



Any Given Saturday's pedigree reveals familiar patterns

by Rommy Faversham

Any Given Saturday's impressive 4½-length victory over Hard Spun and Preakness Stakes (G1) winner Curlin in the \$1,060,000 Haskell Invitational Stakes (G1) on Sunday certainly established the three-year-old Distorted Humor colt as a top contender within his division.



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The rejuvenated dark bay or brown Kentucky-bred covered 1½ miles at Monmouth Park in a brisk 1:48.35.

Prior to the Haskell, Any Given Saturday earned his first graded stakes victory the Dwyer Stakes (G2) on July 4, when he outran Nobiz Like Shobiz to avenge his earlier defeat to that foe in the Wood Memorial Stakes (G1).

Eighth behind Street Sense in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1), Any Given Saturday was second by a nose to the former in the Tampa Bay Derby (G3) back in March. His record now stands at five wins from eight lifetime starts and earnings of \$989,213.

Bred by Racehorse Management, Any Given Saturday was purchased

for \$1.1-million at the 2005 Keeneland September yearling sale.

He is the second live foal and stakes winner out of the winning A.P. Indy mare Weekend in Indy, also the dam of 2004 Cicada Stakes (G3) winner Bohemian Lady, by Carson City.

Mares by A.P. Indy have combined, so far, to produce 12 graded or group stakes winners, including last year's Haskell winner, Bluegrass Cat.

Weekend in Indy is a half sister to 2004 Holy Bull Stakes (G2) winner Second of June. This also is the family of 1993 champion two-year-old filly Phone Chatter.

Any Given Saturday hails from the fifth crop of the influential Forty Niner stallion Distorted Humor and represents his sire's seventh North American Grade 1 winner. Distorted Humor stood in 2007 at WinStar Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, for \$225,000.

It is interesting that 2003 three-year-old champion Funny Cide's recent retirement from racing coincides with the soaring fortunes of Any Given Saturday since their pedigrees are so similar.

Both are Grade 1 winners by Distorted Humor out of broodmares by sons of Seattle Slew (Funny Cide is out of a Slewacide mare). Additionally, both of their dams are closely inbred to Bold Ruler and carry valuable strains of Buckpasser and My Babu.

Any Given Saturday and Funny Cide each demonstrate the auspicious cross of Mr. Prospector and Seattle Slew, two premier stallions who both trace in tail-female line to the great matriarch Myrtlewood.

Two additional strains of this key family (#13-c) are supplied by *Djeddah, who appears as both the sire of Any Given Saturday's fourth dam, Beadah, as well as the broodmare sire of Mr. Leader, sire of Distorted Humor's grandam, Sweetest Chant, which makes for an intriguing accumulation of complementary lines from the same great ancestral herd.

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		File 76 10 fs, 1 SW DI=1.38	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
	Danzig's Beauty 87 3 wins, \$205,806, SW 12 fs, 2 SWs DI=3.44	Danzig 77 1070 fs, 197 SWs SI 5.36 DI=4.71	Tom Rolfe 62	*Ribot 52 Pocahontas 55
Weekend in Indy 95 2 fs, 2 SWs DI=3.33		Sweetest Chant 78 11 fs, 1 SW DI=4.60	Continue 58	Double Jay 44 Courtesy 52
	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 836 fs, 105 SWs SI 4.09 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fs, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
	Whow 85 7 wins, \$171,096, SW 11 fs, 1 SW DI=5.22	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fs, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Pas de Nom 68	Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52
	Spectacular Bid 76 753 fs, 44 SWs SI 1.58 DI=2.67	Mr. Leader 66	Hail to Reason 58 Jolie Deja 54	
	Hooplah 65 12 fs, 4 SWs DI=2.16	Gay Sonnet 69	Sailor 52 Gay Rig 56	
		Bold Reasoning 68	Gay Missie 67	
		My Charmer 69	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63	
		Secretariat 70	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59	
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