to **MASHAALLAH** (\$806,343 USA), Hwt. older horse at 4 on Irish Free Hand., 14 fur. & up, Hwt. older horse at 4 on Italian Free Hand., 11 - 14 fur., Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St. Leger **[G1]**, etc., sire), **FOLK ART** (\$274,095, Oak Leaf S.-**G1**, etc.), **SPORTIN' LIFE** (\$181,726, Leonard Richards S., etc., sire), **Barefoot Ballerina** (\$30,203, 4th Miss Grillo S. **[G2]**). Dam of 10 winners--

CHIMICHURRI (f. by Elusive Quality). Black type winner, see above.

HUAMBO (c. by Green Dancer). 5 wins, 3 to 5 in GER and TUR, \$45,330 (USA), 50 Orakel der Dreijaehrigen [L], 2nd Preis des Casino Baden-Baden [L], Mueller Brot-Riemer-Meile [L], 3rd Grosser Preis der Dortmunder Wirtschaft **[G3]**.

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Skip Poker (f. by Skip Away). 3 wins, 2 to 4, \$109,938, 3rd Twin Lights S. (MTH, \$6,600). Dam of--
 =**LIQUID MERCURY (SAF)** (g. by Trippi). 6 wins at 3 and 5 in SAF and UAE, \$148,023 (USA), Winter Derby [G3], 3rd Investec Cape Derby [G1], Winter Classic [G3].
 =**CAPTAIN GAMBLER (SAF)** (f. by =Captain Al (SAF)). 2 wins at 2 in SAF, \$20,475 (USA), Irridescence S. [L], 3rd Investec Cape Derby [G1].
 =**Trip Poker (SAF)** (f. by Trippi). Winner at 2 and 3 in SAF, 3rd Irridescence S. [L]. Producer.
 Proven Desire (f. by Green Dancer). Winner at 3, \$37,840. Dam of--
 =**QUICK HAWK (BRZ)** (c. by Spend a Buck). Winner at 2 in BRZ, \$47,091 (USA), Jose Calmon [L], 2nd Grande Premio Juliano Martins [G1], Grande Premio Mario de Azevedo Ribeiro [G3], 3rd Grande Premio Ipiranga-Brazilian Two Thousand Guineas [G1], Grande Premio Presidente da Republica [G1], etc.
 =Red Tulip (BRZ) (f. by Roi Normand). 2 wins at 3 in BRZ, \$11,710 (USA). Dam of--
 =**EXHIBITION (BRZ)** (f. by Wild Event). Winner at 2 and 3 in BRZ, \$49,534 (USA), Presidente Jose Bonifacio Coutinho Nogueira [G2], 2nd Presidente Hernani Azevedo Silva [G2], Presidente Fabio da Silva Prado [G2], Presidente Jose Antonio Pamplona de Andrade [G2], Presidente Guilherme Ellis [G3], etc.
 =**Broken Flower (BRZ)** (f. by Northern Afleet). Winner at 2 in BRZ, 2nd Grande Premio Emerald Hill [G3].
 =**Fija Roja (BRZ)** (f. by Put It Back). Winner at 2 and 3 in BRZ, 2nd Ministerio da Agricultura [L].
 Valley Fever (f. by Peaks and Valleys). Winner at 3, \$21,720. Dam of--
VALLI WITH A VOW (f. by Broken Vow). 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$210,771(USA), Pago Hop S. (FG, \$36,000), 3rd Nassau S. [G2] (WO, \$30,000(CAN)). Producer.
Fever Fever (f. by Elusive Quality). Winner at 2 in FR , \$52,902 (USA), 3rd Grand Criterium de Bordeaux-Prix de Sauternes [L]. Dam of--
Hijra (IRE) (f. by Oratorio (IRE)). 4 wins, 3 to 7, placed at 9, 2019 in FR and NA , \$189,867 (USA), 3rd Luther Burbank H. (SR, \$6,000), Miss America S. (GG, \$6,000).
 Impenetrable (g. by Mr. Greeley). Winner at 5 and 6 in UAE, \$40,601 (USA).
 Deputy Mayor (c. by Deputy Minister). Winner at 4 and 5, \$30,493. Sire.
 Anglona (f. by Polish Navy). Winner at 3 in FR , \$17,922 (USA).
 Raheena (f. by Lyphard). Winner at 4 in UAE, placed at 3 in ENG, \$9,925 (USA).
 Algero (c. by Alleged). Winner at 2 in IRE, \$3,723 (USA).

