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BREEDERS' CUP MILE CONTENDER ONE STRIPE IN FOCUS



ONE STRIPE is an interesting longshot who could surprise in the Breeders' Cup Mile. He never got into the race (was pace compromised and a bit rusty) when fifth behind **NOTABLE SPEECH** in the Woodbine Mile, his first start in North America; but he showed enough on that day to be given a positive tick in the notebook.

He has plenty of those already and this is a horse to consider using underneath by Trifecta / Superfecta players. He was a top class performer in his native South Africa, and he is a very interesting new name in the turf division. Given that he had a G1 win this year, and Notable Speech did not, the Graham Motion trainee had to give the English Guineas winner 4lbs - another disadvantage. One Stripe, who is also a Guineas winner, was an improving horse when he left South Africa to join Motion, and the progress could well continue. He should have been coming to the US off three straight G1 wins, by the way, as he was badly hampered and wiped right out when making a winning move 300 meters out in the Princess Charlene Big Cap at Kenilworth in March (eased to be sixth). Prior to that nightmare day he had won the Cape Guineas and the King's Plate, both over a mile at the same venue. He came from well off the pace in the Guineas, a race he took by 1 1/4 lengths from Eight On Eighteen (a winner of three G1 events since).

The King's Plate win was gained from just off the pace; One Stripe was much the best as he faced older horses; he beat 75-1 shot Montien readily by 1 3/4 lengths, with 14-1 shot Gimme A Prince a neck further back in third place. Montien was coming off a fourth in a G3 and went on to run third in a G1 next time out, while Gimme A Prince went from the King's Plate to a 5 3/4-length win in a G1 sprint; and followed up with a G2 win thereafter. One Stripe performed to GF 113p when he won the Cape Guineas and he improved to **Globeform 117p** in the King's Plate. Both of these races were on soft ground but he has four stakes wins also on good ground. He returned GF 108+ at Woodbine, plenty good enough to suggest that he has retained his ability.

Notable Speech / Woodbine Mile: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSAa5F-0Lkw>
5th One Stripe

One Stripe / King's Plate, Kenilworth, SAF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3U7wJB8BjU>

One Stripe 3rd / Princess Charlene Big Cap, SAF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4boRCdFkFig>

One Stripe / Cape Guineas, SAF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muALfaq0LAA>