

G1 Belmont Oaks Heroine

FIONN

(4YO F. BY TWIRLING CANDY - GAELIC GOLD)

THE ONLY 3YO FILLY TO DEFEAT MG1W/CHAMPION NITROGEN IN 2025



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stamped herself as one of the BEST 3-YEAR-OLD TURF FILLIES OF HER
er-defining moment was certainly her win in the G1 BELMONT OAKS
ONLY FILLY IN HER CROP TO DEFEAT MG1W/CHAMPION NITROGEN.

In addition to Nitrogen, FIONN defeated four other stakes winners that day, including **MGSW** May Day Ready, **SW/MG1P** Opulent Restraint, **MG3W** Warming, **SW/G2P** Totally Justified, and **G2P** Virgin Colada.

Individual Horse Past Performances - Lifetime: Fionn

Fionn		Dk. br. h. f. 4 (Fm) KEESEP23 \$75,000		Life 13 7 1 \$2,036,870 91		D.Fit 0 0 0 0 \$0 -	
Own: Messina George and Lee, Michael		Sire: Twirling Candy (Candy Ride)*Arg \$75,000		2026 3 0 0 0 \$25,700 91		Wt(368) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -	
		Dam: Gaelic Gold (Giant's Causeway)		2025 8 6 0 1 \$1,968,870 91		Synth(364) 0 0 0 0 \$0 -	
		Br: Dixiana Farms LLC (Ky)				Turf(366) 13 7 1 1 \$2,036,870 91	
		Tr: Cox Broad H					
10Oct25-88ci fm 1 1/4 ④ 48 1:12 1.37 2.00 2.36 @FiorBwl-G		91 6/11 10 10 10 10 7 4 5 1/2		Franco M		126 13.98 91-06 KathyMaris126 Sunlit Upends126 Evershed126 2p1st-2-5o2nd,7p1/4	
13Aug25-65ar gd 1 ① \$ 25 1:49 1:14 1:37 1:40 @OC 100k/C-N		72 1/5 5 5 5 1/2 5 1/2		Gallifrone T		L123 1:87 68-24 TuFirt123 Spinnee123 Shotgun Wdding123 Chased 3-2w, empty	
24Jun25-50P fm 1 1/4 ④ 50 1:15 2.04 2.26 2:40 @CClement-G3		83 9/5 7 5 8 1/2 6 1/2 5 1/2		Prat F		123 1:50 76-14 SpeedShopper123 AuraStark118 WeightedAverage118 1-3-2nd, no rally	
19Nov25-74qu fm 1 1/4 ④ 49 1:16 1.41 2:17 1:17 @JC Oaks-G3		87 4/8 7 7 7 4 4 1/2 1 1/2		Prat F		122 1:41 75-19 Fionn122 Laurelin122 Don't Jinx 1119 SWWG1P Imp btm early,speed	
11Oct25-9Kee gd 1 1/4 ④ 47 1:12 1:35 1:48 @QEIII Cup-G1		85 8/8 8 8 8 8 7 1/2 4 1/2		Prat F		121b 1:52 87-12 Lush Lips 121 G2WG1P 21 Opulent Restraint121 Stutter stp sl,4-6p2nd	
10Sep25-10KD fm 1 1/4 ④ 48 1:11 1:36 2.05 2:02 @DGOaks-G3		85 7/12 10 10 9 1/2 9 1/2 2 1/2 1 1/2		Prat F		124b 2:46 103-03 Fionn124 Candy Quest124 Hereforagoodtime124 3p, 6p lane,duel1/4up	
5Jul25-41Sar fm 1 1/4 ④ 46 1:10 1.33 1.44 @BelOkla-G1		91 5/7 5 5 5 1/2 5 1/2 3 1/2 1 1/2		Prat F		121b 6:20 101-81 Fionn121 Candy Quest121 Opulent Restraint121 Tracked 2-3w,just up	
31May25-11CD fm 1 1/4 ④ 46 1:11 1.35 1:47 @Regret-G3		82 7/9 8 9 9 9 4 1 1/2		Gerosus F		118b 4:04 95-04 Fionn118 Totally Justified118 SWG2P goodtime118 2w,6p up,rally,up lat	
8Apr25-6Kee gd 1 ① 23 1:47 1:14 1:37 @Applache-G2		81 3/7 7 1/2 7 1/2 6 1/2 3 1/2		Machado L		118b 8:2 mg1w Nitrogen118 Vixen118 Fionn118 1ns-2w,6p up,willingly	
8Mar25-6FG fm 1 1/4 ④ 24 1:50 1:16 1:48 @LaCnbe MemBSTk		78 6/6 6 1/2 6 1/2 6 1/2 3 1/2 1 1/2		Pedrosa M Jr		L118b 1:70 74-36 Fionn118 L G3WG1P try118 Play With Fire118 1ns,3-5p up,rallied	
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10Oct24-5FG fm 1 1/4 ④ 25 1:52 1:19 1:50 @Md Sp Wt 58k		69 6/6 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2 1 1/2		Gerosus F		L120b 1:00 63-32 Fionn120 Dancs away120 Aviso120 Swung Sw up,2nd ride	
26Sep24-7ind gd 1 ① 23 1:42 1:14 1:38 @Md Sp Wt 32k		53 9/10 9 1/2 9 1/2 8 1/2 5 1/2 2 1/2		De La Cruz F		120b 6:50 73-21 Indigo Stanner120 Fionn120 Triumphant Spirit120 Strong rally,6w5/1p	



