

Street Cred

Second crop stallion Street Cry making more 'Sense'

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Street Cry earned his 2006 Leading First Crop Sire crown largely on the strength of his champion son Street Sense. But the Machiavellian stallion is proving to be anything but a one hit wonder. His headline runner is still one of the Triple Crown favorites after a win in the Tampa Bay Derby (G3) and a runner-up finish in the Blue Grass Stakes (G1). But Street Cry is the sire of four additional 2007 stakes winners, and two of those are new grade/group winners that emerged just in the month of April.

Street Sounds, winner of last fall's grassy Selima Stakes made her three-year-old debut in the April 12 Beaumont Stakes (G2) at Keeneland. Another example of how turf form can translate to Polytrack success, Street Sounds won the seven furlong 'main track' event over the previously unbeaten Belong to Me filly Forever Together.

Nine days later, across the Atlantic at Newberry, the Street Cry filly Majestic Roi, upset the Dubai Duty Free Stakes (G3) (also called the Fred Darling Stakes). Whatever the name, the seven furlong race on the grass was the first stakes win for Majestic Roi and she may now be supplemented to the English 1,000 Guineas.

Street Cry has also been represented by the new 2007 stakes winners Summer Doldrums (Whirlaway Stakes) and Street Magician, who took the listed Aventura Stakes on the Florida Derby undercard. All told Street Cry is now the sire of seven first crop stakes winners from 88 foals (8%) and four of his stakes winners have won at the graded level.

Keeneland Hardware

Keeneland's two Grade 1 spring fixtures, the Ashland Stakes and the Bluegrass Stakes fell to Christmas Kid and Dominican respectively. Both were new Grade 1 winners for their sires, Lemon Drop Kid and El Corredor.

After failing to meet lofty expectations with his first crop, Lemon Drop Kid has been doing yeoman's work to get back in the good graces of commercial breeders. He currently ranks in the top ten on the General Sires' List and he has been represented by three new stakes winners in 2007. One of those, the multiple graded winner Citronnade, has emerged as one of the top grass fillies on the West Coast. And for the second consecutive spring he has a Grade 1-winning three-year-old filly to state his case.

Christmas Kid wintered well in Florida, taking the Davona Dale Stakes (G2) at Gulfstream Park in

February. She found Kentucky to her liking as well, holding off the always game Octave to win her first Grade 1 in the Ashland. However, it does not appear that she will try to emulate Lemons Forever, Lemon Drop Kid's 2006 Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner. Christmas Kid will instead be pointed to the important summer Grade 1's in New York.

El Corredor's son Dominican will be going to the Kentucky Derby, though, after his heart stopping win over Street Cry, Zanjero, Teufelsburg (and Great Hunter too) in the Blue Grass. El Corredor is now the sire of six total stakes winners from his first two crops, all but one are graded winners including the additional Grade 1 winner Adeiu (he also has a Grade 1 winner in Puerto Rico).

Dam Hot

We primarily focus on sires and broodmare sires in this column. But with the 2006 Broodmare of the Year announcement in this issue, we thought it would be fitting to mention a likely candidate for next year. Of course, the way the Dynaformer mare Winter's Gone is going, we really didn't need any excuses.

It's probably safe to say that few mares have ever had a week like the one she had in late March. Sharp Susan, Winter's Gone's three year-old daughter by Touch Gold, earned her first stakes win by taking the Herecomesthebride Stakes (G3) at Gulfstream Park on March 25. Then just six days later, Sharp Susan's older 1/2 brother Spring At Last (by Silver Deputy) also won his first stakes, the Godolphin Mile (G2) on the Dubai World Cup card.

Winter's Gone had previously produced the Grade 1 winner Sharp Lisa, who later sold as a broodmare prospect for \$3.4 million at the 2006 Keeneland November sale. That's about as hot as a family can get. **JOE**



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