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Fast Redux has now won 20 races in a row and 18 races this calendaryear. With the 20 wins in a row in [horseracing](#), he has passed the great Zenyatta who didn't get her 20th in a row in losing to Blame in the Breeders ' Cup Classic last year. With 2 more wins in 2011, he would pass Citation, who has held the single season win record since 1948. Amongst Citation's many achievements is a Triple Crown and induction into the Hall-Of-Fame. Many consider Citation to be the best race pony ever. Fast Redux is no Zenyatta, neither is he another Citation, but the accomplishment is important however.

To exceed Zenyatta, Rapid Redux had to string together wins. That is tough in any sport however it is very difficult in horseracing. Racing luck plays a much bigger part in the end result than does regular luck in other sports events. You could make the case that NASCAR has very similar components of luck to it, where congestion, collisions and wrecks can have a huge randomizing effect on the outcome. But I do not really follow NASCAR so there might be scads of racing fans that will be quick to disagree to that comparison.

But my point is that racing luck is the number one reason which explains why the best horse doesn't always win any particular race. The rate at which a pony aside from the best pony wins is a subjective assessment. In a common, competitive field, I'd say that the best pony wins somewhere between 60%-75% of the time.

Quick Redux was nicely placed to string together wins. He did not climb the class ladder like many horses do. As an alternative he was carefully placed in starter allowance races of a consistent level of quality. In addition, the field size in his last 10 races was an average of 6 horses, with the largest being just 8. With his record-breaking run, the field size was just 4 horses total.

All this is just to assert that his owners and trainer selected his races well. Winning them was another matter. Heavy favorites lose with regularity, even in tiny fields. Just remaining healthy enough to race so frequently is a huge challenge at any level of racing. So credit is due for winning so many in a row. He beat the percentages, even though he did not beat particularly good horses.

It is worth pointing out that Quick Redux has won at many alternative distances and over many different courses. To his credit he has won over off tracks as well as fast tracks. His style isn't particularly flexible, always taking to the lead early. In fresh form, he hasn't passed lots of other horses.

The most outstanding thing about Citation's record was that he raced so often in a single year in such good company, let alone won so many of them. Horses of that caliber just don't race as often as they use to. Think about this "Citation basically snuck a race in between the Preakness and the Belmont on his way to a Triple Crown victory. Are you teasing me? Grade I winners have much more time to recover between races these days. It is sensible that his single season win record would eventually fall to a much cheaper pony.

But Rapid Redux is not of Citation's quality. Matched against Citation or Zenyatta, Rapid Redux is an especially slow race pony. You will not see him holding track records along with his win streak record.

My hat is off to Fast Redux. There shouldn't be any asterisks next to his record smashing run. His accomplishments don't place him in the same company as Zenyatta or Citation, but they're provoking just the same.

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