



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Bold Hawk's pedigree features valued Darby Dan affinity

by Rommy Faversham

Bursting through a wall of horses in midstretch, Bold Hawk outfinished favored Twilight Meteor by a head to capture the \$250,000 Hawthorne Derby (G3) on October 13.

The race was the stakes debut for the improving three-year-old Silver Hawk gelding, who covered 1½ miles on firm turf in 1:47.45.

Bold Hawk entered off a two-length allowance victory at Belmont Park on September 23. Unraced at two, this massive late-bloomer did not make his first start until late June.

Abay Kentucky-bred, Bold Hawk has won three of his five career starts, all on turf, and is being



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BOLD HAWK

pointed to the Hollywood Derby (G1) on November 25.

Bold Hawk hails from the 21st and final crop of the Roberto stallion Silver Hawk and represents his sire's 39th group or graded stakes winner. Pensioned from stud duty, Silver Hawk still resides at Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky.

Bold Hawk is the latest in a growing list of successful racehorses bred on the cross of a Roberto-line stallion with the family of our subject's fourth dam, Soaring. It is a formula that appears to have become almost perfected by his breeders, the Phillips Racing Partnership, led by John Phillips. Phillips's grandfather, John W. Galbreath, founded Darby Dan Farm, where he bred and then owned English Derby-winning sire Roberto as well as the foundation mare Soaring.

Bold Hawk is one of three winners out of the Danzig mare Tribulation, who was best at three when she won the 1993 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup Stakes (G1). She also is the dam of Bold Hawk's full brother, Coshocton, a stakes winner in England.

Tribulation's unraced full sister, Ameriflora, was bred by the Phillips family to Silver Hawk, producing Japanese champion two-year-old male Grass Wonder and multiple Grade 1-winning distaffer Wonder Again. These two represent genetic full siblings to Bold Hawk.

Tribulation's half sister, Graceful Darby, by the Roberto stallion Darby Creek Road, won four Grade 3 races including the 1987 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup.

The Phillips family also bred 1999 champion turf female Soaring

Bold Hawk, b. g., 2004

Silver Hawk 79 830 fls, 76 SWs SI 2.51 DI=1.71	Roberto 69 7 wins, \$332,272 Champion 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	*Turn-to 51	*Royal Charger 42 *Source Sucree 40
		Bramalea 59 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.92	Nothirdchance 48	Blue Swords 40 Galla Colors 43
Gris Vitesse 66 2 wins, \$45,149, SW 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.60	*Amerigo 55 126 fls, 20 SWs SI 3.47 DI=1.23	*Matchiche II 56 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.50	Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
			Rarelea 49	Bull Lea 35 Bleebok 41
Danzig 77 3 wins, \$32,400 1071 fls, 199 SWs SI 5.36 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Pas de Nom 68 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=11.00	=Nearco (Ity) 35	=Pharos (GB) 20 =Nogara (Ity) 28
			=Sanlinea (GB) 47	=Precipitation(GB) 33 =Sun Helmet (GB) 40
Tribulation 90 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.23	Graceful Touch 78 4 wins, \$66,530 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.63	His Majesty 68 640 fls, 59 SWs SI 2.33 DI=0.77	=Mat de Coccagne (Fr) 48	=Birkill (Fr) 36 =Fascine II (Fr) 41
			*Chimere Fabuleuse 51	=Coaraze (Fr) 42 =Nine II (Fr) 31
Pi Phi Gal 73 5 fls, 1 SW DI=4.00	Nearctic 54	Admiral's Voyage 59	Natalma 57	=Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
			*Petitioner 52	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
Soaring 60	Flower Bowl 52	Raise a Native 61	Crafty Admiral 48 Olympia Lou 52	Crafty Admiral 48 Olympia Lou 52
			*Ribot 52	=Petition (GB) 44 =Steady Aim (GB) 43
Swaps 52	*Alibhai 38 Flower Bed 46	*Skylarking II 47	Raise a Native 61	=Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanela (Ity) 43
			Soaring 60	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46

Softly, by Roberto's son, Kris S. and out of Wings of Grace, a granddaughter of Soaring. Soaring Softly's half sister, Plenty of Grace, sired by Roberto and bred by John Galbreath, won the 1990 Yellow Ribbon Invitational Stakes (G1) and Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup.

For good measure, other breeders have crossed the Roberto male line with the Soaring female line to get superior runners such as Bold Hawk's close relatives, Grade 1 winner Sunshine Street, by Sunshine Forever, and multiple graded winner New Economy, by Red Ransom. It certainly looks like a useful recipe for success on the turf.

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