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## *Preserving her perfect record*



Picture by Gerry Hart - Preservata nosing out Britannia Road in 2009 Winnipeg Sun Stakes

The perfect Preservata did it again in the \$30,000 Winnipeg Sun Stakes. Now four for four on the year, Preservata, owned and trained by Clint Willson, has won three stakes races including the LaVerendrye and the Canada Day.

But she makes it a nail biter each time. In her three stakes victories this year, Preservata has only won by a combined total of one length. Earlier this year, the big chestnut filly was deemed a hard to rate horse that could only win on the lead. My have times changed. Now you can depend on Preservata to be a fast closing freight train down the stretch.

"She just keeps doing it," said Willson, "but this was not an easy one."

Britannia Road and rider Tim Gardiner did a masterful job of controlling the pace throughout the race. Going out quick around the first turn in 23 seconds, then putting on the breaks down the backstretch turning in a 25 second next quarter.

Preservata's rider Tyrone Nelson was not worried at all with the leisurely pace feeling the power underneath him. "She was dragging me the whole way," said Nelson, "I knew we could do it."

"I thought we might be laying too far back," said Willson, "but I told Tyrone do to what he had too."

Preservata sat last down the backstretch just on the outside flank of last year's winner Polynesian Kitty. Just before the final turn Nelson stepped on the gas and the move was on.

Britannia Road, trained by Carl Anderson, fought back from being headed turning for home by Talkin Money Honey and battled Preservata to the wire missing by just the bob of the head.

Talkin Money Honey, trained by Ardell Saylor, sat third behind the leader and At First Glance about three lengths from the front down the backside then was the first to move going into the turn.

Getting her neck in front turning for home, Talkin Money Honey and jockey Larren Delorme could not outkick the powerful Preservata or counter the second kick given by a very persistent Britannia Road and finished third.