

# KEY CONTENDER

First Season 1996

Chestnut, 1988, 16 hands

Dosage Profile: (12-6-10-3-1); DI: 2.56; CD: 0.78

## Key Contender's Race Record in North America

Age	Starts	1st (SW)	2nd (sp)	3rd (sp)	Earnings
2	6	1	5	0	\$46,660
3	10	2	2	2	55,680
4	9	3	2 (1)	1	118,304
5	10	3	4 (1)	0	127,960
6	10	4	2 (1)	2	158,727
7	11	2 (1)	2 (2)	1	331,930
					\$839,261
					(Ri:13.38)
					(7, 8.5f, Career best Rag# 5)

**At 4: 2nd Stuyvesant H.-G3** (\$115,200, Aqu, to Shots Are Ringing, by a neck, dftd. Timely Warning).

**At 5: 2nd Stuyvesant H.-G3** (\$117,000, Aqu, to Michelle Can Pass, by a neck, dftd. Primitive Hall).

**At 6: 2nd Fayette S.-G2** (\$109,300, Kee, to Sunny Sunrise, dftd. Powerful Punch).

**At 7: 1st Suburban H.-G1** (\$350,000, Bel, 10f, 2:02.30, dftd. Kissin Kris, Federal Funds), **2nd Brooklyn H.-G2** (\$250,000, Bel, to You and I, dftd. Slick Horn), **Aqueduct H.-G3** (Rag# 5) (\$83,351, Aqu, to Danzig's Dance, dftd. Golden Larch).

## Sire Line

**KEY CONTENDER** is by **FIT TO FIGHT**, 14 wins, 2 to 5, 26 starts, \$1,042,075. **1st** Metropolitan H.-G1, Brooklyn H.-G1, Suburban H.-G1, etc. **FIT TO FIGHT** is the sire of 21 crops, 832 foals, 41 stakes winners, SI: 1.15, ComSI: 1.37.

For statistics on active sons of Fit to Fight at stud, please refer to the Active Sons Index.

## Key Contender's Crop Analysis By Foal Crop

(Through November 6, 2011)

Year	Named Foals	2YO				Stakes		Earnings
		Foals	Runners	Winners	wins	wnrs	SWs	
1997	38	27 (71%)	20 (53%)	0 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$1,642,827	
1998	32	26 (81%)	16 (50%)	1 (0)	1 (3%)	1 (3%)	\$1,144,832	
1999	25	19 (76%)	15 (60%)	1 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$772,345	
2000	38	25 (66%)	20 (53%)	1 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$1,310,446	
2001	21	13 (62%)	8 (38%)	2 (1)	1 (5%)	1 (5%)	\$1,031,945	
2002	20	18 (90%)	12 (60%)	0 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$638,729	
2003	17	17 (100%)	10 (59%)	3 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$511,855	
2004	14	10 (71%)	7 (50%)	1 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$381,087	
2005	7	5 (71%)	3 (43%)	1 (0)	1 (14%)	1 (14%)	\$666,996	
2006	6	5 (83%)	2 (33%)	0 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$120,492	
2007	3	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$0	
2008	3	1 (33%)	0 (0%)	0 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$1,776	
Totals	224	166	113	10 (1)	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	\$8,223,330	

avg/starter \$49,538, SI: 0.89, colts 0.63, fillies 1.12; ComSI: 0.95.

## Progeny Surface Statistics

	Avg. earnings/start	# SWs (GSWs)
Dirt	\$2,363	3(1)
Turf	\$2,710	1(0)
Synthetic	\$667	0(0)

## Key Contender's Leading Runners

**WEATHERED** (05 f., dam by Thunder Puddles). 11 wins, \$574,923. (4, 7f, Rag# 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>). **1st** Next Move S.-G3, Susan's Girl S.-L, Rare Treat H., Kamikazie Rick S., Lizzy Cool S., etc.

Fit to Fight 79 832 fls, 41 SWs SI 1.15 DI=3.53	Chieftain 61 13 wins, \$405,256, SW 479 fls, 43 SWs SI 2.14 DI=3.30	Bold Ruler 54 356 fls, 82 SWs SI 8.36 DI=2.38	*Nasrullah 40	=Nearco (Ity) 35 =Mumtaz Begum (Fr) 32
	Hasty Queen II 63 Unraced 16 fls, 6 SWs DI=1.14	Pocahontas 55 9 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.63	Roman 37	*Sir Gallahad III 20 *Buckup 28
		One Count 49 225 fls, 12 SWs SI 1.71 DI=0.56	How 48	*Princequillo 40 *The Squaw II 39
	Key Witness 82 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.67	Key to the Mint 69 14 wins, \$576,015 Champion 626 fls, 48 SWs SI 2.58 DI=0.59	Queen Hopeful 51 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.75	Roman 37
Graustark 63 614 fls, 52 SWs SI 2.98 DI=0.77			*Ribot 52	=Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanella (Ity) 43
Summer Guest 69 13 wins, \$480,760, SW 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.80		Key Bridge 59 11 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.84	Blue Banner 52	*Princequillo 40 *Cosquilla 33
		Native Charger 62 561 fls, 38 SWs SI 1.55 DI=2.83	Native Dancer 50	War Admiral 34 Risqué Blue 41
		Cee Zee 56 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	*Heliopolis 36	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43
			Sicily 42	*Heliopolis 36 =Hyperion (GB) 30 =Drift (Fr) 26
			Reaping Reward 34 Gino Patty 38	

**ASK QUEENIE** (01 f., L'Amour Rullah). 27 wins, \$780,365. (4, 8.5f, Rag# 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>). **1st** First Episode S. (3 times), Isadorable S. (5 times), etc.

