



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Turf star Daytona hails from fading line of foundation sire Herod

by Rommy Faversham

Daytona (Ire) set an uncontested pace and cruised to a half-length victory in the \$500,000 Hollywood Derby (G1) on November 25.



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The three-year-old Indian Ridge gelding made his stakes debut in his previous start, romping to a 4¼-length triumph in the Oak Tree Derby (G2) on turf at the Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita Park on October 13.

Unraced at two, the chestnut gelding began his career competing on synthetic surfaces in Great Britain. His record now stands at four wins from ten lifetime starts and \$461,390 in earnings.

Bred by the Irish National Stud, Daytona is one of six winners from as many starters out of the unraced Blushing John mare Kyka.

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Daytona's broodmare sire, Blushing John, won the 1988 Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulains (Fr-G1) (French Two Thousand Guineas) and was voted the Eclipse Award winner as champion older male after capturing the 1989 Pimlico Special (G1) and Hollywood Gold Cup (G1) Handicaps.

Likewise, Daytona's grandam, L'Attrayante (Fr), was a high-end performer on both sides of the Atlantic. She won the 1983 Poule d'Essai des Poulches (Fr-G1) (French One Thousand Guineas) and Goffs Irish One Thousand Guineas (Ire-G1). Later in the season, she was sent to North America, where she annexed the E. P. Taylor Stakes (Can-G2) at Woodbine and finished second to Sangue (Ire) in the Yellow Ribbon Invitational Stakes (G1) at Santa Anita.

Kyka's half sister, Madeleine's Dream, by Theatrical (Ire), won the 1993 French One Thousand Guineas. Her full sister, Grade 3 winner Miss Lenora, is the dam of three-time graded stakes winner Stylish.

Daytona is from the 14th crop of the influential Ahonoora stallion Indian Ridge, who died of heart failure last year in Ireland.

Indian Ridge's pedigree features a novel 3x3 cross of the half brothers, Martial and Skymaster, creating inbreeding to their dam, Discipliner.

A sprinter, like his sire, Indian Ridge is the sire of 36 graded or

Daytona (Ire), ch. g., 2004

=Indian Ridge (Ire) 85 843 fls, 77 SWs SI 1.82 DI=99.99	=Ahonoora (GB) 75 7 wins, \$173,739, SW 465 fls, 45 SWs SI 2.00 DI=3.00	*Lorenzaccio 65 391 fls, 15 SWs SI 0.90 DI=1.32	*Klairo 52	=Clarion (Fr) 44 =Kalmia (Fr) 31
		=Helen Nichols (GB) 66 3 fls, 1 SW DI=5.29	=Phoenissa (GB) 51	=The Phoenix (GB) 40 =Erica Fragrans (GB) 46
=Hillbrow (GB) 75 2 wins, \$6,003 11 fls, 1 SW DI=13.00		Swing Easy 68 464 fls, 16 SWs SI 0.58 DI=2.64	=Martial (Ire) 57	Hill Gail 49
		=Golden City (GB) 70 4 fls, 0 SWs DI=43.00	=Quaker Girl (GB) 61	=Discipliner (GB) 48 =Whistler (GB) 50 =Mayflower (GB) 56
Kyka 94 7 fls, 1 SW DI=2.29	Blushing John 85 9 wins, \$1,548,081 Champion 429 fls, 18 SWs SI 1.22 DI=1.48	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74 512 fls, 92 SWs SI 4.76 DI=1.52	Delta Judge 60	Traffic Judge 52 Beautillion 53
		La Griffe 74 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.93	Free Flowing 58	Polynesian 42 Rytina 43
	L'Attrayante (Fr) 80 8 wins, \$935,969, SW 7 fls, 3 SWs DI=7.00	Tyrant 66 486 fls, 35 SWs SI 1.18 DI=6.25	=Skymaster (GB) 58	=Golden Cloud (GB) 41 =Discipliner (GB) 48
		=Camerata (Fr) 59 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.11	=West Shaw (GB) 60	=Grey Sovereign (GB) 48 =Irish Candy (Ire) 46
			Red God 54	*Nasrullah 40 Spring Run 48
			Runaway Bride (GB) 62	=Wild Risk (Fr) 40 =Aimee (GB) 57
			Prince John 53	*Princequillo 40 Not Afraid 48
			Graffiti 68	Greyhound 63 Fictitious 57
			Bold Ruler 54	*Nasrullah 40 Miss Disco 44
			*Anadem II 54	*My Babu 45 =Anne of Essex (Ire) 41
			*Klairo 52	=Clarion (Fr) 44 =Kalmia (Fr) 31
			=Java Sea (Fr) 49	=Winterhalter (GB) 37 =Argovie (Fr) 43

group stakes winners, including Ridgewood Pearl (GB) and Domedriver (Ire), winners of the 1995 and 2002 Breeders' Cup Mile (G1), respectively.

Indian Ridge also sired 1997 Darley July Cup Stakes (Eng-G1) winner and sire Compton Place, 2000 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp Majestic Barriere (Fr-1) winner and sire Namid, '03 Entenmanns Irish Two Thousand Guineas (Ire-G1) winner Indian Haven, and dual Group 1-winning filly Indian Ink.

A valuable source of sprinters and milers, Indian Ridge represented the planet's best remaining stallion who traced in tail-male line to the foundation sire Herod (1758-'80). His passing without evidence of a worthy successor makes the future viability of the legendary Herod sire line tenuous at best. Alas, the exceptionally well bred but gelded Daytona cannot be of any help.

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