



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Flashy Bull's Stephen Foster win shines bright for sire Holy Bull

by Rommy Faversham

Flashy Bull corralled his first Grade 1 victory when holding on by a head over Magna Graduate to capture the \$829,500 Stephen Foster Handicap (G1) on Saturday at Churchill Downs.



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The win marked the fourth consecutive victory for the improving four-year-old Holy Bull colt, who completed the 1½-mile race in 1:48.63.

In his start prior to the Stephen Foster, Flashy Bull earned his first stakes triumph when taking the William Donald Schaefer Handicap (G3), also by a head, at Pimlico Race Course on May 19.

Last season as a three-year old, the gray or roan colt was winless in seven starts while facing top company, including a 14th-place finish to Barbaro in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1). At age two, Flashy Bull's best effort was a second-place finish to Bluegrass Cat in the 2005 Remsen Stakes (G2) at Aqueduct to cap the season.

His career mark currently stands at five wins from 18 starts and earnings of \$829,313.

Bred in Kentucky by Jerry and Liz Squyres, Flashy Bull was purchased at the 2005 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s Calder selected two-year-olds in training sale for \$205,000.

He is the one of three winners from as many starters out of the winning Mt. Livermore mare Iridescence. His three-year-old half brother, Pink Viper, by Smoke Glacken, won the Count Fleet Stakes on January 6 at Aqueduct.

Mt. Livermore mares have combined, so far, to produce 11 graded stakes winners including millionaire Super Frolic, by Pine Bluff.

Flashy Bull is a five-generation outcross. His dam, Iridescence, is inbred 3x4 to Crimson Satan through two of his best daughters, Flama Ardiente and Queen Louie, the latter, Flashy Bull's fourth dam, was Canada's 1970 champion two-year old filly. That family also includes of 2003 Canadian champion turf male and United States Grade 1 winner Perfect Soul (Ire).

Flashy Bull's tail-female line was introduced to North America in the late 1950s with the importation of his sixth dam, Albany Isle (GB).

Flashy Bull hails from the seventh crop of 1994 Horse of the Year and Racing Hall of Famer Holy Bull, who stands at Darley in Lexington for \$15,000.

### Flashy Bull, Gr. or Ro. c., 2003

Holy Bull 91 655 fls, 31 SWs SI 1.87 DI=5.00	Great Above 72 13 wins, \$331,377, SW 603 fls, 39 SWs SI 1.33 DI=2.67	Minnesota Mac 64 244 fls, 18 SWs SI 1.83 DI=1.50	Rough'n Tumble 48 *Cow Girl II 49	Free For All 42 Roused 43 =Mustang (GB) 41 =Ate (GB) 41
	Sharon Brown 80 3 wins, \$45,860 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.75	Al Hattab 66 363 fls, 44 SWs SI 1.93 DI=2.80	Ta Wee 66 5 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.00	Intentionally 56 Aspidistra 54
Mt. Livermore 81 11 wins, \$610,644, SW 976 fls, 72 SWs SI 1.93 DI=2.76		Agatha's Dawn 70 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.96	The Axe II 58 *Abyssinia II 53	*Mahmoud 33 Blackball 50 =Aberrant (GB) 46 =Serengeti (GB) 44
	Iridescence 95 4 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.67	Manila 83 355 fls, 30 SWs SI 1.74 DI=1.25	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74 512 fls, 92 SWs SI 4.76 DI=1.52	*Grey Dawn II 62 Agatha 55
Orient Pearl 89 2 wins, \$14,768 7 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.45		Flama Ardiente 72 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=13.00	Red God 54 Runaway Bride (GB) 62	Crimson Satan 59 Royal Rafale 68
	A Status Symbol 79 12 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.62	Lyphard 69 Dona Ysidra 75	Exclusive Native 65 Queen Louie 68	Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60 *Le Fabuleux 61 Matriarch 64 Raise a Native 61 Exclusive 53 Crimson Satan 59 Reagent 61

Flashy Bull is his sire's sixth Grade 1 winner, following 2000 champion two-year old colt Macho Uno, 2005 Kentucky Derby winner Giacomo, Bishop Court Hill, Pohave, and the filly Confessional.

The distinctly American tail-male line of Holy Bull has been hanging on by little more than a thread for well over a century and it will be interesting to see which, if any, of his sons will have the opportunity and potency to pass his torch (Y chromosome) on to future generations.

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