



# Dwyer winner Mint Lane features a pair of High Voltage lines

By Rommy Faversham

Mint Lane spruced up his resume by collecting his first graded stakes win when he cruised to a front-running 2¾-length victory in the \$198,500 Dwyer Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park on June 6.



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## MINT LANE

Mint Lane is the 35th graded or group stakes winner out of a daughter of Conquistador Cielo, who won the 1982 Dwyer en route to Horse of the Year honors.

Mint Lane's half sister, Sister Girl Blues, by Hold for Gold, is multiple graded stakes-placed, including a second-place finish to 2002 Horse of the Year Azeri in the 2003 Vanity Handicap (G1).

Our subject also has an unraced two-year-old full brother named Strong Commitment, a yearling half sister by Saint Liam, and a weanling half sister by Indian Charlie.

Mint Lane's contemporary family is anchored by his fourth dam, 1990 Broodmare of the Year Kamar, Canada's champion three-year-old filly of 1979. Her best-known descendants include United States champions Golden Attraction and Fantastic Light, as well as the Grade 1 winners Gorgeous, Seaside Attraction, and sire Cape Town.

Mint Lane hails from the eighth crop of 1995 champion two-year-old male Maria's Mon, who was euthanized last September at age 14 after suffering from severe laminitis. The popular gray Wavering Monarch stallion spent his entire stud career at Pin Oak Stud in Versailles, Kentucky, where his fee rose from an initial figure of \$7,500 in 1997 to \$60,000 last season.

Maria's Mon's Grade 1 winners include 2001 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Monarchos, 2006 three-year-old filly champion Wait a While, '06 Malibu Stakes (G1) winner Latent Heat, and '08 Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G1) winner Monba.

The most interesting pattern in Mint Lane's pedigree appears to be the 4x4 cross of Majestic Prince's dam, Irradiate, and her half brother

Sent off as the 0.65-to-1 choice in the field of six, the improving bay three-year-old by Maria's Mon covered 1¼ miles in 1:44.29.

Bred in Kentucky by Pope McLean Sr., Pope McLean Jr., Marc McLean, and William Schiffman, Mint Lane is the seventh winner from eight starters out of Sister Girl, a multiple winner at age three.

Mint Lane, b. c., 2005				
Maria's Mon 93 700 fls, 38 SWs SI 1.98 DI=2.33	Wavering Monarch 79 6 wins, \$466,773, SW 671 fls, 41 SWs SI 1.18 DI=1.95	Majestic Light 73 854 fls, 72 SWs SI 2.22 DI=2.20	Majestic Prince 66	<b>Raise a Native 61</b> Gay Hostess 57
		Uncommitted 74 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.59	Irradiate 66	*Ribot 52 <b>High Voltage 52</b>
	Carlotta Maria 84 Placed, \$9,680 11 fls, 1 SW DI=2.50	Caro (Ire) 67 599 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.70 DI=1.26	=Fortino II (Fr) 59	=Grey Sovereign (GB) 48 =Ranavalu III (Fr) 54
		Water Malone 74 5 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.80	=Chambord (GB) 55	=Chamossaire (GB) 42 =Life Hill (GB) 40
Sister Girl 92 9 fls, 1 SW DI=3.47	Conquistador Cielo 79 9 wins, \$474,328 Champion 895 fls, 70 SWs SI 1.88 DI=6.14	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	<b>Raise a Native 61</b>	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
		K D Princess 71 11 fls, 1 SW DI=4.54	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46 Bold Ruler 54 <b>High Voltage 52</b>
	Scipio 87 Unraced 10 fls, 1 SW DI=2.29	Danzig 77 1073 fls, 199 SWs SI 5.34 DI=4.71	Bold Commander 60	*Turn-to 51 Tammy Twist 61
		Fortis Key 82 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.15	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Tammy's Turn 65	Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52
			*Forli 63	=Aristophanes (GB) 48 =Trevisa (Arg) 51
		Kamar 76	Key to the Mint 69 Square Angel 70	

Bold Commander, creating inbreeding to their influential dam High Voltage, champion two-year-old filly of 1954.

A reversal of this uncommon cross can be found within the pedigree of 2006 Indiana Derby (G3) winner Cielo Gold, a son of Conquistador Cielo whose grandam is by Majestic Light.

Duplication of High Voltage's family strains also occurs within the pedigree of Black Tie Affair (Ire)'s richest daughter, millionaire License Fee. Who knows? Maybe it makes sense to cross High Voltage lines.

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