

# KEY CONTENDER

1988 Chestnut - Height 16.0 - Dosage Profile: 12-6-10-3-1; DI: 2.56; CD: +0.78

## RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD

Age	Starts	1st	2nd	3rd	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

At 2, **WON** a maiden special weight race at Aqueduct (1 mi.).  
 At 3, **WON** an allowance race at Saratoga (1 1/8 mi.), an allowance race at Belmont Park (1 1/16 mi.).  
 At 4, **WON** an allowance race at Saratoga (ntr, 1 mi. in 1:34 3/5), an allowance race at Belmont Park (1 1/16 mi.), an allowance race at Belmont Park (1 1/16 mi.), **2nd Stuyvesant H.-G3** at Aqueduct (1 1/8 mi.).  
 At 5, **WON** a handicap race at Aqueduct (1 1/8 mi., top weight of 122 lbs.), an allowance race at Belmont Park (1 1/16 mi.), an allowance race at Keeneland (6 1/2 fur.), **2nd Stuyvesant H.-G3** at Aqueduct (1 1/8 mi.).  
 At 6, **WON** a handicap race at Belmont Park (1 mi.), a handicap race at Saratoga (1 1/8 mi.), an allowance race at Belmont Park (ntr, 1 1/16 mi. in 1:39 4/5), an allowance race at Saratoga (1 1/8 mi.), **2nd Fayette S.-G2** at Keeneland (1 1/8 mi.).  
 At 7, **WON Suburban H.-G1** at Belmont Park (1 1/4 mi.), an allowance race at Aqueduct (1 mi.), **2nd Brooklyn H.-G2** at Belmont Park (1 1/8 mi.), **Aqueduct H.-G3** at Aqueduct (1 1/16 mi.).

## IN THE STUD

**KEY CONTENDER** entered stud in 1996.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

9 crops	Lifetime	Lifetime 2yo
Foals of racing age	240	240
Starters (F/Is)	148(62%)	47(20%)
Winners (S/Str)	101(68%)	9(19%)
Total Starts	2,719	123
Total Wins (S/Starts)	347(13%)	11(9%)
Total Earnings	\$6,553,733	\$311,791
Avg. Earnings (S/Str)	\$44,282	\$6,634
Avg. Earnings (S/Start)	\$2,410	\$2,535
Stakes Wnrs (S/Str)	2(1%)	1(2%)
Stakes Horses (S/Str)	7(5%)	2(4%)
Avg. Earnings Index	1.14	0.61
Comparable Index	1.21	
<b>2007 Statistics</b>		
Starters	38	
Winners (S/Str)	20(53%)	
Total Starts	265	
Total Wins (S/Starts)	33(12%)	
Total Earnings	\$527,748	
Avg. Earnings (S/Str)	\$13,888	
Avg. Earnings (S/Start)	\$1,992	
Stakes Wnrs (S/Str)	1(3%)	

## KEY CONTENDER HAS Sired

**ASK QUEENIE** (2001 f., dam by L'Amour Rullah). 21 wins in 40 starts, 2 to 6, 2007, \$543,690, Isadorable S.-R, Sunset Gun S.-R, First Episode S.-R, Thomas F. Moran S.-R, Isadorable S.-R twice, John Kirby S.-R, Last Dance S.-R, Sunset Gun S.-R twice, First Episode S.-R, Louise Kimball S.-R, Thomas F. Moran S.-R twice, Amelia Peabody S.-R, 2nd Last Dance S.-R, Sunset Gun S.-R, Mystery Jet S.-R, First Episode S.-R, 3rd Nellie Morse S.-L, Marshua S., Honey Bee S., Norman Hall S.-R.  
**NOBLE ADVERSARY** (1998 c., Noble Nashua). 11 wins, 3 to 7, \$181,834, Genesee Valley Breeders' H.-R, 2nd Wadsworth Memorial H.

Fit to Fight (1979)	Chieftain	Bold Ruler	*Nasrullah	Nearco
			Miss Disco	Mumtaz Begum
		Pocahontas	Roman	*Sir Gallahad III
			How	*Buckup
Hasty Queen II	One Count	Count Fleet	*Princequillo	The Squaw II
		Ace Card	Reigh Count Quickly	Case Ace Furlough
	Queen Hopeful	Roman	*Sir Gallahad III	
		Playfull	*Buckup	Chance Play Black Carse
Key to the Mint	Graustark	*Ribot	Tenerani	Romanella
		Flower Bowl	*Alibhai	Flower Bed
	Key Bridge	*Princequillo	Prince Rose	*Cosquilla
		Blue Banner	War Admiral	Risque Blue
Summer Guest	Native Charger	Native Dancer	Polynesian	Geisha
		Greek Blond	*Hollopolis	Peroxide
	Cee Zee	*Hollopolis	Hyperion	Drift
		Sicity	Reaping Reward	Gino Patty

**Key to Love** (2000 f., Lordly Love). 4 wins at 3 and 5, \$235,812, 3rd Spruce Fir H.-R.

**Clery's Contender** (2003 c., Scarlet Ibis). 5 wins, 2 to 4, 2007, \$100,226, 3rd Ontario County S.-R, Genesee Valley Breeders' H.-R.

