

Gu Gu Beans Breaks Maiden on Three-Day Rest

By Bill Heller

Just four days after finishing ninth in an open maiden \$40,000 grass claimer at Belmont Park, Charles Palombini and Anthony Catalano's three-year-old New York-bred filly **Gu Gu Beans** won a one-mile New York-bred maiden \$40,000 grass claimer by a length at Aqueduct Thursday in 1:42.05. Joe Bravo rode the filly both times for trainer Anthony Quartarolo.

Sent off at 5-1 in the field of 12, Gu Gu Beans wore down a pair of longshots for her first career victory. **Bob and Jim**, a 23-1 shot, finished second ahead of an extremely game frontrunner, 69-1 **River Knight**.

River Knight shot straight to the lead as 10-1 **The Frood Dude** chased in second. Gu Gu Beans raced in third through splits of :24.20 for the quarter, :50.14 for the half and 1:16.16 for three-quarters of a mile.

River Knight repulsed a challenge by 24-1 **Tom's Vision** and kept fighting on the lead as both Gu Gu Beans on his outside and Bob and Jim three-wide took their shots. Gu Gu Beans was the strongest of the three and prevailed.

Gu Gu Beans now has a win, three seconds and four thirds in 12 turf tries with earnings of more than \$80,000.

Making his first start on dirt with blinkers restored, Treadway Racing Stable's **Fleeting** took over the lead at the head of the stretch and opened up on six opponents, winning a 6 ½-furlong \$41,000 New York-bred maiden \$40,000 claimer for two-year-olds by eight lengths under Taylor Rice. Sent off the 7-2 third choice, Fleeting won in 1:19.12.

False Positive, who was also adding blinkers, finished second at 6-1, four lengths clear of **Fit to Keep**, a first-time starter who was the 3-2 favorite under Manuel Franco. **Golden Luck**, who literally walked out of the starting gate, rallied to finish fourth at 13-1.

Leah Gyarmati trains **Fleeting**, a gelded son of Elusive Quality out of Grace's Valentine by Rahy who was bred by MDS Farm. Fleeting sold for \$115,000 at the 2013 August Yearling Sale.

In his debut at Saratoga, Fleeting finished a tiring eighth in a grass sprint wearing blinkers. His next start was also on turf at a mile and a sixteenth, and he finished a distant ninth racing without blinkers. Both of those starts were in maiden special weights. Gyarmati switched Fleeting to dirt, restored his blinkers and dropped him into a maiden claimer. It worked!

Rice settled **Fleeting** third early behind dueling frontrunners, 5-2 **Space Cowboy** on the outside of 13-1 **Essence At Noon**. Space Cowboy continued to nurse a slim lead on the outside of Space Cowboy through a quarter in :24.17 and a half-mile in :48.2. Then Rice made her move with Fleeting, who gobbled up the two horses in front of him and quickly opened a three-length lead. The margin kept growing as **Fleeting** won by himself.
