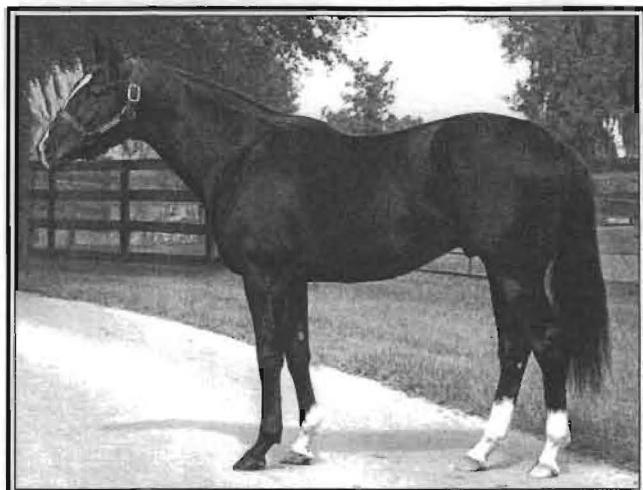


FLORIDA PEDIGREE PERSPECTIVE



Lightnin n Thunder



Three Wonders

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this year's sire crop with first yearlings is one of the strongest in recent memory.

Champion Macho Uno, who stands at Adena Springs South, had nine yearlings sell at OBS August for an average price of \$50,888. Earlier in August a Macho Uno colt, out of the Honor Grades mare Honor Lass, brought \$105,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Preferred sale in Saratoga. That colt was one of only a handful of six-figure yearlings at that auction.

The market also responded well to the first yearlings offered by the Storm Cat stallion Lightnin n Thunder, who stands at Bridlewood Farm. He actually led all first crop yearling sires at OBS August with an average progeny price of \$55,666. The headliner for Lightnin n Thunder was a colt out of the Distant View daughter Far Sighted Sal that brought \$105,000.

Hartley/De Renzo stallion Full Mandate made a big splash at OBS with a \$180,000 colt out of mare by Mountain Cat, the fifth highest priced lot of the sale. His progeny were also well received at the Fasig-Tipton July sale in Kentucky with a pair of six figure yearlings. Cam Allard went to \$120,000 to secure a Full Mandate filly out of the Smile mare Susie Smiles. The fillies' page looks even better now with her juvenile half-brother Straight Faced

winning everything in sight at Calder. Full Mandate was also represented by a \$100,000 colt at the sale. He is out of a mare by Exuberant and was pin-hooked out of the OBS Winter sale for \$67,000.

A trio of first crop yearlings by the multiple graded stakes winner Repent have commanded six figures this year. Two Repent yearlings sold for \$100,000 and \$120,000 respectively at the Fasig-Tipton July sale. The former is out of a mare by Tabasco Cat while the latter is out of a daughter of the Storm Bird stallion Personal Hope.

Earlier this year at the OBS Winter Mixed sale, Murray Smith went to \$120,000 to secure a Repent short yearling out of the Cherokee Run mare Carrenia. Repent stands at CloverLeaf.

Graeme Hall (Winding Oaks), Snow Ridge (Padua Stables), Gibson County (McKathan Farm) and Unbridled Time (Signature Stallions) have all sired first crop stakes winners. But it's Three Wonders who sits in third place on the national first crop sire standings behind Johannesburg and Officer and ranks first on Florida's list. As of this writing he is the sire of nine winners and three stakes-placed runners.

Three Wonders, who stands at Hidden Point, is by Storm Cat out of a mare by the

Mr. Prospector stallion Woodman and two of his early stake horses are out of Mr. Prospector-line mares. Desert Vixen Stakes third place finisher Flipaway is out of a mare by Rizzi and is inbred to Mr. Prospector at 4x4. Five Towns, second in the Fasig-Tipton Turf Dash, is out of a daughter of Miswaki and carries a double of Mr. Prospector at 4x3.

The Florida-based Gone West son Double Honor, who stands at Get Away Farm, has sired the listed winner Misguided Left out of the Fortunate Prospect mare Allie's Toy. That mare has also thrown the listed winner No Sleep to the cover of the Crafty Prospector son Robyn Dancer.

Former Florida stallion Successful Appeal is out of a mare by Fortunate Prospect and at least four of his first 11 stakes winners are inbred or linebred to Mr. Prospector. Two Punch again plays a role as the listed winner Punch Appeal is out of a daughter of that stallion. Successful Appeal has also sired the grade three winners Closing Argument (also second in the Kentucky Derby) and Lunarpal out of mares by Mr. Greeley and Quiet American respectively. The listed winner Double D Appeal is by Successful Appeal out of Diablo mare whose dam is by the Mr. Prospector stallion Distinctive Pro. ■