

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

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.

Broodmare Sires of First Time Stakes Winners

RNK	STALLION	CROPS	SIRE	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
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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	-- Storm Bird	18	. Northern Dancer	1470	. 238	. 75	. 10
3	-- Dixieland Band	14	. Northern Dancer	1222	. 256	. 104	. 9
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

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. **JOB.**



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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
	-- Meniffee	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	Aflect	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