



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Adriano, Court Vision enjoy Derby-friendly pedigrees

by Rommy Faversham

This year's gathering of Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) participants provides another interesting cross section of America's prominent Thoroughbred bloodlines.

Last year, I thought the best-bred Kentucky Derby starter was 10-to-1 fourth choice Hard Spun, a Danzig colt from the family of dual classic winners Little Current and Chateaugay, who finished a gallant second.

This year's Derby field appears to feature two pedigree standouts, Adriano and Court Vision.

Adriano is bred on the highly successful cross of A.P. Indy with Mr. Prospector mares. Representatives include 2003 Horse of the Year and sire Mineshaft, 2001 champion two-year-old filly Tempera, and multiple Grade 2 winner and sire Pulpit.



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ADRIANO

The cross also is represented by Ashland Stakes (G1) winner and Kentucky Oaks (G1) hopeful Little Belle.

Adriano's grandam, 1992 Santa Anita Oaks (G1) winner Golden Treat, is a half sister to 1987 Belmont Stakes (G1) winner and Kentucky Derby runner-up Bet Twice.

Alternatively, Court Vision sports the cross of Gulch with a daughter of Storm Bird, a pattern previously noted in the pedigree of 1995 Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes winner Thunder Gulch.

Furthermore, Court Vision's grandam, multiple graded stakes winner Weekend Surprise is the dam of 1992 Belmont Stakes winner A.P. Indy and 1990 Preakness Stakes (G1) winner Summer Squall.

As indicated in the accompanying chart, 16 of the 20 expected Derby starters descend in tail-male line to the great foundation stallion Phalaris, who appears in their pedigrees within seven to ten generations.

COURT VISION

The contemporary dominant male line of Mr. Prospector, which has accounted for eight of the past 13 Derby winners, is represented by five runners in this year's classic.

The two most closely related Derby starters, in tail-female line, are Big Truck and Bob Black Jack.

Big Truck's sixth dam, Sybil's Sister, also is Bob Black Jack's eighth dam. Sybil's Sister (foaled 1943; family number 14-c) is a three-quarter sister to Nearctic, sire of the mighty Northern Dancer.

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2008 KENTUCKY DERBY CONTENDERS

Horse	Sire	2008 stud fee	Racing class of dam	Purchase price
Adriano	A.P. Indy	\$300,000	winner	homebred
Anak Nakal	Victory Gallop +	\$7,000 [Turkey]	winner	private
Big Brown	Boundary	(\$10,000 in 2005, pensioned)	winner	\$190,000
Big Truck	Hook and Ladder	\$10,000	winner	\$90,000
Bob Black Jack	Stormy Jack #	\$2,500	winner	\$4,500
Colonel John	Tiznow #	\$30,000	winner	homebred
Cool Coal Man	Mineshaft	\$75,000	winner	\$850,000 RNA
Court Vision	GULCH +	\$20,000	unraced	\$350,000
Cowboy Cal	Giant's Causeway	\$125,000	unplaced	homebred
Denis of Cork	Harlan's Holiday	\$25,000	placed	\$250,000
Eight Belles	Unbridled's Song +	\$150,000	stakes winner	\$375,000
Gayego	Gilded Time #	\$7,500 [Canadian]	stakes winner	\$32,000
Monba	MARIA'S MON	(\$60,000 in 2007, deceased)	winner	\$200,000
Pyro	Pulpit	\$80,000	winner	homebred
Recapturetheglor	Cherokee Run	\$40,000	stakes placed	\$215,000
Smooth Air	Smooth Jazz	\$3,000	winner	homebred
Tale of Ekati	Tale of the Cat	\$37,500	placed	homebred
Visionaire	Grand Slam +	\$35,000	stakes placed	\$220,000
Z Fortune	Siphon (Brz) #	\$5,000	G2 winner	\$80,000
Z Humor	DISTORTED HUMOR +	\$300,000	winner	\$240,000

non-Phalaris male line

+ Mr. Prospector male line

RNA Reserve Not Attained

Sires in CAPITAL LETTERS already have sired a Derby winner

Sire's stud fee in parenthesis indicates stallion is pensioned or deceased

- last fee given



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Graded stakes earnings of Kentucky Derby contenders (Through April 30)

Compiled by Churchill Downs Racing Secretary Ben Huffman

Horse	Trainer	Graded earnings	Horse	Trainer	Graded earnings
1. Pyro	S. Asmussen	\$1,020,000	11. Recapturetheglor	L. Roussel III	\$300,000
2. Tale of Ekati	B. Tagg	738,000	12. Smooth Air	B. Stutts Jr.	290,000
3. Colonel John	E. Harty	720,000	13. Cool Coal Man	N. Zito	212,767
4. Gayego	P. Lobo	640,000	14. Anak Nakal	N. Zito	212,216
5. Big Brown	R. Dutrow Jr.	600,000	15. Eight Belles (f)	L. Jones	210,000
6. Z Humor	B. Mott	579,000	16. Cowboy Cal	T. Pletcher	207,660
7. Monba	T. Pletcher	515,000	17. Visionaire	M. Matz	202,500
8. Court Vision	B. Mott	331,872	18. Big Truck	B. Tagg	194,500
9. Z Fortune	S. Asmussen	329,000	19. Bob Black Jack	J. Kasparoff	180,000
10. Adriano	G. Motion	310,000	20. Denis of Cork	D. Carroll	165,000