



Golden Spikes reveals influence of Sequence's lineage

by Rommy Favershaw

Improving sophomore colt Golden Spikes scored his first graded stakes victory when he rallied late to win by three-quarters of a length in the six-furlong Carry Back Stakes (G2) at Calder Race Course on July 12.



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GOLDEN SPIKES

The bay Seeking the Gold colt entered off a head victory in the Unbridled Stakes, also at six furlongs, at Calder on June 14. The colt's best effort from four previous graded stakes appearances had been a second-place finish in the Illinois Derby (G2), on April 5.

Golden Spikes has won four of ten lifetime starts and earned \$372,095. All four of his wins have come in sprints at Calder.

He is being pointed toward the King's Bishop Stakes (G1) on August 23 at Saratoga Race Course.

Golden Spikes hails from the 15th crop of Seeking the Gold and represents his sire's 48th graded or group stakes winner.

Seeking the Gold stands at Claiborne Farm in Paris, Kentucky, for a 2008 fee of \$125,000. Purchased for \$250,000 at the 2006 Keeneland September yearling sale, Golden Spikes was bred in Kentucky by Robert S. Evans, who also bred his first three dams along with much of his distinguished immediate family.

Golden Spikes is the first starter of the A.P. Indy mare A. P. Interest, a maiden winner at age three.

A. P. Interest also is the dam of unraced two-year-old filly Credit Quality, by Elusive Quality, and an unnamed yearling colt by Distorted Humor.

Golden Spike's second dam, 1993 Ruffian Handicap (G1) winner Shared Interest, produced Grade 1 winner and sire Forestry, by Storm Cat, and 1999 Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies winner Cash Run, a daughter of Seeking the Gold and thus a three-quarter sibling to Golden Spikes.

Golden Spike's third dam, Surgery, is the dam of 1989 and '90 Vosburgh Stakes (G1) winner and sire Sewickley.

Golden Spike's stakes-winning fifth dam, Sequence, proved to be the most important producing granddaughter of the great American

Golden Spikes, b. c., 2005				
Seeking the Gold 85 852 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.38 DI=3.15	Mr. Prospector 70 7 wins, \$112,171, SW 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	Native Dancer 50	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43
	Con Game 74 2 wins, \$24,080 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.32	Gold Digger 62 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.23	Raise You 46	Case Ace 34 Lady Glory 34
		Broadway 59 10 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.14	Buckpasser 63 313 fls, 35 SWs SI 4.32 DI=1.34	Nashua 52
Sequence 46	Count Fleet 40 Miss Dogwood 39			
A. P. Interest 99 3 fls, 1 SW DI=3.50	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 910 fls, 112 SWs SI 4.04 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Tom Fool 49	Menow 35 Gaga 42
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Busanda 47	War Admiral 34 Businesslike 39
	Shared Interest 88 10 wins, \$667,610, SW 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.20	Pleasant Colony 78 620 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.68 DI=1.17	Hasty Road 51	Roman 37 Traffic Court 38
	Surgery 76 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=6.38	Flitabout 45	Challedon 36 Bird Flower 32	
		His Majesty 68	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
		His Majesty 68	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
		Sun Colony 68	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
		Dr. Fager 64	Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
		Bold Sequence 61		*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52
				Sunrise Flight 59 *Colonia 59
				Rough'n Tumble 48 Aspidistra 54
				Bold Ruler 54 Sequence 46

matriarch Myrtlewood. Sequence's greatest influence on the breed is as the grandam of the foundation stallion Mr. Prospector, who appears in Golden Spike's pedigree as his paternal grandsire. This creates 4x5 inbreeding to Sequence. Adding A.P. Indy's sire, Seattle Slew, to the equation provides a third distant strain of Myrtlewood.

Reinforcement of the tail-female line, especially to one as worthy as Myrtlewood or Sequence, has long been a recipe for success.

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