



# Mistical Plan's pedigree features several interesting inbreeding patterns

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Favored Mistical Plan nosed out longshot Tiz Elemental to prevail in the six-furlong Sunshine Millions Oaks on January 27 at Santa Anita Park.



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The win marked the second lifetime stakes victory for the three-year-old bay Game Plan filly, who also captured the Cover Gal Stakes at Santa Anita during the Oak Tree meeting in October.

In her previous start, Mistical Plan finished third in the Santa Ysabel Stakes (G3) on January 6. Her career mark improved to three lifetime victories from seven starts and earnings of \$235,765.

## MISTICAL PLAN

Bred in California by Carol Anderson, Mistical Plan is the first winner out of the winning Bel Bolide mare Mistical Bel.

Daughters of Bel Bolide have combined, so far, to produce 13 stakes winners, including the excellent Grade 1-winning sprinter Richter Scale, by Habitony, and 2006 Hill Prince Stakes (G3) winner Outperformance, by Aptitude.

The Bertrando filly Shaggy Mane, winner of the Sunshine Millions Filly and Mare Turf Stakes on Saturday, also is out of a Bel Bolide mare.

Mistical Plan's largely California-based family is, with a few notable exceptions, relatively light on quality black-type victories. Her dam's half brother Mysterious Cat, by Distinctive Cat, did place in the 2002 San Bernardino Handicap (G2).

Mistical Plan's third dam, Cloud Ho, also is the ancestress of Vanity Invitational Handicap (G1) winner Private Persuasion and Remsen Stakes (G2) winner Windsor Castle.

By far, the best runner along Mistical Plan's extended tail-female line was her sixth dam, Maecloud, winner of the 1936 Spinaway Stakes.

Mistical Plan is from the seventh crop of the unraced Danzig stallion Game Plan, who stands at E.A. Ranches in Santa Ysabel, California, for \$3,500. Game Plan is the sire of 17 stakes winners, all of the ungraded variety. His richest son, Melanyhasthepapers, is a career earner of \$311,152 who won the 2006 Cougar II Stakes at Hollywood

Mistical Plan, b. f., 2004				
Game Plan 93 290 fls, 17 SWs SI 0.97 DI=2.57	Danzig 77 3 wins, \$32,400 1055 fls, 194 SWs SI 5.36 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Iby) 35 *Lady Angela 44
		Pas de Nom 68 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=11.00	Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
	Cadillacng 84 7 wins, \$268,137, SW 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.07	Alydar 75 689 fls, 77 SWs SI 5.54 DI=3.94	Admiral's Voyage 59	Crafty Admiral 48 Olympia Lou 52
Mistical Bel 96 4 fls, 1 SW DI=1.86	Bel Bolide 78 9 wins, \$614,661, SW 277 fls, 7 SWs SI 0.96 DI=2.09	Relaxing 76 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.38	*Petitioner 52	=Petition (GB) 44 =Steady Aim (GB) 43
		Bold Bidder 62 492 fls, 53 SWs SI 3.08 DI=3.63	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	Lady Graustark 69 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.09	Sweet Tooth 65	On-and-On 56 Plum Cake 58	
	Mehmet 78 367 fls, 10 SWs SI 1.05 DI=1.05	Buckpasser 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47	
	Cloud Ho 68 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.00	Marking Time 63	To Market 48 Allemande 55	
	Mistical Mist 88 1 win, \$4,500 7 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.17	High Bid 56	Bold Ruler 54	*Nasrullah 40 Miss Disco 44
		Graustark 63	To Market 48 Stepping Stone 50	
		Inyala 63	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52	
		His Majesty 68	*My Babu 45 Roman Ronda 56	
		Soaring 60	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52	
		Cohoes 54	*Skylarking II 47	
		Cloud High 63	*Mahmoud 33 Belle of Troy 47	
			*Castle Hill II 50 Doctor Cloud 50	

Park and is multiple graded stakes-placed.

By no surprise, Mistical Plan's pedigree features several interesting inbreeding patterns. Her dam Mistical Bel is closely inbred, 3x3, to full brothers Graustark and His Majesty.

Mistical Plan is, herself, most closely inbred, 5x5, to the early 1950s handicap star To Market, a relatively uncommon duplication, best demonstrated in the pedigree of the great Spectacular Bid.

There also is a 4x4 cross of Buckpasser and Cohoes, two immediate members of the great tribe of \*La Troienne. Specifically, Buckpasser's granddam Businesslike (Blue Larkspur-La Troienne) is a full sister to Cohoes's dam, Belle of Troy.

For good measure, Game Plan's seventh dam is the same everlasting matriarch, \*La Troienne.

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