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Spanky Fischbein caps stallion day

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Hook and Ladder got his second stakes winner from his first crop of runners when Spanky Fischbein won the \$100,000 Great White Way division of the New York Stallion Stakes last Sunday.

A 10-year-old son of Dixieland Band, Hook and Ladder stands at Sequel Stallions New York in Hudson.

He is also the sire of Bongard Stakes winner Big Truck and I Promise, who finished third in the Grade 3 Schuylerville Stakes at Saratoga Race Course.

Owned by Gold Square Stable and bred by Chester and Mary Broman, Spanky Fischbein raised his career earnings to \$145,505 with a record of 2-3-0 in 5 starts. He also placed in the open Tyro Stakes, as well as the Aspirant and Bongard for New York-breds.

Spanky Fischbein was the sale-topper at the New York-bred preferred yearling sale at Saratoga in 2006, when he sold for \$230,000.

His dam is Moneymakinmamma, a winning daughter of In Excess who is out of Queen of Money, winner of the Grade 3 Santa Ynez Stakes and second in the Grade 1 Santa Anita Oaks.

Queen of Money is the dam of stakes winners Quiet Cash and Pocketfullofpesos, from a family that includes C'Est L'Amour, winner of the Grade 2 Nassau County Stakes.

The other 2-year-old division of the New York Stallion Stakes last Sunday at Aqueduct was the Fifth Avenue, won by Canadian Ballet. The daughter of City Zip was bred by Gus Schoenborn Jr. and is owned by Obviously NY Stable.

Canadian Ballet, coming off a third in the New York Breeders Futurity at Finger Lakes, raised her earnings to \$148,085 with a record of 2-1-1 from 4 starts.

She is a full sister to stakes-placed Vasa out of Canadian Flagship, by Northern Flagship. Canadian Ballet's second dam is the stakes winner Key Bid, who placed in several graded events while racing on the East and West coasts.

Stunt Man, Factual Contender, Tamberino, and Red Zipper were the other winners as the New York Stallion Stakes series for 2007 came to a close last Sunday.

Stunt Man, owned by Winning Move Stable and partners and bred by Flying Zee Stable, won the Thunder Rumble division for older males. The 3-year-old gelding, who earlier this year won the Albany Handicap and the open More Than Ready Stakes, is a son of Highcliff Farm stallion Western Expression out of Ribboned, by Well Decorated.

Stunt Man's family includes Canadian champion sprinter Mr. Epperson and Blue Grass Stakes winner Bachelor Beau.

Flying Zee Stable also bred Factual Contender, winner of the Perfect Arc division on turf. Owned by Thomas J. Farone Jr., the 6-year-old mare is by Thunder Puddles out of Factuallychallenge, by Triocala. Her family includes stakes winners End of Time and Ocala Boy.

Hedgewick Stable's Tamberino won the Staten Island division for older females. Bred by Becky Thomas and Lewis Lakin, the 4-year-old filly is by New York sire Freud out of Emotional Energy, by Crusader Sword.

Emotional Energy, winner of the Regret Stakes at Delaware Park, is from the family of major winners Funny Fellow and Protanto.

Freud stands at Sequel Stallions New York.

The classy and consistent Red Zipper won the Cormorant division for older males on turf. The 4-year-old gelding, owned by Jeffrey Tucker and bred by Nancy Harris and John G. Allen, is by City Zip out of Lady in Red, by Red Attack.

Lady in Red is a granddaughter of the top mare Near and Dear, who is a half-sister to In Reality.

Dave's win makes it 24

Parting Glass Stable's New York-bred Dave won the Grade 2 Red Smith Handicap, his first graded victory.

The hard-knocking 6-year-old gelded son of Ends Well was bred by the late Joe W. Gerrity.

Dave inherited his durability from his mother, Commodore Gold, a daughter of Commodore C. who won 22 of 81 starts. She is a half-sister to stakes winner Sir Stephenmichael.

Dave sent his career earnings to \$538,792 with a record of 7-10-3 from 35 starts.

He is the 24th New York-bred to win an open stakes race in 2007.