4th dam

Homespun, by Round Table. Winner at 2 and 3, \$30,885, 2nd San Clemente S., 3rd Yerba Buena H. Sister to **SPHERE** (\$116,990, Palomar H., etc.), **DUMBWAITER** (\$71,407 (USA), Ulster Harp Derby, etc.), half-sister to **SABER MOUNTAIN** (\$115,175, San Felipe H., etc.). Dam of 8 winners, including--
MASHAALLAH (c. by Nijinsky II). 9 wins, 3 to 6 in ENG, FR , IRE, NA , GER and ITY, \$806,343 (USA), Hwt. older horse at 4 on Irish Free Hand., 14 fur. & up, Hwt. older horse at 4 on Italian Free Hand., 11 - 14 fur., Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St. Leger [G1], Grosser Preis von Baden [G1], Gran Premio di Milano [G1], Prix de la Porte de Madrid [L], Jim Murray H. -R (HOL, \$46,600), 2nd Prix Royal-Oak-French St. Leger [G1], Prix Maurice de Nieuil [G2], Aston Park S. [L], etc. Sire.
FOLK ART (f. by Nijinsky II). 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$274,095, Oak Leaf S.-G1, 2nd Torrey Pines S. [LR], [Q] [Q] at, 3rd Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup [L].
SPORTIN' LIFE (c. by Nijinsky II). 8 wins, 2 to 4, \$181,726, Leonard Richards S., Allegheny S., Philmont S., William du Pont, Jr. H., Cochise H.-etr, 1 1/16 miles in 1:41.60, 2nd Pennsylvania Derby-G3, 3rd Hill Prince S.-G3. Sire.
Barefoot Ballerina (f. by Nijinsky II). 2 wins at 2, \$30,203, 4th Miss Grillo S. [G2].
 Connie Knows (f. by Buckpasser). 6 wins at 2 and 3, \$74,586.
COURT HOSTESS (f. by Sovereign Dancer). 12 wins, 3 to 5, \$464,894, Brown & Williamson H. [G3], AKSarben Budweiser Breeders' Cup S. [L] (AKS, \$92,700), Michigan Budweiser Breeders' Cup H. [L] (DET, \$62,550), Michigan Budweiser Breeders' Cup H. [L] (DET, \$62,400), Imp H. (TDN, \$24,000) twice, etc.
CONNIE'S GIFT (f. by Nijinsky II). 5 wins, 2 to 4 in ENG and NA , \$166,163 (USA), Louisville Budweiser Breeders' Cup H. [G2].
 Balinese (f. by Nijinsky II). Winner at 2 and 3, \$43,420.

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Eishin Michigan (f. by Manila). Placed at 3 in JPN, \$47,299 (USA).

EISHIN CHAMP (c. by Mi Cielo). 5 wins, 2 to 6 in JPN, \$2,340,175 (USA), Champion 2-year-old colt in Japan, Asahi Hai Futurity S. [L], Hochi Hai Yayoi Sho [L], 3rd Satsuki Sho-Japanese Two Thousand Guineas -R, Naruo Kinen [L], Kokura Daishoten H. [L].

Granny Sack (f. by Blushing Groom (FR)). Placed at 2.

Hard Knocker (f. by Raja Baba). See above.

Home Love (f. by *Vaguely Noble). Unraced.

LOCAL TALENT (c. by Northern Dancer). 3 wins at 2 and 3 in FR , \$175,318 (USA), Prix Jean Prat [**G1**], Prix La Rochette [**G3**], 2nd Prix de Guiche [**G3**], 4th Grand Criterium [**G1**], Prix Morny [**G1**], etc. Sire.

LOCAL SUITOR (c. by Blushing Groom (FR)). 2 wins in 4 starts at 2 in ENG, \$42,225 (USA), Rokeby Farms Mill Reef S.-**G2**, 3rd William Hill Dewhurst S.-**G1**, 4th Craven S. [**G3**]. Sire.

Soybean Trader (c. by Soy Numero Uno). 5 wins, 3 to 6, \$46,938, 3rd Lafayette S.-L.

Heavenlyspun (f. by His Majesty). Unplaced in 2 starts.

Jagellon (c. by Danzig Connection). 2 wins at 4 in ENG, \$26,689 (USA), 2nd James Seymour S. [L].

Exigence (f. by Exclusive Native). Unplaced in 2 starts in FR .

Pleasure Treasure (FR) (f. by Caerleon). 5 wins, 2 to 4 in FR , \$70,881 (USA), 2nd Grand Prix d'Aquitaine [L].

RACE RECORD for Hard Not to Love: At 2, unraced; at 3, four wins (La Brea S. [**G1**] (SA, \$180,000)), once 3rd (Angels Flight S. [L] (SA, \$9,480)) in 5 starts; at 4, 2020, one win (Santa Monica S. [**G2**] (SA, \$120,000)) in 1 start. Totals: 5 wins, once 3rd in 6 starts. Earned \$408,480.