

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: GOING TO VEGAS

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A major factor in West Coast turf events for three straight seasons, Going to Vegas is a grade one winner who has finished first or second in nine graded events.

Going to Vegas gained a victory at the highest level when going wire-to-wire to take the Rodeo Drive Stakes (G1), defeating a strong field consisting of grade one winners Red Lark, Magic Attitude and Fast Jet Court, group and graded winner Neige Blanche, graded winner Rideforthecause, and stakes winners Dogtag and Crystalle.

On her previous outing, Going to Vegas had taken the John C. Mabee Stakes (G2) over Dogtag, Fast Jet Court, grade one winner Maxim Rate, graded winner Bodhicitta, and stakes winner Nasty. Prior to that, Going To Vegas claimed her first stakes win with a dominating 3¾ triumph in the Santa Ana Stakes (G3), those behind including Red Lark, Neige Blanche, grade one winner Mucho Unusual, and stakes winners Altea and Silberpfeil.

Going to Vegas has twice taken second in grade one events. At three, she ended her campaign with a second in the American Oaks (G1) ahead of Red Lark, Neige Blanche, grade one winner Sharing, and stakes winner Luck Money. This year, at five, she missed by just a ½ length in the Gamely Stakes (G1), defeating grade one winner Going Global, graded stakes winner Canoodling and stakes winner Eddie's New Dream.

Going to Vegas' 2022 campaign also includes a strong closing second in the Buena Vista Stakes (G2), beaten just a ½ length, beating Macho Unusual, Fast Jet Court, Canoodling, graded stakes winners Keeper of Time and Madone, stakes winners Closing Remarks and Avenue de France, and a second in the Santa Ana Stakes (G3), beating Neige Blanche, Closing Remarks and stakes winner Keyflower. Going to Vegas also captured second in the Red Carpet

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Handicap (G3), beaten just a ½ length and the Autumn Miss Stakes (G3), beaten a neck.

Going to Vegas is by two-time Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) victor, Goldencents, one of the most accomplished sons of Into Mischief. One of the leaders of his stallion crop since his runners hit the track, Goldencents has already sired 17 stakes winners, and in addition to Going to Vegas, they also include multiple graded stakes winning millionaires By My Standards and Mr. Money, and graded winners Phantom Currency and Wildman Jack.

The dam of Going to Vegas is Johannesburg's daughter, Hard to Resist, a two-time stakes winner. She has a two-year-old, yearling and weanling to run for her, and is bred to Charlatan. Anja, the granddam of Going to Vegas, is a winning sister to group placed All Our Hope, the dam of stakes winner and group placed Saphira's Fire, and granddam of group winner Most Beautiful. She is also half-sister to the dams and granddams of stakes winners Ratajkowski, Milady, Neil and Speedy Wolf. In turn, Anja is out of Storm Bird's multiple stakes winning daughter, Knoosh.