

Monarch in fashion

Derby winner is first of crop to get a stakes winner

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The juvenile season is now in full swing and there have been some promising early returns from this year's first crop stallions.

Monarchos became the first of his generation to sire a stakes winner in the U.S. when his daughter Fifth Avenue rolled home in the Fashion at Belmont Park. She is out of the Dehere mare Shop Here and carries some clever inbreeding. Her fourth dam is the Better Self mare Lady Be Good, who is also the granddam of Monarchos' grandsire Wavering Monarch. Fifth Avenue also carries line breeding to Northern Dancer (4 x 5), Majestic Prince (5 x 4) and Buckpasser (5 x 5).

Trippi's daughter Blissful Trip ran second to Fifth Avenue and is the first stakes horse for her sire. She is also one of three early winners for the grade one-winning son of former Leading Freshman sire End Sweep.

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Five star ranking

Five Star Day leads his peers in terms of progeny earnings so far. All three of his winners have also come in Maiden Special events (at Churchill, Keeneland and Aqueduct) and his daughter Five Star Holding placed second to the promising (and now sidelined) colt Half Ours in the Three Chimneys Juvenile.

The Florida-based Unbridled's Song stallion Songandaprayer has sired a pair of exciting winners. His daughter Stolen Prayer romped by 15 going 4 1/2 furlongs at Calder in late April, while his son Praying For Cash easily won his debut at Monmouth by 4 1/2 lengths in early June.

Two time Breeders' Cup Classic winner is now on the board as a sire after his filly Folklore won second out at Belmont. Kentucky based-stallions Talk is Money, City Zip, and Forest Camp all sired their first winners since last issue, as have the regional stallions One Way Love (Ontario), Put it Back (Florida), Delaware Township (Florida), St L'Enjoleur (Ohio) and Deputy Warlock (New Jersey).

Swiss Yodeler has taken his customary spot atop the overall Juvenile sire charts. The California-based son of Eastern Echo has already sired a pair of juve-

nile stakes winners, Willard L. Proctor Memorial winner Wild Uncle Kurt and Nursery winner Lil' Sister Swiss.

The New Mexico-based Devon Lane is once again showing strong early season form, ranking second in terms of 2005 juvenile progeny earnings. He's sired three winners so far including River's Prayer, winner of the Cinderella Stakes at Hollywood Park.

Shining example

Montbrook's son Beacon Shine won the grade three Flash at Belmont, first North American graded juvenile stake. He nosed out the Dixie Union colt Union Course, with likely favorite Master of Disaster a no show after passing the entry box. Master of Disaster was the talk of Delaware Park after his scintillating 13 1/2 length maiden win. He was a \$600,000 purchase out of the OBS February sale and they'll likely have to deal with him next time.

Out west, the talk of the maiden ranks is Corazondelcapeon, a headstrong colt by Comic Strip. He was the favorite for the Proctor before running off prior to the start, but showed what all the fuss is about with a subsequent six length maiden score at Hollywood Park.

Bashert also raised some eyebrows with his maiden tally. The colt from the second crop of Tiger Ridge stormed home to graduate by five lengths going 5 1/2 furlongs at Hollywood. 



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