

ZIPPY CHIPPY
or
RACING'S FAVORITE LOSER

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On April 20 of this year Thoroughbred Racing's and possibly one of America's favorite loser will turn 30 years old. His name is, Zippy Chippy.

Zippy Chippy was born in the state of New York at Capritauer Farm. His sire, Compliance, was the son of the great Northern Dancer. His dam was Listen Lady by Buckfinder. In his pedigree the blood of racing greats as War Admiral, Native Dancer, Buckpasser, Shenanigans, Tom Fool, and Round Table.

A plain, unremarkable, bay with big ears and a short neck he was a contrarian. He had a mind of his own. When asked to run to the left he ran to the right. He was known to bite. By the time he was four years old he was winless in 20 starts and had gone through two owners, three trainers, and nearly a dozen jockeys. Soundness was his main attribute.

His third owner was a groom named, Louis. Shortly after acquiring the gelding Louis wanted to leave New York and head to Florida. He needed money to purchase a new car for the trip. He traded Zippy for a pick-up truck. His new owner was a trainer named, Frank Monserrate. Zippy and Frank counter-balanced one another. While Zippy was stubborn and had a mind of his own, Frank was popular, kind, and giving.

Frank did what he could with the gelding but success never developed. After Zippy Refused to leave the starting gate three time at Finger Lakes he was banned from sanctioned Thoroughbred tracks. The only track that would allow him to race was Northampton Fair at Three County Fairgrounds. It was at this location that he made his final start on September 10, 2004. Zippy went off as the favorite at 7-2. He finished last.

In December of 2004 Frank Monserrate retired Zippy Chippy. His race record is: 100 Starts, 0 Wins, 8 Seconds and 12 Thirds. His earnings are, \$30,834.00. He now resides at Old Friends at Cabin Creek in Greenfield Center New York. His paddock buddy is another retired Thoroughbred named, Red Down South. They are inseparable.

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