

A Run to the Top

War Pass likely secures Juvenile Sire title for Cherokee Run

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The impressive victory by War Pass in the soggy Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) vaulted his sire Cherokee Run to the top of the Juvenile Sire rankings in North America. Out of the Mr. Prospector mare Vue, the undefeated colt will surely be the second Eclipse Champion for his sire come January. Cherokee Run's first champion, the late Chilukki, won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies in 1999, helping garner a Leading First Crop sire title.

If Cherokee Run does indeed hold on he will become the 10th stallion in the past 50 years to earn a First Crop sire title and a Juvenile title in separate years. Bold Ruler, and two of his sons, What A Pleasure and Raja Baba where the first modern stallions to pull off the feat. Mr. Prospector and his sons Fappiano and Seeking the Gold, Seattle Slew and his son Capote are the others. Cherokee Run has also been represented by the juvenile stakes winner Cherokee Triangle, winner of the grassy Sunday Silence Stakes at Louisiana Downs in September.

The late Hennessy is having a typically strong year with his juvenile runners. The Storm Cat stallion has 19 winners and six two-year-old stakes winners to his credit this year. Those six juvenile stakes winners are second only to freshman sire Posse among North American stallions. Doneraile Court leads all North American stallions with 25 juvenile winners, four of whom are stakes winners.

Freshmen on the Move

A.P. Indy's Horse of the Year Mineshaft was one of the headline first crop stallions going into 2007. He did not win a stakes event until he was four, so it's certainly no surprise that his progeny have taken some time to get into gear. That appears to be happening as the year draws to a close. Mineshaft was represented by his first stakes winner on October 26 when his daughter La Mina captured the Hidden Light Stakes on the Santa Anita turf course. She is his second stakes runner, joining Arlington-Washington Lassie (G3) third Minewinder. Mineshaft also has the impressive two-time winner Cool Coal Man among his seven winners. That runner is heading to stakes competition for trainer Nick Zito.

The Mr. Greeley stallion Whywhywhy was a multiple Graded stakes winner at two in his racing days with the Grade 1 Futurity at Belmont among his big victories. He is the first member of his crop with a Breeders' Cup winner after his son Nownownow got to the wire first in the inaugural Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf. Nownownow had previously won the With Anticipation Stakes at Saratoga and is one of

two early multiple stakes winners for his sire. He joins We're In The Money, a two-time stakes winner in West Virginia.

The fall months have also been kind to the Classic-placed Forty Niner son Sunday Break. He has been represented by 12 new winners in the past two months, including the stakes-placed Sunday Holiday, third in both the Grade 1 Frizette Stakes and the Grade 3 Tempted Stakes on the dirt and Sundaysunday, second in the grassy King Cugat Stakes at Belmont Park.

Last season the Cherokee Run son Yonaguska was the co-leading First Crop stallion by winners with 26. Thus far in 2007 Cherokee Run's second major sire son Kafwain is doing good work as well. The multiple juvenile graded stakes winner and Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) second is up to double digit winners and four stakes winners. On Thanksgiving Day his son Massive Drama was impressive in taking the Grade 3 Hollywood Prevue on the West Coast. On Breeders' Cup Saturday at Retama Park in Texas, they ran the \$100,000 La Senorita Stakes on the turf and it was captured by the Kafwain filly Hartfelt. Those two stakes winners join the other Kafwain headliners from the summer; Bassinet Stakes winner Kadira and James C. Ellis Juvenile winner Yonegwa, who captured his second stakes in Zia Park's Governors Stakes on October 28.

Coast to Coast

California-based Decarchy is as well-bred a stallion as you'll find, being by a Distant View out of Broodmare of the Year Toussaud (dam of Empire Maker, Honest Lady, Chester House, etc.). He is up to six winners and had his first two stakes runners emerge in late October/early November. Timehascometoday captured the \$101,992 ATBA Fall Sales Stakes at Turf Paradise on October 20. A few weeks later the Distant View gelding Harlene placed third in the Cal Cup Juvenile.

On the other coast, the New York-based Say Florida Sandy scored his first stakes winner on October 13. His daughter Say Toba Sandy, previously second to males in the Finger Lakes Juvenile, came back to defeat her own sex in the Finger Lakes Juvenile Fillies. A 13-year-old son of Personal Flag, Say Florida Sandy won the last of his 19 stakes at the age of nine. 



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