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NEW YORK (AP) _ Winning Colors was trying for a first. Instead, she ended up last.

The Kentucky Derby winner, attempting to become the first filly to win two legs of the Triple Crown, lost her lead after a mile of Saturday's Belmont Stakes and gradually faded to the back of the six-horse pack.

Winner Risen Star finished the 1 1/2-mile race in 2:26 2-5, the second-fastest time in Belmont history. Winning Colors trailed by 41 lengths.

"She obviously didn't have it today," trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "I think the Triple Crown just took its toll. It's no prom, you know."

Winning Colors, who finished third in the Freakness, moved out to an early four-length lead in the Belmont. But Risen Star caught the filly entering the final turn and she appeared to have nothing left for the stretch run.

"She just didn't fire," jockey Gary Stevens said. "I have no excuses. She is still a great filly in my book."

Neither Lukas nor Stevens thought the distance was a factor in Winning Colors' performance.

"She got passed early, so I don't see how that made any difference," Lukas said. "Risen Star just ran a dynamite race. He's a wonderful horse."

"I think a mile-and-a-half could be her game on her day," Stevens said.

But Risen Star's jockey, Eddie Delahoussaye, wasn't convinced.

"Maybe she can't be rated or maybe she just can't go that far," he said.

Lukas said Winning Colors came into the race in top form and was relaxed before the start.

"She was super," he said. "She saddled beautifully and she looked great."

Lukas said Winning Colors appeared to be in good shape after the race.

"She looked OK to me," he said. "Of course, it's hard to speculate right now. We'll have to see how she feels tomorrow."

After battling colts in the Triple Crown, Winning Colors will now return to racing against other fillies.

"We'll regroup and get her back with her own sex," Lukas said. "She's still one of the best fillies around."

But the trainer said had no regrets about running Winning Colors against the boys.

"If I get another filly of her caliber, I'll do it again," he said. "It worked once (at the Kentucky Derby), so we're batting 33 percent. That's better than the national average."

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