FIONN bests eventual 3YO filly Champion NITROGEN in the shadow of the wire in the G1 Belmont Oaks.

SET NEW COURSE RECORD

FIONN's final time of **1:44.84** in the G1 Belmont Oaks earned her a new course record at  lowering the mark set by older mare and 4X G1W IN ITALIAN (GB) when winning the 2022 G1 Diana.



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TOP OF HER CLASS

FIONN captured 5 total Stakes races in 2025. She showed not only her brilliance but also her versatility, winning over distances from 1-1/16 miles to 1-3/8 miles, including:



G3 JOCKEY CLUB OAKS

FIONN was able to turn the tables on familiar foe G2W/G1P LAURELIN (IRE) in the G3 Jockey Club Oaks.

G3 DUELING GROUNDS OAKS

FIONN added more to her bankroll when taking the G3 Dueling Grounds Oaks with its huge **\$2,000,000** purse. She defeated 6 other Stakes Winners in the process.

\$2,000,000 PURSE



G1 BELMONT OAKS

Set new course record of 1:44.84.

**NEW
COURSE
RECORD**

G3 REGRET STAKES

Prior to her win in the G1 Belmont Oaks, FIONN took the G3 Regret at Churchill Downs. In this win she defeated future MG1W CLASSIC Q while establishing a **new Stakes record time of 1:47.29.**

NEW STAKES RECORD



LACOMBE MEMORIAL STAKES

Her win in the LaCombe Memorial Stakes at Fair Grounds early in her 3-year-old season would kick off a sensational season for FIONN.

