

Simply Awesome

Deputy Minister son on a roll

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Awesome Again is no stranger to siring stakes winners in bunches as last year's Breeders' Cup showed. This past spring, the son of Deputy Minister was on another roll.

Awesome Again's first three grade one winners were all colts, but it's his fillies that are carrying the mantle in 2005. His sophomore daughter Spun Sugar made her stakes debut a winning one in the Black Eyed Susan (G2) on Preakness weekend. A few weeks later another three-year-old daughter, Round Pound, took the Acorn Stakes (G1) over a good field

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1	- Dixieland Band	- - - - -	14	Northern Dancer	1222	256	104	4
2	- A.P. Indy	- - - - -	7	Seattle Slew	225	70	23	3
-	Dehere	- - - - -	5	Deputy Minister	115	33	15	3
-	Mr. Prospector	- - - - -	25	Raise A Native	2936	304	101	3
-	Pleasant Colony	- - - - -	18	His Majesty	932	201	80	3
-	Storm Bird	- - - - -	18	Northern Dancer	1470	238	75	3
-	Storm Cat	- - - - -	12	Storm Bird	874	218	87	3
-	Strawberry Road (AUS)	- - - - -	13	Whiskey Road	487	126	58	3

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4	- Strawberry Road (AUS)	13	Whiskey Road	487	126	58	6
5	- Black Tie Affair (IRE)	8	Miswaki	409	139	46	5
-	Kris S.	18	Roberto	924	198	77	5
-	Relaunch	19	In Reality	1429	246	113	5
8	- A.P. Indy	7	Seattle Slew	225	70	23	4
-	Alydar	20	Raise A Native	1840	175	72	4
-	Beau Genius	9	Bold Ruckus	238	77	32	4
-	Crafty Prospector	15	Mr. Prospector	978	227	90	4
-	Danzig	19	Northern Dancer	1906	258	71	4
-	Deputy Minister	16	Vice Regent	1250	250	108	4
-	Dynaformer	9	Roberto	327	116	37	4
-	Miswaki	18	Mr. Prospector	1517	245	87	4
-	Nijinsky 2nd	30	Northern Dancer	2772	139	52	4
-	Phone Trick	14	Clever Trick	781	191	62	4
-	Pleasant Colony	18	His Majesty	932	201	80	4
-	Quiet American	8	Fappiano	165	59	21	4
-	Rahy	9	Blushing Groom (FR)	516	153	54	4
-	Saratoga Six	15	Alydar	845	151	56	4
-	Silver Deputy	10	Deputy Minister	348	105	48	4
-	Star De Naskra	20	Naskra	1208	156	50	4
-	Storm Cat	12	Storm Bird	874	218	87	4
-	Trempolino	12	Sharpen Up (GB)	448	104	36	4

to become her sire's fourth winner at the highest level. Round Pound had previously racked up big wins in the Honeybee and the Fantasy Stakes (G2) at Oaklawn Park.

With Ghostzapper's ridiculously facile win in the Met Mile (G1) six days prior to Round Pound's Acorn, offspring of Awesome Again took the first two grade ones at the Belmont Park spring/summer meet. Of course, that was Ghostzapper's final curtain call and he'll be the marquee name among the new stallions for 2006.

He, along with Eddington (Claiborne Farm), Medallist (Three Chimneys), Quest (Stone Farm) and Consolidator (Darley) are all confirmed to Kentucky for next breeding season. Announcements are also pending for the retired grade one winners Kela and Wando, while Pico Central is already booked to Florida after his fall campaign.

Sermon time

Like Awesome Again, Pulpit has been a bit of 'streaky' stallion. And like Awesome Again, it's been a hot spring.

Memorial Day weekend was an especially memorable one for the son of A. P. Indy. Oratory looks like he'll be a factor in the second half three year-old colt fixtures after his smashing score in the grade two Peter Pan on May 28. Pulpit's older son Ecclesiastic won his first blacktype event the following day, edging Forest Grove by a neck in the Jaipur Handicap (G3).

Pulpit has another rising star in sophomore turf filly Melhor Ainda. She followed up her win in Keeneland's Appalachian with another dominating tally in the Sands Point (G3) on June 5.

Pulpit has also been represented by the first time stakes winner Wend, Japanese grade three winner Pit Fighter and three other stakes horses during the first half of 2005.

Taking by storm

Two young Storm Cat sons have had strong seasons so far as well. The third crop sire Stormin' Fever came through with his first grade one winner earlier this year when his four year-old daughter Tarlow won the Santa Margarita Handicap (G1). That score came on the heels of her La Canada (G2) win. A few months later his sophomore colt Storm Wolf was getting his picture taken after the Laz Barrera (G2) at

Hollywood, while Sweet Talker was also posing at Churchill after winning the grassy Edgewood on Oaks Day.

The second year Storm Cat stallion Bernstein is already the sire of four 2005 stakes winners, including the new stakes winners Claymont and Bernie Blue. Bernstein's first crop of only 37 named foals, three year olds of 2005, now contains four Northern Hemisphere stakes winners (11% from named foals) as well as the graded placed runners Rugula and Sweet Solario. Bernstein has also sired at least two graded winners from his first South American crop.

