

FINSCEAL BEO (IRE)

Globeform 119+

2004 ch f Mr Greeley (GF 117) – Musical Treat (GF 94) / Royal Academy (GF 127)

O: M A Ryan

B: Rathbarry Stud

T: Jim Bolger IRE



Finsceal Beo winning the Prix Marcel Bossac at Longchamp © www.stefanograsso.it

Mr Greeley (USA) 1992 GF 117 as 3yo	Gone West (USA) 1984	Mr Prospector (USA) 1970
	Long Legend (USA) 1978	Secrettame (USA) 1978
Musical Treat (Ire) 1996 GF 94 as 3yo	Royal Academy (USA) 1987 GF 127 as 3yo	Reviewer (USA) 1966
	Mountain Ash (GB) 1989 GF 103 as 3yo	Lianga (USA) 1971
		Nijinsky (Can) 1967
		Crimson Saint (USA) 1969
		Dominion (GB) 1972
		Red Berry (GB) 1971

Pedigree notes

Mr Greeley ran 6 times as a 2yo, winning an allowance race over 6 furlongs at Aqueduct and a maiden over a mile at Belmont, accumulating a modest \$47,000 in the process. As a 3yo he proved to be legitimate graded performer, winning 3 of 10 races, including the Lafayette Stakes (G3) over 7 furlongs defeating Peaks and Valleys, the Swale Stakes (G3) over 7 furlongs defeating Devious Course, Pyramid

Peak and the Spectacular Bid Breeders' Cup Stakes (G3) back in distance to 6 furlongs, defeating Make Me. His best effort was when he was beaten a neck by Desert Stormer in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) at Belmont Park over 6f, with Lit de Justice back in 3rd place.

At stud Mr Greeley has been a success with his 2007 fee being set at \$75,000 by Gainsway

Stud. He has sired 34 individual stakes winners, including 17 Graded / Group winners. His progeny include El Corredor, Cigar Mile (G1) winner, and twice winner of the Del Mar Breeders' Cup H (G2). Mr Greeley is also sire of Whywhywhy, winner of the Futurity Stakes (G1), and G1 winners Celtic Melody, Miss Kournikova, Nonsuch Bay and Reel Buddy. He has the G1 placed sprint/miler Sir Greeley still in action, as well as the talented 3yo duo Horse Greeley and Belgravia running for him in North America in 2007.

Musical Treat was placed in two Listed events over 10 furlongs at three, after breaking her maiden over 7 furlongs. She has also produced Red Riot (Red Ransom), who was third in a maiden from just three starts at three. Musical Treat is a sister to Analyser, a very good mile handicapper in England, and her dam, **Mountain Ash**, won the Premio Royal Mares over a mile in Italy twice. The third dam, **Red Berry**, ran second in the Cheveley Park S (G1).

Finsceal Beo, top class filly

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£178,422.18 (01Jan07)

Best performance:

WON ROCKFEL STAKES (G2) GF 119+
7 fur. turf (good / soft) Newmarket 14 Oct

Finsceal Beo finished the 2006 season as the favourite for the 2007 renewal of the 1000 Guineas (G1). She rounded off her 2yo season with a dominating performance in the **Rockfel Stakes (G2)** over 7 furlongs at Newmarket in mid-October. Carrying a 4lb-penalty for her success in the Boussac earlier in the month, she dwarfed her rivals in the parade ring and did the same in the race itself. Settled just behind the leaders she was shaken up at the two-furlong pole and smoothly powered away from the opposition to beat Rahiyah by 3 lengths, with Puggy staying on for third.



Jim Bolger, has two Guineas favourites in his care, Finsceal Beo and Teofilo. © www.stefanograsso.it

Her runner-up was coming off a decent maiden win at Goodwood, while Puggy had been beaten just a nose by Selinka in the Oh So Sharp Stakes (LR) on her previous start.

This success proved that Finsceal Beo's win in the **Prix Marcel Boussac (G1)** at Longchamp, which she took by an even more dominating 5 lengths, was no fluke. It's just possible though that it was a relatively poor renewal of the Boussac, with the second Darrfonah starting at 14/1 and only having won a conditions race previously. The favourite Legerete was third, having won one of her two previous races for Andre Fabre.

The Mr Greeley filly was held up at Longchamp, and delivered in a perfectly timed challenge to join the leaders 300 metres from the line, before quickening like a high class performer to go away in the closing stages. She raced more prominently when dropping in distance at Newmarket, where she took command a furlong out and was never in any danger up the hill.

Finsceal Beo had started her career off in a modest maiden at Leopardstown back in April. Always prominent, she took the lead early in the straight but was slightly headed by Saint Andrew. Having the rail to help and showing gritty determination she fought him off, as well as the late finishing surges Yario and Phoenix Ice, for a ¾-length victory.

Finsceal Beo was not seen again until September 1, when she went off favourite. but was surprisingly beaten, in an ordinary nursery at Tralee. Taking up the running at the furlong marker she looked the likely winner until outstayed by Numen, who was in receipt of 7lbs.

Her next race was the highly competitive **Goffs Million** over 7 furlongs at the Curragh, that attracted 28 runners. The field split into two groups, with Finsceal Beo going with the largest group that seemed to be getting the worse of it until Regime ran on for second. There is no doubt that the smaller group that went the shortest route had an advantage but it was disappointing that Regime, in 'winning' his group, was able to go past Finsceal Beo with ease in the final furlong, leaving her 2 ½ lengths behind. The winner was Miss Beatrix who already had a G1 to her credit, having won the Moyglare Stud at the Curragh. At the time the race had quite a strong look about it.

Form summary

A mature and talented filly who won 3 of 5 races. Winner of the Prix Marcel Boussac (G1) over a mile and the Rockfel Stakes (G2) over 7 furlongs. Has no problem getting a mile but not sure to stay much further as a 3-year-old.

Looking ahead

Finsceal Beo's first target is the 1000 Guineas (G1) in May – and she may go there without a prep race. If she has trained on she has a big chance, and the Irish 1000 Guineas (G1) could be a natural second target, followed by the Coronation Stakes (G1) at Royal Ascot. She has not been entered for the Oaks (G1) but may be tried over 10 furlongs in the Prix Saint-Alary (G1) in France.

Hairline fracture

There is no doubting Finsceal Beo's superiority in winning her two Group races, and her improvement in the autumn was a slight surprise. Her uneven form profile can probably be explained by the fact that she had sustained a hairline fracture after winning on her debut, which kept her out of action for eight weeks. After carrying a high weight in a handicap on her return, she was ready to show her true colours.

Finsceal Beo was a very mature 2-year-old filly, and other fillies may catch up with her in the summer – but the Guineas is often won by a runner with top level experience at two. At this point, she is one of the best, and her wins at Longchamp and Newmarket were both visually impressive. Finsceal Beo stays a mile well, and she acts on good and good to soft ground.



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