

Dynamic Dynaformer

Derby winner first from Roberto line

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Centered around the plentiful stakes program at Churchill Downs during Kentucky Derby week, the North American stakes program kicked into high gear during the first week of May.

While it's admittedly getting redundant, it's impossible not to mention Dynaformer once again in this space. As we all know by now his son Barbaro ran away from a highly regarded field in Kentucky Derby 132 to give the Roberto line its first U.S. Triple Crown event. But the week prior to Barbaro's big day, the Dynaformer daughter Pommes Frites won the Beaugay Handicap (G3) at Aqueduct. It was the first stakes win for the Bill Mott-trainee and she is Dynaformer's sixth stakes winner and fourth graded winner of 2006.

Broodmare Sires of First Time Stakes Winners

RNK	STALLION	CROPS	SIRE	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	French Deputy	5	Deputy Minister	69	22	12	6
2	Carson City	11	Mr. Prospector	502	144	63	4
	Forty Niner	12	Mr. Prospector	679	158	61	4
	Relaunch	20	In Reality	1,578	237	89	4
5	Copelan	16	Tri Jet	753	126	51	3
	Cryptoclearance	10	Fappiano	561	172	67	3
	Dehere	6	Deputy Minister	198	74	32	3
	Deputy Minister	17	Vice Regent	1,465	264	102	3
	Pine Bluff	8	Danzig	243	69	31	3
	Quiet American	9	Fappiano	243	80	40	3
	Strawberry Road (AUS)	14	Whiskey Road	565	138	60	3

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RNK	STALLION	CROPS	SIRE	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	Carson City	11	Mr. Prospector	502	144	63	8
	Forty Niner	12	Mr. Prospector	679	158	61	8
3	A.P. Indy	8	Seattle Slew	331	97	34	7
	Silver Deputy	11	Deputy Minister	474	145	66	7
5	Deputy Minister	17	Vice Regent	1,465	264	102	6
	French Deputy	5	Deputy Minister	69	22	12	6
	Relaunch	20	In Reality	1,578	237	89	6
	With Approval	10	Caro (IRE)	401	118	44	6
9	Aflect	12	Mr. Prospector	588	146	39	5
	Copelan	16	Tri Jet	753	126	51	5
	Dixieland Band	15	Northern Dancer	1,429	293	130	5
	Quiet American	9	Fappiano	243	80	40	5
	Strawberry Road (AUS)	14	Whiskey Road	565	138	60	5
	Unbridled	9	Fappiano	382	114	49	5
	Valid Appeal	24	In Reality	1,658	234	113	5

The second and third place finishers in this year's Derby showcased the influence of other top echelon American stallions as well. Derby runner-up Blue Grass Cat is by Storm Cat out of a daughter of A. P. Indy. Interestingly, he is only the fifth Kentucky Derby starter from his sire's first 15 crops and the second to hit the board, joining 1999 third place finisher Cat Thief.

Third place in Derby 132 went to the A. P. Indy grandson Steppenwolfer, a son of 2000 Derby second Aptitude. A. P. Indy was himself represented by A. P. Warrior (18th) and is the leading active sire of Kentucky Derby starters with eight. Aptitude is the only one of those runners to have hit the board, although two of his sons, Pulpit and Atswhatimtalknbout have finished fourth.

Aptitude is also one of five stallions who had a member of their first crops find their way into the Derby field of twenty. The New York-based Strategic Mission was represented by 6th place finisher Showing Up, Point Given had 9th place finisher Point Determined, the Kingmambo son King Cugat saw his Seaside Retreat beat half the field, and Broken Vow's son Private Vow checked in 15th.

Smart striking

The Lane's End stallion Smart Strike is having another fine year in 2006 and his accomplished son English Channel made a triumphant return on the Derby Day. English Channel was multiple stakes winner and multiple grade-placed in 2005. In his first start of 2006, he broke through with a nice win in the Woodford Reserve Turf Classic (G1) about an hour before the Kentucky Derby was run. Four days later his three year-old son Fabulous Strike took the Romano Gucci Stakes at Belmont for his first black-type victory. Back in April on the Keeneland opening day card, another of his sophomore sons Chin High upset the Transylvania Stakes (G3) on the turf. Smart Strike has also been represented by the multiple 2006 stakes winner Don't Strike Out.

