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SOCIETY REMAINS UNBEATEN WITH FRONT-RUNNING MONOMOY GIRL SCORE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, June 18, 2022) – Peter E. Blum Thoroughbreds LLC's promising homebred 3-year-old filly **Society** remained unbeaten in three starts with a front-running, half-length victory over **Miss Yearwood** in Saturday night's inaugural running of the \$153,900 Monomoy Girl Overnight Stakes on Downs After Dark at Churchill Downs.

Trained by Hall of Famer **Steve Asmussen** and ridden by leading jockey **Tyler Gaffalione**, Society clocked 1 1/16 miles in 1:45.05 for her debut around two turns.

Breaking from post position No. 2 in the compact field of five 3-year-old fillies, Society went straight to the front and set soft early fractions of :24.81 and :49.37 as 22-1 outsider **Glacken's Cause** tracked about a length behind. Around the final turn, Miss Yearwood made a sweeping move from last to draw even with Society at the top of the stretch.

But after six furlongs in 1:14.10, Society was up to the challenge. The two battled shoulder to shoulder down the homestretch, but Society, racing along the inside rail, was determined and re-broke inside the final furlong to turn back Miss Yearwood's charge.

"She was very determined on the front end," Gaffalione said. "When (Miss Yearwood) drew alongside she fought hard the entire way."

The triumph was worth \$97,900 and boosted Society's bankroll to \$221,720.

Society is a Kentucky-bred daughter of Gun Runner out of the Tapit mare Etiquette.

Society, the odds-on 3-5 favorite, returned \$3.40, \$2.40 and \$2.10. Miss Yearwood, second in the betting at odds of 2-1 under **Julien Leparoux**, returned \$2.40 and \$2.20 and finished 1 ¾ lengths in front of 14-1 **Tap Dancing Lady** who paid \$2.80 to show under **John McKee**.

Glacken's Cause finished fourth and **Imogene Malvina**, the 3-1 third choice, was eased.

Society began her career Oct. 21 with a one-length victory at Keeneland over 6 ½ furlongs under the care of trainer **Wayne Mackey**. She was transferred to the care of Asmussen and won a 6 ½-furlong first-level allowance event at Churchill Downs on Kentucky Oaks Day by 1 ¾ lengths.

Saturday night's success was Society's first attempt around a distance of ground.

"She was very impressive and we're really proud of her to run like that trying two turns for the first time," said Asmussen's chief assistant trainer Scott Blasi. "She ran well here in her last start sprinting and showed today she could handle the added distance. We'll see what's next but we're very pleased with her effort today."

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The Monomoy Girl honors the stellar champion mare who was conditioned by **Brad Cox**. Monomoy Girl, a Kentucky-bred daughter of Tapizar, won 14 of her 17 starts with three seconds for earnings of \$4,776,818 from 2017-21. At Churchill Downs, she won six of seven starts including victories in 2017 Rags to Riches, 2018 Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI), 2018 Breeders' Cup Distaff (GI) and 2020 La Troienne (GI). Monomoy Girl also won the 2020 Breeders' Cup Distaff (GI) at Keeneland. Her owners from the outset were **Michael Dubb** and **Monomoy Stables LLC**, and she concluded her career under the partnership of **My Racehorse Stable**, **Spendthrift Farm LLC** and **Madaket Stables LLC**.

Racing at Churchill Downs continues Sunday with an 11-race Father's Day program that begins at 12:45 p.m. ET.

MONOMOY GIRL QUOTES

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