

Finding Their Niche

Sons of Alydar are siring top producers

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In the last issue of *OBI*, we used this space to analyze the performances of sons of Mr. Prospector as broodmare sires. This time we'll take a look at the scorecard for the sons of Alydar. Alydar himself, of course, is a fine broodmare sire, as his daughters have produced at least 84 unrestricted stakes winners. Such cracks as Lakeway, November Snow, Lure, Ajina, Peintre Celebre, Ancees and A P Valentine all show the great Alydar as the sire of their dams.

As good as Alydar's daughters have been as producers, his sons have been equally as poor as sires. Indeed, only three sons of Alydar remain in Kentucky - Kandaly, Dare and Go, and Saratoga Six, and the grand sum of their respective 2001 stud fees is \$11,500. Looking at it another way: Alydar sired 32 male stakes winners and nine group/grade one winners that included two Kentucky Derby winners and four Eclipse champions (two named Horse of the Year). For that wealth of quality, all of his sons at stud have thus far *combined* to sire a grand total of three group/grade one winners.

So when looking at the numbers for the sons of Alydar as broodmare sires, we essentially look at the performances of failed sires. Quite a contrast to the sons of Mr. Prospector.

The following chart lists all the sons of Alydar who have recorded a stakes winner as broodmare sire, along with Criminal Type, Strike the Gold and Jeblar. Criminal Type's oldest daughters are only nine (although the same age as Easy Goer's) and Strike the Gold's first crop is a mere six and was included only for reference. The Florida stallion Jeblar, who has sired 20 unrestricted stakes winners and whose oldest daughters are now twelve, has yet to get on the board as the broodmare sire of an unrestricted stakes winner.

Looking at the top of the list, we find that Saratoga Six, Alydar's first grade one-winning son, has an impressive record as a broodmare sire. He has 18 unrestricted stakes winners in that category, seven of those stakes winners are graded earners (one Japanese) and include grade two winner Dollar Bill and the grade one winner Catinca (by Storm Cat).

Outside of Catinca and the graded stakes-winning sib-

lings, Comic Strip (by Red Ransom) and Silver Comic (by Silver Hawk), the daughters of Saratoga Six have not had the benefit of major Kentucky stallions. In fact, we see the likes of Fast Play, Tejano, Jaklin Klugman and Local Talent as the sires of many of these stakes winners.

Turkoman has gained many accolades as the dam's sire of Preakness and Belmont hero Point Given. However, of the other seven stakes winners with Turkoman as broodmare sire, five are also graded winners. He is another whose daughters have produced with all levels of stallions, from Theatrical and Thunder Gulch, and Cozzene to Bates Motel, Grindstone and Northern Park.

Alysheba and Easy Goer both have daughters who are producing high quality runners early on. Of their eight combined broodmare sire stakes winners, all but one are graded winners.

While Saratoga Six, Turkoman, Alysheba and the deceased Easy Goer, were all grade one winners on the racetrack, who were given every opportunity in Kentucky, a few of Alydar's lesser sons deserve mention here.

And then there's Special Lineage, a winner of \$29,000 on the track. From his Oklahoma base, he has sired only 118 total runners (21 in his first three crops) yet two of his daughters have produced stakes winners. What's even more impressive is the fact that one of them, Slew O Mink (by Slewacide), captured the Round Table Stakes (G3) at Arlington Park.

In some ways that should come as no surprise, as the trend here is quality with these sons of Alydar as broodmare sires. All told, Alydar's granddaughters produce a very high percentage of graded winners. Of the 39 stakes winners in our sample, 21 (54 percent) are graded victors. By contrast, granddaughters of Mr. Prospector have produced 314 stakes winners, only 121 (37 percent) of which are graded winners. Interestingly, Alydar's own daughters have also produced a higher percentage of graded winners (66 percent) than have the daughters of Mr. Prospector (54 percent). **JOE**

Table I:
Sons of Mr. Prospector as Broodmare Sires

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BM SIRE SW'S	BM SIRE	YOB	1ST FOALS	CROPS	# FOALS	CI	AGE OF OLDEST DAUGHTERS	SW'S/% FILLIES	TOTAL # OF FOALS IN 1ST 3 CROPS
18	Saratoga Six	82	86	14	594	2.47	15	28/61%	122
8	Turkoman	82	88	12	510	1.78	13	16/56%	131
6	Alysheba	84	90	10	361	3.69	11	13/69%	162
2	Special Lineage	81	86	14	118	0.75	15	0 SW's	21
2	Easy Goer	86	92	4	133	4.46	9	9/67%	115
1	Santiago Peak	83	89	9	146	0.76	12	0 SW's	88
1	Chisos	84	89	11	248	0.86	12	1/100%	97
1	Talinum	84	90	8	244	1.37	11	3/0%	130
0	Jeblar	82	89	12	476	1.83	12	20/55%	110
0	Criminal Type	85	92	7	272	2.59	9	3/33%	159
0	Strike the Gold	88	95	5	255	1.96	6	5/50%	200