

Honor Roll

Paulina's Love Makes Her Mark On The Turf
By Scott Jagow





2012 Chestnut Filly, Mizzen Mast—Electric Cove, by Spinning World. Consigned by Off the Hook to the 2014 OBS April Spring Sale of Two-Year-Olds, purchased by Gayle Van Leer, agt., for \$100,000

For her sale price, Paulina's Love has proven quite the bargain. In 13 starts, the 4-year-old Louisiana-bred has won four times and collected second or third purse money three times each. With a Grade 2 victory in her last start, the daughter of Mizzen Mast pushed her career earnings above \$300,000.

"I mean, I would've bought her," said trainer Richard Baltas, the conditioner for her four wins, all of which have come at a mile on the grass.

After being purchased for KM Racing Enterprise, Inc., Paulina's Love began her career with trainer George Papaprodromou and showed early promise, finishing second in her first two starts as a juvenile. After she failed to move forward in subsequent races, the filly was transferred to Baltas. He liked what he saw.

"She's a very good-looking filly, pretty basic size, correct," Baltas said. "She's laid back, quiet. She's got a good temperament."

First out for Baltas, Paulina's Love finally put it all together and broke her maiden by 4 3/4 lengths, following up the score with a win in allowance company and a pair of top three finishes in graded stakes.

Prior to her last start, owner Sol Kumin bought into Paulina's Love under Head of Plains Partners, one of his half a dozen partnerships. Head of Plains also has a stake in Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Sprint winner Wavell Avenue, and Kumin

is invested in several other top horses, including Lady Eli and Undrafted.

In her first race with Kumin as a partner, Paulina's Love scored by a neck in the G2 Buena Vista Stakes under jockey Gary Stevens.

"I've fallen in love with her," Stevens said. "She lets me do what I want, whatever the pace scenario is. When she's done, I'd like to take her home and put her in my backyard."

But Paulina's Love isn't done racing, yet. Baltas said he's planning to ship the California-based filly to Louis-ville for the G2 Churchill Distaff Turf Mile on Kentucky Derby day. If all goes well, the ultimate goal is see her in the winner's circle after a Grade 1 race.

Paulina's Love has a half-sibling in this week's sale, a filly by Custom for Carlos listed as Hip Number 752. PRS

