

From Countdown to the Crown

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One horse who already is buzzing up the charts is New York-bred **MR. FANTASY** (Equibase past performances [here](#)), who has the performances to back up his catchy name. We wrote that his maiden win was superstar-hinting in this year's inaugural "Countdown," and I'm convinced that's where he's headed. Kieran McLaughlin's second-time starter turned in the best allowance race in America this year, hands-down, with Sunday's 1 1/16 miles promenade at Aqueduct. State-breds or not, you had to be impressed to see a horse make the lead from post 10 with ease while being restrained, not gunned. The son of E Dubai is a half-brother to G2 Indiana Derby winner Tin Cup Chalice and appears to have much more brilliance than big bro. MR. FANTASY spurts when asked, like a push-button horse should, and cornered magnificently on the far turn of his two-turn unveiling. And his lineage links back to none other than Silky Sullivan, even if MR. FANTASY's natural speed is the polar opposite of that historic runner.

Jeremy's top 20: Sixth week of the 2009 season

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| 1. Old Fashioned | 11. Imperial Council |
| 2. Patena | 12. Friesan Fire |
| 3. Mr. Fantasy (new) | 13. Taqarub |
| 4. Midshipman | 14. Beethoven |
| 5. Vineyard Haven | 15. The Pamplemousse |
| 6. Pioneerof The Nile | 16. Free Country |
| 7. Hello Broadway | 17. Chocolate Candy |
| 8. Capt. Candyman Can | 18. I Want Revenge (new) |
| 9. Silver City | 19. Mr. Hot Stuff (new) |
| 10. Notonthesamepage | 20. Soul Warrior (new) |