

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), **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		2YO		Stakes wns	Earnings
		Runners	Winners	wms	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%)	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%)	\$1,310,446
2001	21	13 (62%)	8 (38%)	2 (1)	1 (5%)	0 (0%)	\$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%)	0 (0%)	\$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%)	0 (0%)	\$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# 3³/₄). **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	Graustark 63 614 fls, 52 SWs SI 2.98 DI=0.77	*Ribot 52	=Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanella (Ity) 43
		Key Bridge 59 11 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.84	Flower Bowl 52	*Alibhai 38 Flower Bed 46
	Summer Guest 69 13 wins, \$480,760, SW 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.80	Native Charger 62 561 fls, 38 SWs SI 1.55 DI=2.83	*Princequillo 40	=Prince Rose (GB) 28 *Cosquilla 33
Key Witness 82 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.67	Cee Zee 56 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Native Dancer 50	Blue Banner 52	War Admiral 34 Risquee Blue 41
		Greek Blond 46	*Heliopolis 36	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43
	Sicity 42	*Heliopolis 36	Reaping Reward 34 Gino Patty 38	*Heliopolis 36 =Hyperion (GB) 30 =Drift (Fr) 26

ASK QUEENIE (01 f., L'Amour Rullah). 27 wins, \$780,365. (4, 8.5f, Rag# 9¹/₂). **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# 10¹/₂). **1st** Genesee Valley Breeders' H., etc. **4X4 Bold Ruler**.

Key to Love (00 f., Lordly Love). 4 wins, \$235,812. (5, 6f, Rag# 10¹/₂). **3rd** Spruce Fir H.

Cleary'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# 13³/₄). **3rd** New York Oaks-LR.

Sunday Driver (99 f., Thunder Puddles). 1 win, \$73,400. (2, 8.5f, Rag# 13³/₄). **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# 15¹/₂). **3rd** John Kirby S.

Upper Key (06 f., Shelly's Charmer). Placed, \$20,100. (4, 6f, Rag# 22³/₄). **2nd** Louise Kimball S. **4X4 Bold Ruler**.

Golden Contender (98 g., Strike Gold). 11 wins, \$331,333. (4, 8.5f, Rag# 7³/₄).

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; **Alwaysacntender** (g., Blood Royal). 9 wins, \$162,883; **Anthian'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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