GENERATIONALLY FAST RAGOZIN FIGURES

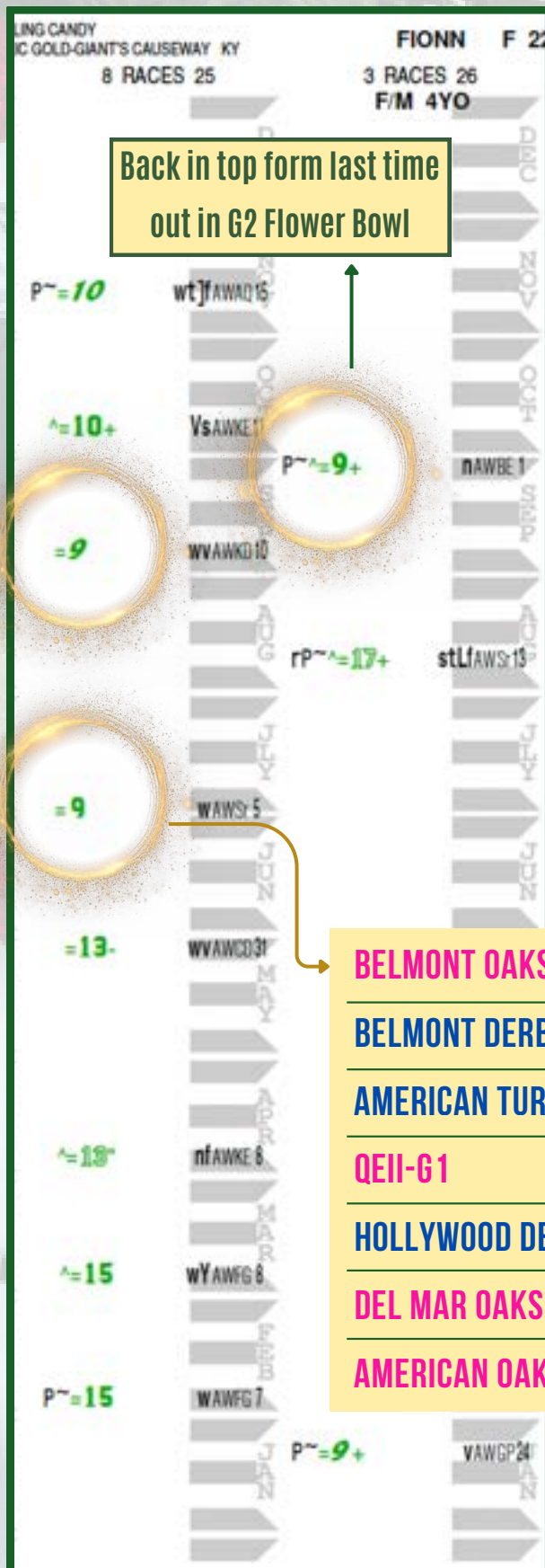
FIONN proved herself to be one of the fastest turf horses of her generation, earning back-to-back 9s on the Ragozin sheets when winning the G1 Belmont Oaks and \$2,000,000 G3 Dueling Grounds Oaks.

Not only is she one of the fastest fillies on the turf in her generation, but she was also one of the fastest 3-year-olds on turf in 2025...PERIOD.

Her 9 Ragozin stacks up against G1 winners of 2025 such as:

THE SHEETS FIGS OF THE WEEK

BELMONT OAKS-G1	FIONN	=9
BELMONT DERBY-G1	TEST SCORE	=9"
AMERICAN TURF-G1	ZULU KINGDOM (IRE)	=9"
QEII-G1	LUSH LIPS (GB)	=10-
HOLLYWOOD DERBY-G1	SALAMIS	=11-
DEL MAR OAKS-G1	VELOCITY	=11-
AMERICAN OAKS-G1	AMBAYA	=11"



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027 SEASON

FIONN is only a 4-year-old filly who seems to be rounding back into career-best form. On October 2nd, she turned in a 5th place effort in the G2 Flower Bowl at Blemont Park. She **flew home the final 1/4-mile second fastest of all**, with a final time of :23.17, earning a **co-career best 91 Beyer and 9+ Ragozin**.

SC	Horse	Earnings	Foal	A/S	Med	Wt	Eq	F1	F2	F3	Final
9	Kathynmarissa	\$275,000	KY	5f		126		24.28	49.32	1:13.17	2:00.58
3	Sunlit Uplands (IRE)	\$100,000	IRE	4f		126		24.19	48.85	1:12.70	2:00.72
1	Evershed (IRE)	\$60,000	IRE	4f		126		24.30	49.03	1:12.89	2:00.86
8	Favorite Memory (GB)	\$30,000	GB	4f		126		24.88	49.80	1:13.45	2:00.90
6	Fionn	\$20,000	KY	4f		126		25.19	49.90	1:13.75	2:01.09
4	Gezora (FR)	\$2,500	FR	4f		126		24.59	49.51	1:13.47	2:01.13
2	Storm Miami (IRE)	\$2,500	IRE	5f		126		24.00	48.66	1:12.61	2:01.36
10	Cathedral (GB)	\$2,500	GB	4f		126		23.91	48.57	1:12.42	2:01.37
5	Esna (IRE)	\$2,500	IRE	3f		122		25.60	50.09	1:14.04	2:01.65
11	Silvology	\$2,500	KY	5f		126		24.69	49.41	1:13.26	2:02.92
7	Opulent Restraint (IRE)	\$2,500	IRE	4f		126		23.64	48.29	1:12.15	2:03.78

