



The 2012/2013
Valkyr Trophy

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Valkyr was a daughter of Man o' War and mother of multiple stakes winner Vicar, a stallion at Amory Hare Hutchinson's Westerly Stud in Santa Ynez. Hutchinson was so enamored with Vicar that she created the Valkyr Trophy to honor his dam and future broodmares of the Golden State.

Now, 63 years after it was first awarded, the Valkyr Trophy goes to a filly born and raised on the same ground which Valkyr's best son roamed. California Thoroughbred Breeders Association (CTBA) members voted Doinghardtimeagain the 2012/2013 Valkyr Trophy as the most consistent and classy two- or three-year-old California-bred filly of the past 12 months.

Her racetrack exploits have made her the most successful horse owners Tom and Debi Stull have bred at their Tommy Town Thoroughbreds, located on land formerly part of Westerly Stud. Like other breeders who've recently won the trophy, they were unfamiliar with its history. "We looked it up, and there have

Doinghardtimeagain: A Link To The Past

been a lot of nice horses that have won it," Mike Allen, the Farm Manager of Tommy Town, said. "It's a pretty big honor."

Allen said Doinghardtimeagain is a result of the Stulls' desire to breed their best mares to dual stakes winner and graded stakes-placed Ministers Wild Cat, who's been at Tommy Town since he entered stud in 2006. A 13-year-old son of Eclipse Award champions Deputy Minister and Hollywood Wildcat, he stood the 2013 season for a \$3,500 fee. He was California's leading freshman and second- and third-crop sire from 2009 to 2011. Through Aug. 13, he was

this year's third leading California sire by money won and second leading sire by races won.

As a grade II winner, Doinghardtimeagain has achieved the highest grade among Ministers Wild Cat's 14 stakes-winning progeny. His three-year-old son, Tiz A Minister, is a grade III winner this year.

Doinghardtimeagain is the

**The Results Of The Ballot For
The 2012/2013 Valkyr Trophy
As Voted By
The CTBA Membership**

1st—Doinghardtimeagain
2nd—Willa B Awesome
3rd—Unusual Hottie
**4th—Bella Viaggia, Best Present Ever &
Tilde (tied)**

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| Doinghardtimeagain | | Dk. b or b. f. 3 (Jan) | | Life 8 4 3 0 \$483,770 96 | | D.Fst 2 1 1 0 \$157,500 95 | |
| Own: Tommy Town Thoroughbreds LLC | | Sire: Ministers Wild Cat (Deputy Minister) \$4,000 | | 2013 4 2 1 0 \$285,270 96 | | Wet(379) 1 0 0 0 \$18,000 68 | |
| | | Dam: Silver Hawk Lady (Conquistador Cielo) | | 2012 4 2 2 0 \$198,500 77 | | Synth 4 3 1 0 \$288,500 96 | |
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\$196,000 Soviet Problem Stakes—December 9, 2012



\$200,750 Evening Jewel Stakes—March 30, 2013

third foal out of the Conquistador Cielo mare Silver Hawk Lady, who broke her maiden in her 18th career start and won just once more from 36 total races. She produced four foals from 2008 to 2011 before dying of colic. Her first two progeny, Richard'sdoingtime and Top Hawker, are winners.

Her final foal is named Twentyfive to Life, keeping with the prison theme Allen said was inspired by one of the Stulls' former business partners. The filly, by the Tommy Town stallion Kafwain, recently entered training at the farm, and "looks like a pretty nice horse."

Doinghardtimeagain was always an "A" student since she was foaled without incident on Jan. 28, 2010. "When we got her into training, she seemed like one of the ones that liked it," Allen said. "She was really good-minded and professional about being broke and being trained."

Doinghardtimeagain made her racing debut for National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame trainer Jerry Hollendorfer late in the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's 2012 meet, in a maiden special weight on Aug. 26. Sent off at 16-1 odds, she stalked the pace and finished second by half a length on the all-weather Polytrack surface.

Despite defeat, Doinghardtimeagain's connections had enough confidence to enter her in the \$250,000 Keith E. Card California Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes at Santa Anita Park on Oct. 13. Though she finished second again, she proved she belonged in stakes company by pushing the eventual California Champion Two-Year-Old Female, Tilde, to the limit.

Doinghardtimeagain got her first taste of the winner's circle when she was dropped down in class for a 6 1/2-furlong maiden special weight at Betfair Hollywood Park on Nov. 9. The dark bay or brown filly kept the ball rolling one month later with a score in the \$196,000 Soviet Problem Stakes, named after the 1992/1993 Valkyr Trophy winner.

Doinghardtimeagain completed 2012 with two wins, two seconds and \$198,500 for the Stulls, Hollendorfer and jockey Martin Garcia. She got off to a slow start this year, finishing fourth in the \$300,750 California Breeders Champion Stakes on Jan. 26, and second in the \$81,850 Sweet

Life Stakes on Feb. 16. The races were held at Santa Anita at one mile on the dirt and about 6 1/2 furlongs on the downhill turf, respectively. Joe Talamo was the rider in both losses.

In Doinghardtimeagain's next outing, Talamo chose favored Sweet Marini in the \$200,750 Evening Jewel Stakes on March 30. Rafael Bejarano took advantage of the vacancy and hand rode Doinghardtimeagain to a 3 1/2-length victory in the 6 1/2 furlong dirt race named in honor of the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 Valkyr champion.

Bejarano proved a potent match, as he subsequently guided her to the winner's circle in two 1 1/16-mile contests over Betfair Hollywood Park's all-weather Cushion Track surface. In the \$245,000 Melair Stakes on April 27, Doinghardtimeagain stalked and pounced to score by 1 1/4 lengths.

She was the odds-on favorite in that race against fellow statebreds, and again in the grade II, \$150,000 Hollywood Oaks on June 22. Showing more speed in the field of five horses, Doinghardtimeagain led gate-to-wire and won by 2 1/2 lengths. She remained undefeated in four starts at the Inglewood oval, where Hollendorfer houses his Southern California string.

Doinghardtimeagain returned to the site of her debut for the \$200,000 Fleet Treat Stakes on July 27. She weakened to finish fourth of five, a loss Bejarano chalked up to her dislike for the all-weather Polytrack surface. A switch to turf didn't help, as Doinghardtimeagain finished ninth of 10 fillies in the grade I, \$301,250 Del Mar Oaks on Aug. 17.

Valkyr Trophy voting was based on horses' performances from June 1, 2012 to May 31, 2013. In that time, Doinghardtimeagain compiled a record of 8-4-3-0 and earned \$483,770. Her lifetime totals are 11-5-3-0 and \$586,740.

Regardless of how she performs from here on out, Doinghardtimeagain is held in the highest esteem by those at Tommy Town. "She turned out to be a better horse than we ever thought she'd be," Allen said. "She's won this award, and she's made half a million dollars. She's the best horse we've raised here."

Amory Hare Hutchinson would be proud. 🏆



\$245,000 Melair Stakes—April 27, 2013



Grade II Hollywood Oaks—June 22, 2013