

FURTHER ADO

**Chestnut colt by Gun Runner – Sky Dreamer – Sky Mesa
Purchased for \$550,000 at the 2025 OBS sale of 2-OBS sale of 2-Year-
Olds in Training**

Breeder: John Oxley (Kentucky)

Birth date: March 15, 2023

Owner: Spendthrift Farm

Trainer: Brad Cox

Jockey: Irad Ortiz, Jr.

Lifetime Record: 8 4-1-1

Lifetime Earnings: \$1,446,958

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- Last out rebounded with a 2-length win in the Matt Winn (Grade 3) at Churchill Downs June 7.
- Disappointed as the favorite in the May 2 Kentucky Derby (Grade 1), finishing 11th after a trouble-filled trip.
- Has been the favorite in five of his last six races.
- Romped in the Blue Grass (Grade 1), winning by 11 lengths.
- Suffered a $\frac{3}{4}$ -length defeat to fellow NYRA Bets Haskell Stakes competitor The Puma in the March 7 Tampa Bay Derby (Grade 3).
- Ended his juvenile campaign with a victory in the Kentucky Jockey Club (Grade 2) at Churchill Downs Nov. 29.

BREEDING

- Further Ado is by Hall of Famer Gun Runner, the 2017 Horse of the Year and Breeders' Cup Classic winner.
- In his career Gun Runner, a son of undefeated champion Candy Ride (ARG), won six Grade 1 races and earned just shy of \$16 million.
- Standing at Three Chimneys Farm in Kentucky, Gun Runner is one of North America's top sires.

- Gun Runner has sired 14 Grade 1 winners and 19 millionaires as of July 1 and three champions.
- His Grade 1 winners this year include Further Ado, Kentucky Oaks victress Always a Runner, and Finger (JPN), who is on the verge of sweeping the Japanese Triple Crown.
- Gun Runner sired five Grade 1 winners from his first crop, and they include Early Voting (2022 Preakness) and 2-Year-Old Filly Champion Echo Zulu (2021 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies).
- Gun Runner was fifth in the 2016 Haskell.
- On his dam side, Further Ado carries the bloodlines of John Oxley's noted breeding program.
- The dam is Oxley's homebred Sky Dreamer, who was Grade 3-placed.
- She is the daughter of Oxley's Grade 1 winner Sky Mesa. He was the Haskell runner-up in 2003.
- Out of Oxley's To Dream About, Sky Dreamer is the maternal granddaughter of Oxley's multiple Grade 1 winners Monarchos and Beautiful Pleasure.
- Monarchos won the 2001 Kentucky Derby and Beautiful Pleasure was a six-time Grade 1 winner who captured the 1999 Breeders' Cup Distaff (Grade 1) and was the Champion Older Mare.
- Sky Dreamer has produced seven named foals and six are runners, five are stakes winners and two are graded stakes winners.

SPENDTHRIFT FARM

- Founded by the late billionaire B. Wayne Hughes, the historic Spendthrift Farm is one of the industry's most successful commercial breeding operations.
- Currently owned by his daughter Tamara Hughes Gustavson and her husband, Eric Gustavson.
- Ned Toffey is Spendthrift's COO and long-time general manager.
- Spendthrift co-owned 2020 Kentucky Derby, Haskell and Breeders' Cup Classic winner Authentic, the champion 3-Year-Old and Horse of the Year.
- Into Mischief, North America's perennial leading sire, stands at Spendthrift.
- Into Mischief sired two Haskell and Kentucky Derby winners:

Authentic and Mandaloun (2019). He also sired 2025 Derby winner and Horse of the Year Sovereignty.

- Stallions Authentic, Mandaloun and fellow Haskell winners Dornoch (2024) and Cyberknife (2022) are standing at Spendthrift.
- Spendthrift campaigned Hall of Famer, four-time champion, and three-time Breeders' Cup winner Beholder, who won an astonishing 11 Grade 1 races.

BRAD COX

- Haskell record: 4 2-0-1
- Born: March 30, 1980 in Louisville, Ky.
- Previous Haskell winners are Cyberknife (2022) and the adjudged Mandaloun (2021) following the DQ of Hot Rod Charlie.
- Cyberknife set a Monmouth track and Haskell stakes record (1:46.24 for nine furlongs) in 2022.
- Won the Eclipse Award as Outstanding Trainer in 2020 and 2021.
- Won the 2021 Kentucky Derby with Mandaloun (after the DQ of the ill-fated Medina Spirit) with his first starter.
- Won the 2021 Belmont Stakes with his first starter, Essential Quality.
- Won the 2025 Dubai World Cup (Grade 1) with Hit Show.
- Trained 2021 Horse of the Year Knicks Go, who won the 2021 Breeders' Cup Classic one year after winning the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.
- Other champions trained are Monomoy Girl, Essential Quality, Covfefe, British Idiom, Idiomatic, and Immersive.
- Idiomatic, a five-time Grade 1 winner, capped her sensational 2023 season with victory in the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Distaff on the way to championship honors as the champion Older Dirt Female and she was a top three finalist for Horse of the Year. She repeated as the champion in that division in 2024.
- Won four Breeders' Cup races in 2020 with Monomoy Girl (Distaff), Essential Quality (Juvenile), Knicks Go (Dirt Mile), and Aunt Pearl (Juvenile Fillies Turf).
- The four-win Breeders' Cup Day tied the record set in 2003 by Hall of Famer Richard Mandella.
- Has 11 Breeders' Cup wins, all since 2018.
- Won the Kentucky Oaks with Monomoy Girl (2018) and Shedaresthedevil (2020).

- Brad's son, Blake, is one of his assistants.
- Grew up near the gates of Churchill Downs. As a young man idolized the late Hall of Famer D. Wayne Lukas and aspired to be a trainer.

IRAD ORTIZ, JR.

- Haskell record: 2 0-1-0
- Born Aug. 11, 1992, 1971 in Trujillo, Puerto Rico.
- Finished second in the 2024 Haskell on Mindframe for Hall of Famer Todd Pletcher.
- Is a five-time Eclipse Award winner as Outstanding Jockey (2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023).
- Has won 23 Breeders' Cup races.
- In March 2025, became the only rider in the history of Gulfstream Park to top the standings for six championship meets. Finished second in 2026.
- In 2023 became the only one to win seven straight races at Gulfstream. He tied the record with four others for seven wins on a single card.
- Brother, Jose, is a top jockey also and won the Eclipse Award in 2021. Jose is one year younger.
- Grandfather Irad Ortiz and uncle Ivan Ortiz were jockeys in Puerto Rico.
- At age 16 entered Puerto Rico's Escuela Vocacional Hipica jockey school.
- After graduation started riding professionally on New Year's Day 2011 in Puerto Rico at Hipodromo Camarero.
- Won the Copa Navidad (Grade 1) as an apprentice
- Came to the U.S. in June 2011 to ride on the New York circuit and brother Jose followed in 2012. They made an immediate impact.
- Has led all North American jockeys or finished in the top three in earnings and wins for the last 10-plus years.
- Has won multiple riding titles on the New York circuit.

