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## Haydens add a \$2 million colt to resume

**By CINDY DEUBLER**

Only a few breeding operations have produced an Eclipse Award champion and Breeders' Cup winner, and a multi-million-dollar sales horse. David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm belongs to that elite company following Tuesday's Fasig-Tipton Florida selected 2-year-olds in training sale at Calder.

A Golden Missile colt out of Silverdew, bred in the name of Dark Hollow Farm and Kildare Investments, brought \$2 million, tying it for the third-highest price of the sale, on a bid by John Ferguson as agent. Terry Oliver and Bo Hunt's O & H Bloodstock sold the colt, who had turned in a solid work the week before, going a furlong in 10.20 seconds. Oliver and Hunt had purchased the bay colt for \$175,000 at the Keeneland September yearling sale.

"My hats off to them for doing as great as they did," said David Hayden of Oliver and Hunt.

JoAnn Hayden said: "We were very happy with what we got for the colt as a yearling. It may not have turned out as well if things were done differently."

The Haydens thought a final price of \$500,000 to \$600,000 would have been a great number for the 2-year-old. As they watched the bidding on the live video stream on their computer, "we were screaming and jumping up and down," said JoAnn.

From day one, the Haydens have held the colt in high regard. "He has a tremendous hip, a lovely profile, and a huge overstride," noted David Hayden. "He is a powerhouse."

The colt was the highest-priced of 41 Golden Missile yearlings sold in 2005.

The Haydens bought Silverdew, a daughter of Silver Deputy, for \$75,000 at the Adena Springs mixed sale in November 2003 with the colt in utero.

"This horse is a product of their breeding, and we are the beneficiaries," said David Hayden, who commended Adena Springs "for developing a very good sale where first-time to sophisticated buyers can find great value."

George Harris and Will DeBurgh, partners in two other mares with Dark Hollow Farm, purchased a half-interest in Silverdew the day after the Adena Springs sale.

The Silverdew purchase included a service to Frank Stronach's Preakness Stakes winner Red Bullet, and the resulting yearling filly is expected to be sold

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at this year's Keeneland September sale. Now in foal to Not for Love and due in April, Silverdew, 10, is booked for 2006 to Roman Ruler.

In residence at Dark Hollow Farm are 21 mares owned entirely or in part by the Haydens. Eight are dams of

graded stakes winners, including Delta Danielle, the dam of millionaire Our New Recruit, winner of the \$2 million Dubai Golden Shaheen; Zakcat, the dam of Zakocity, an earner of \$638,530; and Nin Two, who produced New York Hero, an earner of \$585,560.

The Haydens are best known, however, as the breeders of Eclipse Award-winning sprinter Safely Kept, whose many accomplishments include a victory in the 1990 Breeders' Cup Sprint. The Haydens sold Safely Kept privately midway through her 2-year-old season. She went on to earn \$2,194,206.

David Hayden, an advertising executive, and JoAnn, a retired schoolteacher, are hands-on owners, especially JoAnn. "She is a key player," said David. "She is out there, day-to-day."

It was the purchase of Safely Kept's dam, Safely Home, that launched the Haydens on their path to success - and they memorialized their top producer by naming a 75-acre division of their farm Safely Home. Dark Hollow Farm encompasses three properties in northern Baltimore County: the original 70-acre portion, at which the foals are born; Safely Home, where the foals are weaned and the yearlings raised; and 50 leased acres, which house the mares during much of the year, at Whitehackle Farm, the property of the late Jervis Marshall.

The sales price of the Golden Missile colt equaled the record for a Maryland-bred 2-year-old sold at public auction, matching that of La Salle Street, a colt from the first crop of Maryland sire Not for Love sold at the Keeneland April sale in 1999. The all-time record for an unraced Maryland-bred prospect came during the heydays of Windfields Farm, when E.P. Taylor's Northern Dancer colt out of Truly Bound, named Obligato, sold for \$5.4 million as a yearling in 1984.

A total of five Maryland-bred juveniles were sold at last week's sale, the second-highest price coming for a son of Maryland sire Two Punch out of Pithy (by Quiet American). Bred by Bowman & Higgins Stable, the colt was consigned by H.T. Stables (Allen Jenkins), agent, for owner Cam Allard and brought a final bid of \$475,000 by Oliver N.I. Cole.

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