

# 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

56 15 (1) 17 (5) 6 \$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), An allowance (Aqu, 8f, 1:35.40), **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, Jerome H.-G2, Stuyvesant H.-G2, **2nd** Vosburgh S.-G1, etc. **FIT TO FIGHT** is the sire of 21 crops, 832 foals, 41 stakes winners, SI: 1.15, ComSI: 1.40.

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 October 27, 2008)

Year	Named Foals	2YO		2YO		Stakes wnr	Earnings
		Runners	Winners	wrns	SWs		
1997	38	27 (71%)	20 (53%)	0 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$1,627,987
1998	32	26 (81%)	16 (50%)	1 (0)	1 (3%)	0 (0%)	\$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%)	\$1,294,123
2001	21	13 (62%)	8 (38%)	2 (1)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)	\$872,985
2002	20	18 (90%)	12 (60%)	0 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$571,653
2003	17	17 (100%)	8 (47%)	3 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$393,765
2004	14	10 (71%)	6 (43%)	1 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$263,029
2005	7	3 (43%)	2 (29%)	1 (0)	1 (14%)	0 (0%)	\$291,428
2006	4	1 (25%)	0 (0%)	0 (0)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	\$0

Totals 216 159 107 10 (1) 3 (1%) \$7,232,147

Avg. Rag#/starter 24½; less than one mile 25; more than one mile 23½; dirt 24½; turf 19

avg/starter \$45,485, SI: 0.92, colts 0.64, fillies 1.21; ComSI: 1.01.

## Key Contender's Leading Runners

**ASK QUEENIE** (01 f., dam by L'Amour Rullah). 23 wins, \$621,405. (4, 8.5f, Rag# 9½). **1st** Thomas F. Moran S. (4 times), First Episode S. (twice), Isadorable S. (3 times), etc.

**WEATHERED** (05 f., Thunder Puddles). 6 wins, \$221,373. (3, 8.5f, Rag# 8¾). **1st** Susan's Girl S.-L, Lizzy Cool S.

**NOBLE ADVERSARY** (98 g., Noble Nashua). 11 wins, \$181,834. (7, 8.32f, Rag# 10½). **1st** Genesee Valley Breeders' H., etc. **4X4 Bold Ruler**.

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
Key Witness 82 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.67		Key to the Mint 69 14 wins, \$576,015 Champion 625 fls, 48 SWs SI 2.58 DI=0.59	How 48 *Princequillo 40 *The Squaw II 39
	Summer Guest 69 13 wins, \$480,760, SW 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.80	One Count 49 225 fls, 12 SWs SI 1.71 DI=0.56	Count Fleet 40 Quickly 30
Key to Love (00 f., Lordly Love). 4 wins, \$235,812. (5, 6f, Rag# 10½). <b>3rd</b> Spruce Fir H.		Queen Hopeful 51 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.75	Ace Card 42 Furlough 37
	Clery's Contender (03 g., Scarlet Ibis). 5 wins, \$102,776. (3, 6f, Rag# 12). <b>3rd</b> Genesee Valley Breeders' H., Ontario County S.	Graustark 63 614 fls, 52 SWs SI 2.98 DI=0.77	Roman 37 Playfull 40
Honey's Contender (97 f., Noble Nashua). 2 wins, \$86,070. (3, 9f, Rag# 13¾). <b>3rd</b> New York Oaks-LR.		Key Bridge 59 11 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.84	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52
	Sunday Driver (99 f., Thunder Puddles). 1 win, \$73,400. (2, 8.5f, Rag# 13¾). <b>2nd</b> Maid of the Mist S.-LR, Fifth Avenue S.-LR, etc.	Native Charger 62 561 fls, 38 SWs SI 1.55 DI=2.83	*Princequillo 40 Blue Banner 52
The Key to Time (03 g., L'Amour Rullah). 1 win, \$24,296. (4, 8.32f, Rag# 15½). <b>3rd</b> John Kirby S.		Cee Zee 56 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Native Dancer 50 Greek Blond 46
	Golden Contender (98 g., Strike Gold). 11 wins, \$331,333. (4, 8.5f, Rag# 7¾).	Sicyly 42	*Heliopolis 36
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In 2008: Key Contender has sired 29 starters, 15 winners, 2 SWs, with total earnings of \$579,563, including ASK QUEENIE, WEATHERED.

## Sales Analysis Last Three Years

Wnlgs Yrlgs Twoyo	Colts		Fillies		Total	
	# sold—Avg	# sold—Avg	# sold—Avg	# sold—Avg	# sold—Avg	# sold—Avg
—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	1	\$5,000	—	1	\$5,000
—	2	\$8,500	—	—	2	\$8,500

## 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.

Wait for the Will (c. by Seeking the Gold). 16 wins, 3 to 12, 2008, \$214,138 in England.

**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** (r. by Unbridled's Song). 3 wins at 4, 2008, \$208,820, John's Call S.-LR, 3rd Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Inv. S.-G1).

**FLAWLESS TREASURE** (f. by War Chant). 3 wins, 3 to 6, 2008, \$151,587, Sabin S.-L.

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

**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, 3 to 6, \$348,960, Bob Feller S.-L, etc.).

Updated daily statistics for Key Contender available at [www.thoroughbredtimes.com](http://www.thoroughbredtimes.com)

## 2009 Fee: \$3,500

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