

Sophomore Success

New freshman emerging with early three-year-olds

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Talk about the exploits of the first crop sires of 2004 may be getting redundant. But, based on the returns so far in 2005, the progeny of the cream of that crop show now signs of slowing down. In fact, the group may have to make room for a few more "promising" members as Golden Missile and High Yield have sired good looking sophomores early in the new year.

Golden Missile actually had a pair of nice fillies among his six first crop juvenile winners last year: Sorrento Stakes (G3) winner Inspiring and Alcibiades Stakes (G2) third In Gold. While the former remains sidelined, the latter returned in early February with a second place showing in the Davona Dale Stakes (G2), albeit beaten by 16 lengths, then came within a nose of taking the Bonnie Miss Stakes (G2). Now the son of A. P. Indy has a serious colt in multiple 2005 stakes winner Going Wild. He won the San Miguel at six furlongs in January and then went wire to wire in the Sham at nine furlongs.

High Yield's first juvenile crop was a bit of disappointment with only nine winners from 79 foals and a 25th place ranking on the Freshman Sire list. But his Amazing Buy looks like the real thing after her win in the Busanda at Aqueduct. The \$350,000 Fasig-Tipton February purchase validated her name by easily handling a solid bunch of fillies and more can be expected as winter turns to spring.

More Than Ready, 6th on the first crop list last year, already has a pair of 2005 stakes winners. His juvenile stakes winner, More Moonlight, won her second blacktype event on New Year's Day by taking the Letellier Memorial at the Fair Grounds. Two weeks later, Portsea became her sires' fourth stakes winner when she crossed the line first in the Sandpiper at Tampa.

Chattahoochee War became stakes winner number three for War Chant with his score in the Grassy Hill Stakes at Santa Anita. The colt is inbred to Roberto at 4 x 4, being out of a daughter of the Roberto grandson Sir Pekan, while War Chant is out of a Roberto granddaughter (Champion Hollywood Wildcat by Kris S.). He is the second unrestricted winner so inbred, joining multiple French group winner Risk Seeker. That runner also carried Roberto in the broodmare sire-line of the sire and in the sire line of the dam, at 3 x 2 in that instance.

Straw Hat is the third first crop stakes winner for Dixie Union after his win in the off-the-turf Black Gold at the Fair Grounds. His previous two stakes winners are out of Mr. Prospector-line mares (one by Robyn Dancer and one by Allen's Prospect), while Straw Hat is out of a direct daughter of Mr. Prospector. Dixie Union's second dam, She's a Talent is daughter of Mr. Prospector and therefore all three of his early blacktype winners are inbred to Mr. P, Straw Hat at 4 x 2, Im A Dixie Girl at 4 x 3 and United at 4 x 4.

Dixie Union's sire Dixieland Band was the leading broodmare sire of 2004, unseating Mr. P after seven years atop that category. Perhaps Mr. Prospector's daughters took it personally, as Straw Hat is already the fifth 2005 stakes winner out of a Mr. Prospector mare. The others include the graded winners Congrats and Rock Hard Ten.

With Maddy's Lion's win in the Jimmy Winkfield, the Maryland-based Storm Cat son Lion Hearted is also up to three first crop stakes winners. She is out of the Private Terms mare Maddy's Terms. Interestingly, third crop stallion Tactical's Cat's newest stakes winner, Virden, is also out of daughter of that Claiborne Farm stallion. Private Terms is now the broodmare sire of four stakes winners, with his first two emerging last year. Those two are by the Mr. Prospector son Not For Love and the Northrop stallion Northern Idol.

A sire son of Private Terms, Afternoon Deelites, has also made a bit of noise in recent months. Late last summer at Arlington he was represented by two new graded winners in Arlington Oaks winner Lovely Afternoon and Futurity winner Three Hour Nap. Now in 2005, he has Snack, who was being talked

Broodmare Sires of SWS

RNK	STALLION	CROPS	SIRE	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1--	Mr. Prospector	25	Raise A Native	2874	151	29	7
2--	Storm Bird	18	Northern Dancer	1430	145	29	5
3--	Kris S.	18	Roberto	887	114	27	3
4--	Afleet	11	Mr. Prospector	478	92	21	2
--	Alydar	20	Raise A Native	1803	105	26	2
--	Bold Ruckus	19	Boldnesian	956	77	18	2
--	Crafty Prospector	15	Mr. Prospector	954	132	30	2
--	D'Accord	16	Secretariat	446	44	12	2
--	Dr. Carter	14	Caro (IRE)	278	26	7	2
--	Flying Paster	19	Gummo	880	62	13	2
--	Foolish Pleasure	24	What A Pleasure	1104	36	8	2
--	Forlitano (ARG)	9	Good Manners	13	4	2	2
--	General Assembly	20	Secretariat	900	48	10	2
--	Great Above	21	Minnesota Mac	987	75	16	2
--	Phone Trick	14	Clever Trick	754	103	30	2
--	Private Terms	10	Private Account	326	53	10	2
--	Quiet American	8	Fappiano	157	36	10	2
--	Raise A Cup	25	Raise A Native	871	19	7	2
--	Secretariat	26	Bold Ruler	2728	93	27	2
--	Spectacular Bid	19	Bold Bidder	1200	72	12	2

about like a serious Kentucky Derby contender after his big win in the WEBN Frog Stakes at Turfway Park, but who suffered a life ending injury in the Santa Catalina Stakes (G2). All three of those runners are out of mares with a Nijinsky II connection. Snack and Lovely Afternoon are out of Nijinsky II granddaughters, the former out of daughter of Fred Astaire, the latter out of Green Dancer mare. Three Hour Nap is out of a daughter of Pilgrim whose dam, Fleur, is a sister to Nijinsky II. Afternoon Deelites had previously sired a stakes winner out of daughter The Minstrel, full brother to Pilgrim. Afternoon Deelites now stands at Clear Creek Stud in Louisiana after beginning his career at Airdrie Stud in Kentucky.

Daughters of Fred Astaire are quietly producing some useful runners. Seven of his daughters produced 2004 stakes winners, including the open winners Kaufy Mate and Anna Em. Overall, his daughters have produced 13 blacktype winners, the graded winner Casual Feat chief among those. 



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Sires of Stakes Winners

RNK	STALLION	CROPS	SIRE	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	- A.P. Indy	10	Seattle Slew	677	84	14	4
2	- Numerous	7	Mr. Prospector	402	47	11	3
	- - Out Of Place	10	Cox's Ridge	425	63	19	3
	- - Seeking The Gold	13	Mr. Prospector	674	37	13	3
	- - Storm Cat	15	Storm Bird	989	48	13	3
	- - Wild Rush	4	Wild Again	265	73	18	3
7	- - Abaginone	5	Devil's Bag	143	23	6	2
	- - Cape Town	4	Seeking The Gold	197	47	10	2
	- - Distorted Humor	4	Forty Niner	235	62	20	2
	- - Elusive Quality	4	Gone West	242	52	15	2
	- - Indian Charlie	4	In Excess (IRE)	207	45	12	2
	- - Kris S.	21	Roberto	832	39	5	2
	- - Louis Quatorze	5	Sovereign Dancer	359	65	12	2
	- - More Than Ready	2	Southern Halo	124	19	8	2
	- - Nelson	8	Seattle Slew	187	27	9	2
	- - Northern Afleet	4	Afleet	165	31	11	2
	- - Skip Away	4	Skip Trial	268	69	15	2
	- - Smart Strike	6	Mr. Prospector	301	57	14	2
	- - Smoke Glacken	5	Two Punch	268	64	21	2
	- - Storm Boot	9	Storm Cat	427	90	18	2