FINAL 1/4-MILE SPLITS

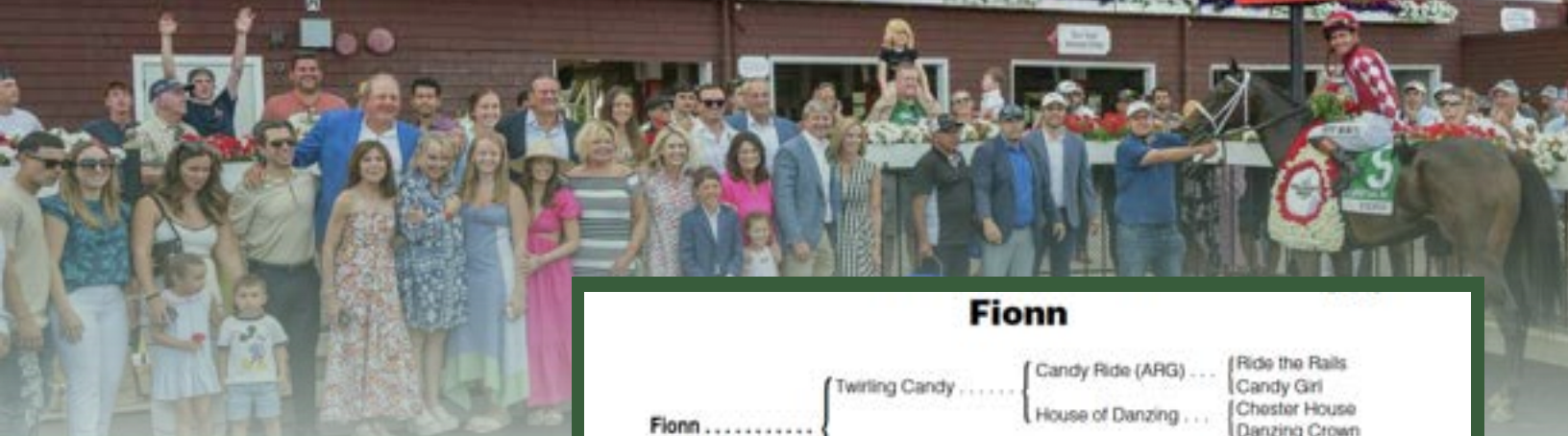
Kathynmarissa - :23.06
FIONN - :23.17
 Sunlit Uplands - :23.40
 Evershead - :23.38
 Favourite Memory - :23.25
 Gezora - :23.40

The end of this year and beginning of 2027 offer **many opportunities for her future connections to race her before she heads to her next career as a broodmare**. Such opportunities include:

11/26	Cardinal S. (CD)	9f, T	\$300,000
11/26	Red Carpet S. (DMR)	11f, T	\$100,000
11/28	G3 Long Island (BEL)	11f, T	\$250,000
1/1	G3 Robert Frankel (SA)	9f, T	\$100,000
1/18	Astra S. (SA)	12f, T	\$100,000
1/30	C. Clement S. (GP)	12f, T	\$150,000
2/27	G3 The Very One (GP)	12f, T	\$150,000
3/6	G1 Gamely (SA)	9f, T	\$300,000
3/6	G2 Hillsborough (TAM)	9f, T	\$225,000
3/14	G3 Santa Ana (SA)	10f, T	\$100,000

4YO Filly With Race Left!





PEDIGREE

FIONN is her sire TWIRLING CANDY's **second leading money earner of all time**. This list includes 10 other G1Ws and 6 other million dollar earners.

Daughters of TWIRLING CANDY have produced **11 Stakes Winners** from just **173 lifetime runners** including **G1W Sixpence (JPN)**, **G2W Accomplished Girl**, **MG3W Pounce**, etc.

1st dam - GAELIC GOLD

'23 - ESSENTIAL STORM	ESSENTIAL QUALITY, C.
'24 - SIR CADEN	CONNECT, C.
'25 - UNNAMED	JACKIE'S WARRIOR, C.
'26 - UNNAMED	TWIRLING CANDY, C.
'27 - BRED TO	VEKOMA

Fionn

Fionn Dark bay/bk. filly; foaled 2022	Twirling Candy	Candy Ride (ARG) ...	Ride the Rails
		House of Danzing ...	Candy Girl
	Gaelic Gold (2017)	Giant's Causeway ...	Chester House
		Strike It Rich	Danzing Crown
			Storm Cat
			Mariah's Storm
			Unbridled's Song
			Belle of Perintown

By TWIRLING CANDY (2007), [G1]-ntr, \$944,900. Sire of 12 crops, 69 black type winners, \$103,390,173, including Ag Bullet [G1] (\$3,093,853), Fionn [G1] (\$2,016,870), Concrete Rose [G1] (\$1,218,650), Pinehurst [G1] (\$1,213,500), Kilwin [G1] (\$1,312,076), Gift Box [G1] (\$1,127,060), Rombauer [G1] (\$1,040,500), Finley's luckycharm [G1], Beyond Brilliant [G1].

