



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Pedigree of Matron winner Proud Spell has auspicious sibling cross

by Rommy Faversham

Proud Spell, a two-year-old filly by Proud Citizen, became her sire's first graded stakes winner on September 15 as she rolled to a 4¼-length victory in the \$250,000 Matron Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park.



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The bay Kentucky-bred moved squarely into the two-year-old filly division picture as she completed seven furlongs in 1:24.20 to remain unbeaten in three lifetime starts.

Proud Spell made her first two starts at Delaware Park, where she captured a five-furlong maiden special weight race on July 30 and followed with a five-length triumph in the six-furlong White Clay Creek Stakes on August 25.

PROUD SPELL

Her next expected start is the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) at Monmouth Park on October 27.

Owned and bred by former Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones, Proud Spell is the first winner out of the winning Langfuhr mare Pacific Spell.

Proud Spell also represents the first graded stakes winner for her broodmare sire.

Pacific Spell is a half sister to multiple stakes winner Call Her Magic, by Caller I. D.

The most celebrated member of this immediate family is 1989 Santa Anita Oaks (G1) winner Imaginary Lady, by Marfa out of stakes-placed winner Dream Harder, by Hard Work.

Winners of the Matron Stakes who subsequently won the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies

- 2005 Folklore (by Tiznow)
 - *2002 Storm Flag Flying (by Storm Cat)
 - 1990 Meadow Star (by Meadowlake)
- * run at one mile

Proud Spell hails from the initial crop of freshman sire Proud Citizen, who stood the 2007 breeding season for \$12,500 at Jones's Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky.

After capturing the 2002 Coolmore Lexington Stakes (G2) at Keeneland Race Course, Proud Citizen finished second in the Kentucky Derby (G1) and was third in the Preakness Stakes (G1), both of which were won by War Emblem.

Proud Citizen would certainly appear to enjoy a "stallion's pedigree."

By sire-of-sires Gone West, he descends from the immediate family of Northern Dancer. His third dam, Arctic Dancer, is Northern Dancer's

Proud Spell, b. f., 2005

Proud Citizen 99 84 fls, 1 SW SI 3.05 DI=3.29	Gone West 84 6 wins, \$682,251, SW 1041 fls, 88 SWs SI 2.68 DI=4.52	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	Drums Of Freedom 90 Placed, \$18,733 6 fls, 1 SW DI=1.89	Secrettame 78 15 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.17	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Green Forest 79 459 fls, 29 SWs SI 1.42 DI=2.20	Secretariat 70	Tamerett 62
Pacific Spell 99 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.77	Langfuhr 92 9 wins, \$698,574 Champion 951 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.40 DI=2.58	Danseuse Etoile 74 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.78	Shecky Greene 70	Tim Tam 55 *Mixed Marriage 52
		Danzig 77 1070 fls, 199 SWs SI 5.35 DI=4.71	Tell Meno Lies 71	*Noholme II 56 Lester's Pride 57
	Malibu Magic 88 2 wins, \$13,628 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.00	Sweet Briar Too 86 7 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.77	Buckpasser 63	The Ave II 58 Filatonga 60
		Encino 77 301 fls, 19 SWs SI 1.03 DI=1.25	Arctic Dancer 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47
		Dream Harder 75 14 fls, 1 SW DI=1.22	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		Pas de Nom 68	Natalma 57 Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52	
		Briartic 68	Nearctic 54 Sweet Lady Briar 61	
		Prima Babu Gum 80	Gummo 62 Princess Babu 60	
		Nijinsky II 67	Northern Dancer 61 Flaming Page 59	
		Crimson Saint 69	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58	
		Hard Work 67	Golden Ruler 61 Addis Up 60	
		Great Squaw 56	Great Circle 47 Shawnee Squaw 48	

full sister.

Correspondingly, the bottom half of Proud Spell's pedigree provides a strong Northern Dancer presence as Pacific Spell is inbred 3x4 to that great patriarch.

Look for the potentially valuable cross of Arctic Dancer with one or more strains of her breed-shaping full brother to continue to be a frequent feature within the pedigrees of Proud Citizen's best offspring.

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Looking ahead

Sales

September 22—C.T.H.S. (Alberta division) fall mixed sale at Sportex Building, Northlands Park

September 24—Charles Town Thoroughbred Horse Sales West Virginia fall mixed sale at Charles Town Race Track