**NOBLE ADVERSARY** (98 g., Noble Nashua). 11 wins, \$181,834. (7, 8.32f, Rag# 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>). **1st** Genesee Valley Breeders' H., etc. **4X4 Bold Ruler**.

**Key to Love** (00 f., Lordly Love). 4 wins, \$235,812. (5, 6f, Rag# 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>). **3rd** Spruce Fir H.

**Clery's Contender** (03 g., Scarlet Ibis). 5 wins, \$113,660. (3, 6f, Rag# 12). **3rd** Genesee Valley Breeders' H., Ontario County S.

**Honey's Contender** (97 f., Noble Nashua). 2 wins, \$86,070. (3, 9f, Rag# 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>). **3rd** New York Oaks-LR.

**Sunday Driver** (99 f., Thunder Puddles). 1 win, \$73,400. (2, 8.5f, Rag# 13<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>). **2nd** Maid of the Mist S.-LR, Fifth Avenue S.-LR, etc.

**The Key to Time** (03 g., L'Amour Rullah). 2 wins, \$34,888. (4, 8.32f, Rag# 15<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>). **3rd** John Kirby S.

**Upper Key** (06 f., Shelly's Charmer). Placed, \$20,100. (4, 6f, Rag# 22<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>). **2nd** Louise Kimball S. **4X4 Bold Ruler**.

**Golden Contender** (98 g., Strike Gold). 11 wins, \$331,333. (4, 8.5f, Rag# 7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>).

Also: **Key On Richie** (g., Silent Screen). 6 wins, \$226,360; **Midnight Secret** (g., Triocala). 14 wins, \$212,749; **Zukinikiki** (f., Personal Flag). 5 wins, \$204,156; **Alwayscontender** (g., Blood Royal). 9 wins, \$162,883; **Anthenian's Legacy** (f., Noble Nashua). 5 wins, \$160,149; **Heartless** (g., D'Accord). 17 wins, \$156,661; **Ave's Princessa** (f., Personal Flag). 10 wins, \$150,080; **Lake Butler** (g., Carnivalay). 11 wins, \$144,655; **Apt Contender** (g., Groovy). 6 wins, \$135,245; etc.

In 2011: Key Contender has sired 8 starters, 1 winner, with total earnings of \$25,880.

## Female Family

**Key Witness**, by Key to the Mint. 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$155,968, 3rd Molly Pitcher H.-G2, Queen Charlotte H.-G2, Athenia H.-G3, Frillery S.-L. Dam of 7 foals, 6 to race, 5 winners, including—

**KEY CONTENDER** (c. by Fit to Fight). Subject stallion.

**YOU'D BE SURPRISED** (f. by Blushing Groom [Fr]). 10 wins, \$606,007, Top Flight H.-G1, John A. Morris H.-G1, New York H.-G2, etc. Dam of—**MYSTERY ITSELF** (f. by Pulpit). 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$165,806, George Rosenberger Memorial S.-LR, 2nd Pebbles H.-G3, Quill S.

**Sly One** (c. by Storm Cat). 3 wins at 3, \$78,060, 3rd Japan Racing Association S.

**Yale Twentyniner** (c. by Forty Niner). 6 wins at 3 and 4 in North America and Argentina, 2nd Premio Hipodromo de La Plata-G2. Sire.

**SUMMER GUEST**, by Native Charger. 13 wins, 2 to 5, \$480,760, Spinster S.-G1, Grey Lag H.-G2, etc. Dam of 6 foals to race, 5 winners, including—

**Rose Diamond** (f. by Diamond Shoal [GB]). 4 wins, \$149,420, 3rd CCA Oaks-G1. Dam of—

**SUMMER PATRIOT** (g. by Unbridled's Song). 3 wins at 4, \$226,525, John's Call S.-LR, 3rd Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Inv. S.-G1.

**FLAWLESS TREASURE** (f. by War Chant). 3 wins, 3 to 6, \$151,587, Sabin S.-L.

**Deputy Diamond** (c. by Deputy Minister). 5 wins to 4, \$333,210, 2nd Brooklyn H.-G2, etc. Sire.

**Waddaan** (c. by Deputy Minister). 2 wins at 3, \$107,913, 3rd Discovery H.-G3.

**Key Witness** (f. by Key to the Mint). See above. Golden Summer. 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$49,220. Dam of **SUMMER SECRETARY** (f. by Secretariat, 11 wins, 3 to 6, \$555,144, Beaugay H.-G3 twice, etc.), etc. Grandam of **DAYJOB** (g. by Dayjur, 9 wins, \$348,960, Bob Feller S.-L, etc.).

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