

Florida Pedigree

Perspective

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Last year, Trippi was represented by six first crop juvenile stakes horses, the most of his crop (along with Songandaprayer and City Zip). It was only a matter of time until those stakes-placed runners graduated to stakes winners and that time was this past spring.



TRIPPI

His first crop daughter A Sea Trippi broke into the stakes winners club with a victory in the Harmony Lodge Stakes at Calder on May 12. She is her sire's first stakes winner and it was a long overdue stakes triumph for a filly that had previously run second in four black-type events.

The folks at Ocala Stud didn't have to wait much longer for Trippi's second stakes winner. Villianage, one of six early second crop winners for Trippi, captured the B L's Sweep Stakes at Calder on June 23.

A Sea Trippi is out of the Lord of the Sea mare Best of the Sea, while Villianage is out of a mare by the Spend A Buck stallion Adhocracy. His five stakes-placed runners are out of similarly diverse broodmare sire lines. He has sired stakes horses that are out of daughters of Pine Bluff, Tejano, Cabrini Green, Well Decorated and Alleged. All

of his blacktype runners are free of inbreeding within four generations save for Exton, third to Barbaro in last year's Laurel Futurity. That runner is inbred to the mare Witching Hour, second dam of Trippi's sire End Sweep, at 4x3.

While Trippi has truly worked with a wide array of influences, Exton is also one of two stakes-placed runners out of dams that carry Halo close up in their pedigrees. She is out of a daughter of Pine Bluff, whose dam is by Halo, while Halo shows as the second dam of the grade three stakes-placed Trippi Street.

Several veteran Florida stallions have been represented by new 2006 stakes winners of their own in recent months.

True Metropolitan is the first stakes winner from the third crop of the Double Diamond stallion Proud and True. The Florida-bred gelding has won a pair of blacktype events in Western Canada, beginning with the Herald Gold Plate Stakes on June 11. Not quite a month later he followed up that victory with a win in the Spangled Jimmy Stakes on July 8.

True Metropolitan was bred by Frank Bertolino and is out of the Green Forest mare Forest Dunes. Proud and True has also sired stakes winners out of mares by Fire Dancer, Carr de Naskra and Honest Moment. The latter is the damsire of Bob's Proud Moment, an earner of over \$250,000 who is still going strong this year



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PROUD AND TRUE

with four stakes placings, including a third in the Memorial Day Handicap (G3).

Halo's Image, who stands at Bridlewood Farm, is one of the most accomplished stallions in the Sunshine State and he too has added to his resume with a multiple stakes winner in Western Canada. His Florida-bred son Halo Steven won the Jim Coleman Stakes at Hastings Park in early June. That race was a prep for the Alberta Derby in which he also proved victorious.

Halo Steven is out of a daughter of the Forty Niner stallion Twining and was bred by Paul and Tamara Hoffner and Partners. Halo's Image has also been represented in 2006 by Mia's Image, who won her third lifetime stake in the Lulu's Ransom in June, as well as the stakes-placed runners Pitanga, Halo's Storm and Honored Image. The latter two earned their first black-type this year.

The May 7 Stonewall Stallions Georgia Oaks at Calder yielded new stakes winners for a pair of Florida stallions. The Florida-bred El Bank Robber became stakes winner number eight for Live Oak Stud's Eltish with her dead-heat win with another Florida-bred Silversider. The latter is by Wekiva Springs and she is his 12th lifetime stakes winner. Richard and Kathryn Truax bred Silversider out of the Topsider daughter Sportsider.

El Bank Robber is a Live Oak homebred and is the third blacktype runner produced by the With Approval mare Bank Approval.

It is worth mentioning that With Approval mares in general are proving to be excellent producers. Daughters of the Caro stallion have produced at least 12 stakes winners and an impressive 10 (83%) of those are graded winners. They include the multiple graded winner Miesque's Approval (another Live Oak homebred) and With A City, winner of this year's Lane's End Stakes (G2).

While they have a ways to go to match the daughters of With Approval, mares by some current and former Florida stallions are now the producers of black-type stakes winners. Bond Queen became the first stakes winner out of a daughter of Colony Light, when she won the Supernaturel Stakes at Hastings Park on April 22. She was bred in Florida by Casey Seaman and is by former Florida stallion Stormy Atlantic.

Bond Queen's dam, Jamestown Lady, is a foal of 1995 and she had previously thrown the stakes-placed Virtuous Lady by the Northern Flagship son Limit Out. She is a member of Colony Light's second crop, which numbered only 24 foals. Jamestown Lady is among some 22 producing daughters that have thrown a reported 47 foals.

Open Forum departed Florida for Texas prior to the 2003 breeding season but left four crops behind in the Sunshine State. A daughter from his first crop, foaled



HALO'S IMAGE

in 1999, has produced the 2006 stakes winner Atlas Shrugs. Multiple stakes-placed at two last year, Atlas Shrugs won the listed Woodstock Stakes and the \$136,218 Queenston Stakes for Canadian-breds this season. He is by the El Gran Senor stallion Compadre and inbred tail-male to Northern Dancer at 3x5.

Birdonthewire traded in Florida sunshine for the California sun, but a daughter from his third (full) crop, sired in Florida, is now the dam of a stakes winner. Seekingthereinbow, out of the seven-year-old mare Reishelle, won the restricted Bob Bryant Stakes at Prairie Meadows in late May before taking the listed Northbound Pride Stakes at Canterbury a month later.

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Seekingthereinbow is by the Seeking the Gold son Mutakddim and, while free of inbreeding within four generations, she is linebred to Traffic Court, dam of both Preakness winner Hasty Road and the multiple stakes winner and sire Traffic Judge. ■