1st dam

GAELIC GOLD, by Giant's Causeway. Placed at 3, \$25,875. Dam of 3 foals of racing age, including a 2-year-old of 2026, two to race, 1 winner-- FIONN (f. by Twirling Candy). Black type winner, see below.

2nd dam

STRIKE IT RICH, by Unbridled's Song. 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$193,966, Boiling Springs S. [G3] (MTH, \$90,000), etc. Dam of 5 winners, including-- SEA FOAM (c. by Medaglia d'Oro). 10 wins, 2 to 6, \$856,103, Albany S.-R (SAR, \$137,500), New York Derby-R (FL, \$95,220), Notebook S.-R (AQU, \$60,000), Alex M. Robb S.-R (AQU, \$55,000), Evan Shipman H.-R (SAR, \$55,000), 2nd Evan Shipman H.-R (SAR, \$25,000), Alex M. Robb S.-R (AQU, \$20,000), 3rd Empire Classic H.-R (BEL, \$36,000), Empire Classic H.-R (BEL, \$21,000), Saginaw S.-R (BEL, \$12,000).

Straw Into Gold (c. by Hard Spun). 3 wins, 2 to 4, \$223,900, 3rd Manila S. [L] (BEL, \$12,000).

3rd dam

BELLE OF PERINTOWN, by Dehere. 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$265,465, Silverbulletday S. [G2], Pocahontas S. [L], 3rd Fair Grounds Oaks [G2]. Half-sister to Bogangles (\$242,987). Dam of 9 winners, including--

STRIKE IT RICH. Black type winner, see above.

ARI OAKLEY. 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$277,888, Bold Ego H. (SUN, \$39,000).

TOMLIN. 5 wins, \$250,028 in N.A./U.S., Camilla Urso S., Golden Gate Debutante S., 2nd Unbridled Sidney S., 3rd Santa Ynez S. [G2], Miss Preakness S. [G3], Purple Martin S. [L], etc. Total: \$251,895. Producer.

Beau Liam. 3 wins in 4 starts at 3, \$229,888, 2nd Ack Ack S. [G3].

Sumptuous. 2 wins, \$105,245, 2nd Just Smashing S., etc. Dam of-- COFFEE IN BED. 3 wins at 3 and 4, \$318,110, Santa Maria S. [G2] (SA, \$120,000), 2nd Santa Margarita S. [G2], La Canada S. [G3], etc.

GREAT STUFF. 7 wins, 3 to 6, \$478,902, Toboggan S. [G3] (AQU, \$60,000), 3rd Carter H. [G1], Tom Fool H. [G3], Dave's Friend S.

Decant. 2 wins, \$91,518, 2nd Wilma Mankiller S. Producer.

Race Record: At 2, one win, once 2nd in 2 starts; at 3, six wins (Belmont Oaks Invitational S. [G1], SAR, \$275,000-ncr, 1 1/8 miles in 1:44.84, Dueling Grounds Oaks Invitational S. [G3], KD, \$1,154,900, Jockey Club Oaks [G3], AQU, \$192,500, Regret S. [G3], CD, \$163,920, Allen Black Cat LaCombe Memorial S., FG, \$60,000), once 3rd (Appalachian S. [G2], KEE, \$48,750) in 8 starts; at 4, 2026, unplaced in 2 starts. Totals: 7 wins, once 2nd, once 3rd in 42 13 starts, earned ~~\$2,016,870~~ \$2,036,870.

Breeders' Cup nominated.

KTDF.

Under the 2nd dam, the fillies and mares of producing age are all still young and have been **bred to some top sires such as GOLDEN PAL, YAUPON, WAR FRONT, TWIRLING CANDY, and VEKOMA**

