

Second Crop Stars

Young stallions making an impression

It's still very early, but the seven members of the second seasonal sire class of 2004 have provided us with a decent size sample of stakes horses, and some trends are beginning to crystallize.

It's been reported in this journal and elsewhere that Successful Appeal has worked with mares that return Mr. Prospector, the great grandsire of his dam. To recap: Four of Successful Appeal's first six stakes winners are line bred to Mr. Prospector. Those include both his graded winners, Closing Argument and Lunarpal. He has also sired the stakes-placed Still Guilty out of a mare carrying Mr. Prospector. Those two graded winners and the multiple stakes-winning filly Punch Appeal are all out of Mr. Prospector-line daughters. Closing Argument is out of a Mr. Greeley mare, Lunarpal is out of a Quiet American mare, while Punch Appeal is out of a daughter of Two Punch. The dams of stakes winner Double D Appeal and Still Guilty carry Mr. Prospector in the broodmare line of their second dams. Interestingly, second dams of both of those runners are by the New York-based (now pensioned) Mr. Prospector son Distinctive Pro.

Devil's Bag appears in three of Successful Appeal's early top runners. The stakes winners Double D Appeal and Hostile Witness are both out of daughters of the Devil's Bag stallion Diablo. The multiple stakes-placed She's A Jewel is out the mare Binawin, whose own dam is by Devil's Bag.

Successful Appeal has also worked with Key to the Mint twice. Punch Appeal's second dam is granddaughter of Key to the Mint, while the multiple stakes-placed Accountforthegold's second dam is a granddaughter of that Graustark son.

True trends

The early trends aren't as clear and the sample of stakes horses not as large for Yes It's True. Two of his early stakes horses are out of Bold Ruler-line mares, including grade one winner Proud Accolade, who is out of a mare by the Seattle Slew son Septieme Ciel. The second dam of multiple stakes winner B. B. Best is a Bold Ruler granddaughter.

In Reality has also played a role in a pair of the early Yes It's True stakes horses. Lone Star Juvenile Fillies winner True Tails is out of a granddaughter of In Reality (by Relaunch), while the graded winner Chandtrue is out of mare by Crafty Prospector, who is himself out of an In Reality mare.

Fusaichi Pegasus has sired five stakes winners and three additional stakes horses on Northern Hemisphere time as of this writing. Deputy Minister,

Seattle Slew and Roberto all appear in two of those stakes horses.

Grade two winner Roman Ruler and multiple stakes winner South Bay Cove are both out of a Deputy Minister granddaughter, the former out of Silver Deputy mare, the latter out of a daughter of Salt Lake.

Multiple juvenile stakes winner Killenaule is out of daughter of the Seattle Slew stallion Metfield, while the second dam of Fountain of Youth runner up Bandini is a Slew daughter.

European stakes winner Witten is out of granddaughter of Roberto (by Red Ransom) and Sam F. Davis winner Andromeda's Hero's second dam is the good Roberto daughter Make Change.

Roman Ruler is inbred to Mr. Prospector at 2 x 4, the closest inbreeding of any kind found in the early FuPeg stakes horses. That runner is also line bred to Northern Dancer at 4 x 5 as is South Bay Cove. Andromeda's Hero and Bandini are out of Northern Dancer line mares are inbred and to Northern Dancer at 4 x 3.

In a shocking development, Giant's Causeway is clicking with Mr. Prospector-line mares. Sarcasm aside, his champion son Shamardal is out of daughter of Machiavellian, multiple group winner Maid's Causeway is out of Kingmambo mare and Italian stakes winner Aischa is out of a daughter of Zafonic. In North America his best runner to date, the Florida Derby (G1) second Noble Causeway, is out of a Seeking the Gold mare.

Land of the Giants

Shamardal is linbred to Halo at 5 x 4, while Irish group three earner Footstepsinthesand is inbred to Blushing Groom at 4 x 3.

Two of Cape Canaveral's first four stakes winners carry line-breeding to Graustark. Cape Canaveral's third dam is a granddaughter of Graustark as is the dam of Gowell Stakes winner Angel Trumpet. That adds up to Graustark 5 x 5. Multiple Puerto Rican grade one winner Launch Sequence is out of a daughter of Hero's Tribute, who is out of a Graustark mare. The stakes winner Roving Angel as well as the stakes horses Galaxy and Susur are both line-bred to Graustark's sire Ribot.

Six of Cape Canaveral's stakes horses are out of mares that carry Northern Dancer, no surprise there. Danzig is the only strain represented more than once - multiple stakes-placed Galaxy is out of a Danzig granddaughter (by Ascot Knight) and the stakes-placed Edith Prickley is out of a Danzig mare.

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All three of Dixie Union's stakes winners are inbred to Mr. Prospector, the sire of his second dam. Two of them, Im a Dixie Girl and Straw Hat are also inbred to Northern Dancer through the sireline of the second dam.

Sweetsouthern saint is the leading second crop sire of stakes horses still remaining in Florida and Secretariat has shown up in a pair of his five early stakes horses.

His Turf Paradise winner General John B is out of a granddaughter of Secretariat (by General Assembly). Southern Serenity, third in the Three Ring Stakes is out of a mare by Sword Dance, who in turn is out of a Secretariat daughter. Overall, Bold

Ruler is found in the dams of four of the five early stakes horses sired by Sweetsouthern saint.

In Maryland, Lion Hearted has shown high promise. He is a product of one of the great Phipps families and he is so far working with other Phipps blood. The stakes winner Maddy's Lion is out of granddaughter of Private Account, while the promising allowance winner, Cream Donut Keith is out of mare by Private Account's half brother, Polish Numbers. 



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