



Southwest winner Teufflesberg boasts interesting female family

By Rommy Favershams

Shedding his blinkers for the first time, front-running 23.40-to-1 longshot Teufflesberg enjoyed a devilishly good trip and scored a 1½-length victory in the \$250,000 Southwest Stakes at Oaklawn Park on Monday.

The win marked the fourth victory from 13 lifetime starts for the cleverly bred three-year-old colt, whose career earnings increased to \$317,931.

Teufflesberg's best performances as a juvenile included a strong second in the Sanford

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Stakes (G2) in July at Saratoga Race Course as well as a victory in the Sugar Bowl Stakes at Fair Grounds in December.

Most recently, Teufflesberg was third to Hard Spun in the Lecomte Stakes (G3) on January 13 at the New Orleans track. Previously unbeaten Hard Spun finished fourth in the Southwest as the 1-to-2 favorite.

Bred in Kentucky by Richard Giocopelli, Teufflesberg sold for a scant \$9,000 as a yearling at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky October sale.

He hails from the first crop of the Hennessy stallion Johannesburg, an undefeated international champion at age two who currently stands for \$65,000 at Ashford Stud in Versailles, Kentucky.

Thanks in good part to a relatively large number of foals and starters, Johannesburg was the leading freshman sire of 2006 by worldwide progeny earnings. His leading earner, Scat Daddy, won the Champagne Stakes (G1) as well as the Sanford Stakes (G2), in which he beat Teufflesberg by a neck.

Teufflesberg is the first winner out of the placed Devil's Bag mare St. Michele. His unraced grandam, Line, is a three-quarter sister to multiple stakes winner Northcote Road, by Conquistador Cielo.

Teufflesberg's winning third dam, Border, was a sibling to four graded stakes winners. One of these, 1983 Falls City Handicap (G3) winner Narrate, went on to establish her family's most influential branch.

Narrate's best daughter, Frizette Stakes (G1) winner Preach, produced Grade 2 winner and sire Pulpit.

What makes all of this particularly interesting in regard to Teufflesberg



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Teufflesberg, b. c., 2004				
Johannesburg 99 274 fls, 8 SWs SI 2.20 DI=3.67	Hennessy 93 4 wins, \$580,400, SW 959 fls, 55 SWs SI 1.80 DI=3.80	Storm Cat 83 1149 fls, 150 SWs SI 4.30 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78	Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67 Secretariat 70 Crimson Saint 69 =Utrillo II (Ity) 58 =Ethane (SAF) 47
	Myth 93 1 win, \$25,110 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.92	Island Kitty 76 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.40	*Hawaii 64 T. C. Kitten 69	Tom Cat 60 Needlebug 61
		Ogygian 83 679 fls, 24 SWs SI 1.25 DI=3.92	Damascus 64 Gonfalon 75	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58 Francis S. 57 Grand Splendor 62
St. Michele 96 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.86	Devil's Bag 81 8 wins, \$445,860 Champion 945 fls, 45 SWs SI 2.01 DI=1.42	Yarn 87 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.52	Mr. Prospector 70 Narrate 80	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 Honest Pleasure 73 State 74
		Halo 69 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Hail to Reason 58 Cosmah 53	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48 Cosmic Bomb 44 Almahmoud 47
	Line 88 Unraced 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.00	Ballade 72 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.41	*Herbager 56 Miss Swapsco 65	=Vandale (Fr) 43 =Flagette (Fr) 51 Cohoos 54 Soaring 60
	Border 82 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.71	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
			Spectacular Bid 76 State 74	Bold Bidder 62 Spectacular 70 Nijinsky II 67 Monarchy 57

is that Preach's full sister, Yarn, is the grandam of his sire, Johannesburg. As a result, his pedigree demonstrates a remarkable 3x2 cross of three-quarter sisters Yarn and Line.

This specific strategy of inbreeding to the family of both sire and dam, the "formula one pattern," has been successfully applied for centuries in the breeding of superior individuals.

For good measure, Teufflesberg's duplicated fourth dam, State, was by Nijinsky II out of Monarchy, a full sister to the great Round Table. The affinity between Nijinsky II and Round Table broodmares would become one of the strongest in recent decades, yielding an amazing 25% graded/group winners.

This year's growing list of Triple Crown contenders demonstrates a fascinating array of auspicious inbreeding patterns, and Teufflesberg certainly is no exception.

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