His daughters can sing

A pair of Derby week stakes fell to daughters of Unbridled's Song. On Derby Thursday, Unbridled Sidney nosed out Very Vegas to win the listed Mamzelle S. going five furlongs on the Matt Winn turf course. Last summer Unbridled Sidney set the course record for that distance in the Zenobia

Princess Stakes. The following day, on the Kentucky Oaks undercard, the Unbridled's Song three year-old filly Magnificent Song won her first stake in the listed Edgewood Stakes, also on the grass. She is out of the Storm Cat mare Storm to Remember and is Unbridled's Song's fourth stakes winner out of daughter of the great Overbrook stallion. Unbridled's Song is now the sire of five 2006 stakes winners, three of those graded victors.

Atticus cinches

Atticus relocated to Magali Farm in California for the 2005 breeding season and promptly had a 'headline' horse emerge in form of Florida Derby winner (G1) High Fly. He has no such big horse in 2006, but it has been another solid spring for the Nureyev stallion.

Back in mid-February his sophomore son Can't Beat It won his first stakes in the Hallandale Beach at Gulfstream Park. In April two of his previous stakes winners earned their first graded victories. At the Keeneland spring meeting the turf sprinter Atticus Kristy took the Shakertown Stakes (G3), while over in France the multiple stakes winner Petite Specale earned graded status in the Prix Barbeville (G3). Atticus has also been represented by Fiery Dancer, a full sister to Atticus Kristy, who earned her first black-type with a second place run in the Edgewood Stakes.

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Sires of Stakes Winners

RNK	STALLION	CROPS	SIRE	FOALS	STRS	WNRS	SWNRS
1	- Distorted Humor	5	Forty Niner	361	112	53	8
-	- More Than Ready	3	Southern Halo	238	116	52	8
3	- A.P. Indy	11	Seattle Slew	758	128	55	7
-	- Storm Boot	10	Storm Cat	521	127	60	7
5	- Carson City	13	Mr. Prospector	914	131	65	6
-	- Dynaformer	14	Roberto	809	120	40	6
-	- Forest Wildcat	7	Storm Cat	480	123	48	6
-	- Giant's Causeway	3	Storm Cat	381	128	38	6
-	- Malibu Moon	4	A.P. Indy	202	89	40	6
-	- Seeking The Gold	14	Mr. Prospector	739	79	33	6
-	- Unbridled's Song	7	Unbridled	575	132	47	6
12	- Awesome Again	5	Deputy Minister	345	87	39	5
-	- Langfuhr	6	Danzig	496	143	52	5
-	- Maria's Mon	7	Wafering Monarch	530	145	73	5
-	- Pioneering	7	Mr. Prospector	324	120	51	5
-	- Saint Ballado	11	Halo	698	113	43	5

Sires of First Time Stakes Winners

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1	- A.P. Indy	11	Seattle Slew	758	128	55	6
2	- Deputy Minister	20	Vice Regent	1,093	85	24	4
-	- Malibu Moon	4	A.P. Indy	202	89	40	4
-	- More Than Ready	3	Southern Halo	238	116	52	4
5	- Carson City	13	Mr. Prospector	914	131	65	3
-	- Comic Strip	4	Red Ransom	174	47	20	3
-	- Distorted Humor	5	Forty Niner	361	112	53	3
-	- Elusive Quality	5	Gone West	373	105	49	3
-	- Five Star Day	2	Carson City	108	36	13	3
-	- Gone West	16	Mr. Prospector	955	98	29	3
-	- High Yield	3	Storm Cat	267	115	57	3
-	- Louis Quatorze	6	Sovereign Dancer	433	161	64	3
-	- Seeking The Gold	14	Mr. Prospector	739	79	33	3
-	- Storm And A Half	3	Storm Cat	117	43	19	3
-	- Storm Boot	10	Storm Cat	521	127	60	3
-	- Valid Expectations	6	Valid Appeal	324	108	40	3