



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Sharp Susan's pedigree loaded with stamina

By Rommy Faversham

WinStar Farm homebred Sharp Susan made her graded stakes debut a winning one when the three-year-old filly scampered to a front-running, three-length victory in the \$107,000 Herecomesthebride Stakes (G3) on Sunday at Gulfstream Park.

The dark bay or brown Touch Gold filly completed the 1½-mile grass event in 1:47.90. Her record stands at three wins from seven lifetime starts with earnings of \$123,833.

Sharp Susan has won three of her previous four starts since her switch from dirt to turf racing.

Bred in Kentucky, Sharp Susan is one of five winners out of the Dynaformer mare Winter's Gone, who was unplaced in six starts at ages two and three.

Winter's Gone also is the dam of 2005 Las Virgenes Stakes (G1) winner Sharp Lisa, by Dixieland Band, as well as Spring At Last, by Silver Deputy, who was second in the Strub Stakes (G2) earlier this season and in the 2006 Malibu Stakes (G1).

Mares by Dynaformer have combined, so far, to produce 33 stakes winners, including multiple Grade 1 winner and \$1,171,105-earner Hollywood Story.

Winter's Gone is a half sister to three stakes winners, including the multiple Grade 1-winning turf star Bien Bien and multiple Grade 3 winner Dr. Schwartzman.

Sharp Susan's American family extends back to her sixth dam, \*Never Again II, who was imported to the United States in the late 1930s and later foaled 1949 champion two-year-old male Oil Capitol. The extended family also includes 1970 champion two-year-old filly Forward Gal.

Sharp Susan hails from the fifth crop of the Deputy Minister stallion Touch Gold, who stands for \$30,000 at Adena Springs Kentucky in Midway.

Winner of the 1997 Belmont Stakes (G1) and the Buick Haskell Invitational Handicap (G1), Touch Gold has sired seven graded stakes winners, including Grade 1 winners Seek Gold and Composure as well as Forego Stakes (G1) winners Midas Eyes (2004) and Mass Media ('05).



SHARP SUSAN

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### Sharp Susan, Dk. b. or br., f. 2004

Touch Gold 94 456 fls, 18 SWs SI 1.74 DI=1.82	Deputy Minister 79 12 wins, \$696,964 Champion 1129 fls, 87 SWs SI 3.34 DI=3.67	Vice Regent 67 672 fls, 105 SWs SI 2.83 DI=3.86	<b>Northern Dancer</b> 61 Natalma 57 *Menetrier 44 Victoriana 52
	Passing Mood 78 3 wins, \$45,361, SW 9 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.54	Mint Copy 70 7 fls, 1 SW DI=7.00	Bunty's Flight 53 Bunty Lawless 35 Broomflight 47 Jabneh 52 Grass Shack 51
		Buckpasser 63 313 fls, 35 SWs SI 4.32 DI=1.34	Tom Fool 49 Menow 35 Gaga 42
Winter's Gone 96 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.92	Dynaformer 85 7 wins, \$671,207, SW 874 fls, 78 SWs SI 2.26 DI=1.64	Cool Mood 66 13 fls, 1 SW DI=2.33	<b>Northern Dancer</b> 61 Natalma 57 *Mahmoud 33 La Reigh 40
		Roberto 69 500 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.90 DI=2.50	Hail to Reason 58 *Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48 Nashua 52 Rarelea 49
	Stark Winter 73 5 wins, \$61,180, SW 14 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.68	Andover Way 78 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	Bramalea 59 His Majesty 68 *Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52
	Winter Wren 60 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.33	*Ribot 52 =Tenerani (Ity) 44 =Romanella (Ity) 43 *Alibhai 38 Flower Bed 46 =Prince Rose (GB) 28 *Cosquilla 33 Count Fleet 40 Flight Bird 53 Pocket Edition 44	

Touch Gold's pedigree demonstrates close inbreeding (3x3) to his paternal great-grand sire Northern Dancer, a pattern more commonly observed among proficient turf runners.

Even though both her parents are closely inbred, Sharp Susan is a six-generation outcross, a relative rarity within today's American Thoroughbred population.

Her dam, Winter's Love, demonstrates a 3x2 cross of the full brothers His Majesty and Graustark. Interestingly, these two influential siblings also appear close up in the dam's pedigree of this year's Fair Grounds Oaks (G2) winner Mistical Plan.

Now that Sharp Susan has found a home on the turf, her goals are said to include the 1¼ mile American Oaks Invitational Stakes (G1) at Hollywood Park on July 7. Her stamina-laden pedigree certainly suggests she can get the distance.

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