

Daddy's Girls

First stakes winners for young broodmare sires

With 2003 half over, it seems a good time to take a look back at some breeding milestones achieved so far, in particular those stallions who have recorded their first unrestricted stakes wins as a broodmare sires.

Everyone knows that Alydar was a miserable sire of sires, but as a consolation, his sons are getting the job done as broodmare sires. [See the article, "Alydar, the Next Generation," in the May 2003 issue of *OBL*.] There are at least 14 sons of Alydar whose daughters have produced stakes winners, and that group includes some respected damsires like Alysheba, Saratoga Six, Turkoman, and Easy Goer.

With two stakes-producing daughters in 2003, Criminal Type can add his name to the list. Ten Most Wanted, out of Criminal Type's non-winning daughter Wanted Again, won the Illinois Derby (G2) before his strong seconds in the Belmont Stakes (G1) and Swaps Stakes (G1). LX Commander took the Checkered Flag (Stakes) at Indiana Downs for Criminal Type's stakes-placed daughter Criminative. It's interesting that both stakes winners—Criminal Type's daughters' only unrestricted stakes winners—are by Deputy Commander.

The first time

The very solid stallion Gilded Time is also on the board as a broodmare sire, after Philadelphia Jim won the minor Dancing Count Stakes at Laurel. Philadelphia Jim is out of Salsa Stacy, a foal of 1995 and a member of Gilded Time's first crop. She won two races in her career and is sister to a stakes horse. As a sire, Gilded Time has worked very well with broodmares from the Mr. Prospector male line and apparently that cross works in reverse, as Philadelphia Jim is by Mr. Greeley, a grandson of Mr. Prospector.

Preakness (G1) winner Pine Bluff's oldest crop is only nine this year, but his daughter Shawklit Delight has produced a good one in Vagrancy Handicap (G2) winner Shawklit Mint. The winning Shawklit Delight is actually a member of Pine Bluff's second crop and she produced her stakes winner to the cover of *Air Forbes* Won.

Lively One and Prospectors Gamble, whose oldest daughters are now 11, are two more newcomers to the ranks of broodmare sires of stakes winners, as is the ill-fated Exbourne. Noble Halo, by Lucky North out of the Lively One mare Lively Dream, captured the Graduation Stakes at Assiniboia Down on the fourth of July. Daughters of Prospectors Gamble have actually produced a pair of stakes winners in 2003—Klondike Handicap winner Gambler Caper (by the Icecapade grandson Town Caper) and Daisycutter Handicap winner Roberta's Mango (by Bold Badgett).

Victorica, an eight-year-old daughter of Exbourne (and member of his second crop) produced the first broodmare sire stakes winner for her sire when King Hesperus (by Kingmambo) won the Rochestown Stakes at Leopardstown.

Much more

Across the pond there are at least five more European sires whose daughters are new stakes producers. Zafonic matches Gilded Time as far as having the youngest first crop (eight-year-olds) among the whole sample of newcomers this year. However, his daughters now have produced not just one but three stakes winners already in 2003.

That group includes Much Faster (by Fasliyev), who is one of the top juveniles in France after his win in the Prix Robert Papin (G2) and two other stakes. French stakes winner Alnamara (by Linamix) and Irish black-type victor Judhoor (by Alhaarth) are both three-year-olds out of daughters of Zafonic. Like Zafonic, Pursuit of Love's daughters are producing early and often. His eldest daughters are but nine years old and three of them have produced stakes winners this year, including two group winners: Antonius Pius, (G2, by Danzig) and Attraction (G3, by Efisio).

Most Welcome, whose eldest daughters are now 12, is the damsire of a French group three winner in Lucky Strike (by Petong). Sanglmore's first stakes winner as a broodmare sire is also a good one in Prix Saint Alary (G1) winner Fidelite (by In The Wings). Cartier Opera (by Zilzal) is the first stakes winner out of a daughter of 1991 Arc de Triomphe (G1) winner Suave Dancer.

But perhaps the most exceptional new broodmare sire of a stakes winner, if for no other reason than recent headlines, is Plinth. The son of Tom Rolfe was the sixth foal out of Banja Luka, making him an older brother to 1986 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Ferdinand.

Plinth was only a minor stakes winner in his racing days. At stud out in the sticks, from seven crops he produced only 88 foals and two stakes horses. Only nine of his 44 daughters have even produced a registered foal (for a grand total of 25 registered foals of racing age). Yet the very same week it was reported that Ferdinand had likely been slaughtered in Japan, Excellent Blend, out of the Plinth mare Lady Tisha, won the minor Edmonton Juvenile in Canada.

Update: Last month's Inbreeding column

It's worth noting that the first unrestricted stakes winner inbred to Roberto appeared right on cue since the last issue of *Owner-Breeder International* (in which we reported that there had yet to be one). On July 13, Risk Seeker won the Prix Berteux (G3) at 15 furlongs. The three-year-old colt is inbred to Roberto 3x2, being out of Robertet, a daughter of the great Darby Dan stallion, and sired by Elmaamul (himself out of a Roberto mare). 



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