**Honey's Contender** (1997 f., Noble Nashua). 2 wins at 3, \$86,070, 3rd New York Oaks-LR.

**Sunday Driver** (1999 f., Thunder Puddles). Winner at 2, \$73,400, 2nd Maid of the Mist S.-LR, New York Stallion/Fifth Avenue S.-LR, 3rd East View S.-LR.

**The Key to Time** (2003 c., L'Amour Rullah). Winner at 4, 2007, \$16,043, 3rd John Kirby S.-R.

**Golden Contender** (1998 c., Strike Gold). 11 wins, 3 to 9, 2007, \$331,333.

**Key On Richie** (1997 c., Silent Screen). 6 wins at 3 and 4, \$226,360.

**Zukinikiki** (2000 f., Personal Flag). 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$204,156.  
**Midnight Secret** (1997 c., Triocala). 11 wins, 4 to 10, 2007, \$174,819.

**Alwaysacntender** (1997 c., Blood Royal). 9 wins, \$162,883.  
**Anthenian's Legacy** (1997 f., Noble Nashua). 5 wins, \$160,149.

**Heartless** (1997 c., D'Accord). 17 wins, 3 to 8, \$156,661.  
**Ave's Princessa** (2000 f., Personal Flag). 10 wins, \$150,080.

**Apt Contender** (1997 c., Groovy). 6 wins, 3 to 6, \$135,245.  
**Bird Key** (2000 f., Scarlet Ibis). 9 wins at 3 and 4, \$133,968.

**Yourstocommand** (2000 c., Gate Dancer). 2 wins, \$104,699.  
**Contenders Emotion** (2001 f., Wild Again). 3 wins, \$103,010.

**Fromheretoheaven** (1999 f., Citidancer). 3 wins, \$98,183.  
**Illegal** (2000 c., Mehmet). 6 wins, 2 to 5, \$96,047.

**Unlock My Heart** (1998 f., Lordly Love). 6 wins, \$93,973.  
**Tamusky** (1999 c., Forever Silver). 3 wins, 3 to 7, \$92,375.

**Buckmountaincreek** (1998 c., Silver Supreme). 5 wins at 4 and 5, \$92,078.

**Chris's Contender** (1997 f., Sunny's Halo). 3 wins, \$88,320.  
**Rousing Past** (1998 c., Nijinsky II). 4 wins to 5, \$79,266.

**Win by Decision** (1997 f., Roman Reasoning). Winner at 3, \$78,670.

**Lets Contend** (1999 f., Noble Nashua). 7 wins, \$73,966.  
**Louise the Tease** (2003 f., Entropy). 5 wins to 4, 2007, \$71,159.

## MALE LINE

**KEY CONTENDER** is by **FIT TO FIGHT**, stakes winner of \$1,042,075, Brooklyn H.-G1, Suburban H.-G1, Metropolitan H.-G1, etc. Sire of 40 stakes winners, incl.--

**FIT FOR A QUEEN**. Winner at 2 in England; 12 wins, 3 to 6, \$1,206,737, in N.A., champion older mare twice in New York, Rampart H.-G2, Louisville Budweiser Breeders' Cup H.-G2, Budweiser Breeders Cup S.-G2, etc.

**CERTIFIABLY CRAZY**. 8 wins, 3 to 6, \$605,655, champion grass horse twice in New York, Mohawk H.-LR, West Point H.-LR, Ashley T. Cole H.-LR, Draw Shot S.-R, etc.

**KEY CONTENDER**. Subject stallion.

**FIT TO SCOUT**. 8 wins, \$767,600, John A. Morris H.-G1, La Canada S.-G2, Santa Ynez Breeders' Cup S.-G2, etc.

**SCRAPPY T**. 3 wins to 3, \$639,997, Withers S.-G3, Count Fleet S.-L, 2nd Preakness S.-G1, Indiana Derby-G2, etc.

**FIT TO LEAD**. 7 wins, 2 to 5, \$595,776, Louisville Budweiser Breeders' Cup H.-G2, Princess S.-G2, etc.

**FIGHT FOR ALLY**. 12 wins, 2 to 7, \$546,559, National Jockey Club H.-G3, Indiana Futurity-LR, etc.

## FEMALE LINE

### 1st dam

**Key Witness**, by Key to the Mint. 5 wins at 3 and 4, \$155,968, 3rd Queen Charlotte H.-G2, Molly Pitcher H.-G2, Athena H.-G3, Frillery S.-L. Half-sister to **Rose Diamond**. Dam of 5 winners, including--

**KEY CONTENDER**. Subject stallion.

**YOU'D BE SURPRISED** (f. by Blushing Groom (FR)). 10 wins to 5, \$606,007, John A. Morris H.-G1, etc.

Dam of **MYSTERY ITSELF** (f. by Pulpit, 4 wins, \$165,806), **Sly One** (c. by Storm Cat, \$78,060).

**Yale Twentyniner** (c. by Forty Niner). 6 wins to 4 in Argentina, 2nd Hipodromo de La Plata-G2. Sire.

### Broodmare Sire

**KEY TO THE MINT**, 1969. Among the leading broodmare sires, sire of 276 dams of 1914 foals, 1425 mrs (74%), 977 wns (51%), 256 2yo wns (13%), 1.94 AEI, 1.57 CI, 121 stakes winners.

## 2008 FEE: \$3,500 - LIVE FOAL

(payable when foal stands and nurses)

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