On the regional front, the New York-based Abaginone is going great guns. He is the sire of three 2005 stakes winners including two new recent New York graded winners. His three year old daughter, Acey Deucy, won the Comely Stakes (G2) in April, her second stakes win. In May, Abaginone's five year-old son Uncle Camie earned his first stakes win in the Bold Ruler Handicap (G2) at Belmont. Abaginone is a fourteen year-old son of Devil's Bag, and was a multiple graded sprint winner in California.

It was a family reunion at Longchamp on May 22 with Vadawina (by Unfuwain) and Valixir (by Trempolino) taking both of the group ones on the program. The latter is out of the Linamix mare Vadlamixa, while the former is out of the Zafonic mare Vadaza, herself a daughter of Vadlamixa. Vadawina won the Prix Saint-Alary (G1) for sophomore fillies, while her uncle won the Prix d'Ispahan (G1) for older runners.

Mixed fortunes

The great racemare Urban Sea, winner of the 1993 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (G1), added to her even more remarkable record as a producer in May. Her seventh foal, the Giant's Causeway filly My Typhoon, won the Hilltop on the Pimlico turf course. Six of her first seven foals are now stakes winners. She had already produced Epsom Derby (G1) winner and Champion Galileo (Sadler's Wells) and the French group one winner Black Sam Bellamy (Sadler's Wells). Two of her stakes-winning daughters, Melikah (Lammtarra) and All Too Beautiful (Sadler's Wells) have also placed in the Epsom Oaks (G1).

The American champion Mom's Command has not fared so well in her second career. While she has visited the likes of Danzig, Mr. Prospector and Alydar, and produced eight winners, not one of her offspring has earned blacktype of any kind. That was until April 16, 2005, when her three year old colt named Jonesboro won the Northern Spur Breeders' Cup at Oaklawn Park. The colt, bred by Jayeff B Stable, is by the Fappiano son Sefapiano, who now stands at Elite Thoroughbreds in Louisiana for \$3,500. Guess you never know. **AOB**.



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Sires of Stakes Winners

RNK	STALLION	CROPS	SIRE	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	- Smart Strike	6	Mr. Prospector	317	105	48	8
2	- Storm Cat	15	Storm Bird	1012	90	42	7
	- Unbridled's Song	6	Unbridled	470	113	45	7
4	- A.P. Indy	10	Seattle Slew	697	124	49	6
	- Wild Rush	4	Wild Again	283	109	45	6
6	- Boston Harbor	5	Capote	255	92	41	5
	- Dixieland Band	18	Northern Dancer	1047	109	42	5
	- Forestry	3	Storm Cat	196	56	27	5
	- Out Of Place	10	Cox's Ridge	436	101	46	5
	- Seeking The Gold	13	Mr. Prospector	692	78	38	5
	- Skip Away	4	Skip Trial	272	113	46	5
	- Smoke Glacken	5	Two Punch	290	97	44	5
	- Stormy Atlantic	4	Storm Cat	278	101	37	5

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1	- Stormy Atlantic	4	Storm Cat	278	101	37	4
2	- Fusaichi Pegasus	2	Mr. Prospector	171	51	18	3
	- Maria's Mon	6	Wavering Monarch	433	131	53	3
	- Roar	6	Forty Niner	309	104	41	3
	- Smart Strike	6	Mr. Prospector	317	105	48	3
	- Swiss Yodeler	4	Eastern Echo	261	84	39	3
	- Unbridled's Song	6	Unbridled	470	113	45	3
8	- Archers Bay	3	Silver Deputy	124	44	9	2
	- Avenue Of Flags	12	Seattle Slew	391	47	19	2
	- Awesome Again	4	Deputy Minister	248	93	44	2
	- Bernstein	2	Storm Cat	63	26	11	2
	- Elusive Quality	4	Gone West	260	89	32	2
	- Ghostly Moves	4	Silver Ghost	56	28	13	2
	- High Brite	14	Best Turn	695	87	36	2
	- Holy Bull	8	Great Above	483	99	32	2
	- Langfuhr	5	Danzig	388	139	53	2
	- Lycius	11	Mr. Prospector	400	74	28	2
	- Mecke	6	Maudlin	197	55	14	2
	- Menifee	3	Harlan	118	54	21	2
	- Mutakddim	6	Seeking The Gold	304	89	44	2
	- Pembroke	7	Gone West	304	67	33	2
	- Pulpit	5	A.P. Indy	254	86	39	2
	- Rizzi	7	Afleet	289	93	32	2
	- Seeking The Gold	13	Mr. Prospector	692	78	38	2
	- Smoke Glacken	5	Two Punch	290	97	44	2
	- Storm Boot	9	Storm Cat	440	133	50	2
	- Storm Creek	6	Storm Cat	353	106	30	2
	- Sultry Song	9	Cox's Ridge	345	67	21	2
	- Truluck	2	Conquistador Cielo	39	9	4	2
	- Unbridled	11	Fappiano	563	75	27	2
	- War Chant	2	Danzig	87	30	8	2
	- Wild Rush	4	Wild Again	283	109	45	2
	- Yes It's True	2	Is It True	122	49	24	2