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SUMMER SOIREE HAS HER FORM FRANKED BIG TIME IN GRADE 1 ASHLAND KEENELAND WINNER LANGUISHED 12 LENGTHS BEHIND SS IN BURBONETTE TEAM VALOR ACQUISITION SITTING PRETTY FOR THE G1 KENTUCKY OAKS



Summer Soiree has her high-class form confirmed last Saturday in Keeneland's Grade 1 Ashland Stakes, when Lilacs and Lace scored a wire-to-wire victory in the \$400,000 event.

In her previous out, Lilacs and Lace was beaten 12 lengths behind Summer Soiree in the Grade 3 Bourbonette Oaks. The fact that both the Ashland and Bourbonette are run on Polytrack lessens the likelihood that Lilacs and Lace improved with a change in surface.

Summer Soiree made mincemeat of her opposition in the G3 Bourbonette Oaks, which she won by 10 ¾ lengths

Summer Soiree has run twice this season, winning on dirt by 9 ¾ lengths at Oaklawn Park and taking the Bourbonette Oaks at Turfway Park, going wire to wire on each occasion, and widening through the lane as though she were a different class than her opposition.

Transferred to Graham Motion, the daughter of sensational War Front will breeze three times prior to her impending engagement in the Grade 1 Kentucky Oaks, which will be renewed over 1 1/8 miles at Churchill Downs the day before the Kentucky Derby. She will breeze 3 furlongs this week, then go 5 furlongs twice under the Twin Spires in Louisville.

Gabriel Saez will breeze the filly at Churchill Downs and ride her in the Kentucky Oaks. He was aboard for both of her victories this season for trainer Larry Jones.

War Front, the boom sire of Summer Soiree, enjoyed another fantastic week, as he had a 2-year-old colt sell at Keeneland for \$485,000 and his son Great Mills was just touched off when second in the Grade 3 Transylvania Stakes at Keeneland.

Team Valor last week offered a War Front juvenile colt that was syndicated in 1 hour and 56 minutes.