



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Stardom Bound shines as Tapit's first stakes winner

by Rommy Faversham

The auspiciously named juvenile filly Stardom Bound catapulted to the front of her West Coast division as she swept from last to first, inhaling the field through the stretch, to win the \$250,000 Del Mar Debutante Stakes (G1) on September 1 by a commanding 4¼ lengths.



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The two-year-old Tapit filly covered seven furlongs on Polytrack in 1:22.50 and becomes only the second maiden to capture the prestigious event, joining 2000 winner Cindy's Hero.

Two breaks from the gate led Stardom Bound to a pair of unlucky seconds in each of her first two races at Del Mar, including her previous start on August 6 in the Sorrento Stakes (G3).

In three lifetime starts, the tall, long-stemmed filly has earned \$190,600. She is expected to appear next in the \$250,000 Oak Leaf Stakes (G1) on September 27 during the Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita Park.

Bred in Kentucky by Fletcher Gray, Carolyn Gray, and John Youngblood, Stardom Bound was a \$50,000 purchase at the 2007 Keeneland September yearling sale. The following season, she brought \$375,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s March sale of selected two-year-olds in training.

She is the third winner from four starters out of the Tarr Road mare My White Corvette, who was a stakes winner at two and was graded stakes-placed at two and three.

My White Corvette also is the dam of a yearling colt by Roman Ruler and a 2008 filly by Lion Heart.

Stardom Bound's extended family is a relatively modest one. So much so that her Del Mar Debutante triumph already makes this filly the most celebrated member of her tail-female line since her ninth dam, *Qu'elle Est Belle II, by *Rock Sand, won the 1912 Prix de Diane (French Oaks).

Stardom Bound hails from the first crop of the Pulpit stallion Tapit and represents both her sire's and her broodmare sire's first stakes winner.

Stardom Bound, gr. or ro. f., 2006

Tapit 01 87 fls, 1 SW SI 2.75 DI=2.00	Pulpit 94 4 wins, \$728,200, SW 484 fls, 37 SWs SI 2.54 DI=3.16	A.P. Indy 89 914 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.06 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69
		Preach 89 10 fls, 1 SW DI=3.52	Weekend Surprise 80	Secretariat 70 Lassie Dear 74
	Tap Your Heels 96 1 win, \$47,275, SW 4 fls, 1 SW DI=1.40	Unbridled 87 566 fls, 49 SWs SI 3.73 DI=1.70	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
Ruby Slippers 82 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.42		Narrate 80	Honest Pleasure 73 State 74	
My White Corvette 98 4 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Tarr Road 83 5 wins, \$80,675, SW 30 fls, 2 SWs SI 0.72 DI=2.31	*Grey Dawn II 62 746 fls, 73 SWs SI 2.12 DI=0.47	Fappiano 77	Mr. Prospector 70 Killaloe 70
		Pure Reason 77 12 fls, 1 SW DI=3.47	Gana Facil 81	*Le Fabuleux 61 Charedi 76
	Wind Chime 92 Unraced 6 fls, 1 SW DI=15.00	Marfa 80 535 fls, 28 SWs SI 1.41 DI=5.50	Nijinsky II 67	Northern Dancer 61 Flaming Page 59
	Belles Native 75 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.25	Moon Glitter 72	In Reality 64 Foggy Note 65	
		*Herbager 56	Polamia 55	=Vandale (Fr) 43 =Flagette (Fr) 51
		Chieftain 61	Reason to Earn 63	*Mahmoud 33 Ampola 49
		Foolish Pleasure 72	Gray Matter 66	Bold Ruler 54 Pocahontas 55
		Raise a Native 61	Belle's Pocket 62	Hail to Reason 58 Sailing Home 48
				What a Pleasure 65 Fool-Me-Not 58
				Stratmat 54 Songcraft 52
				Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
				Pocket Ruler 54 Emerald Belle 47

Winner of the Laurel Futurity (G3) at two and the Wood Memorial Stakes (G1) at three, Tapit stood in 2008 for \$12,500 at Gainesway in Lexington. He descends from the family of the successful stallions Relaunch, Rubiano, and Glitterman.

Stardom Bound and both of her parents inherited their gray or roan coats from 1936 Epsom Derby winner and influential stallion *Mahmoud.

Mendelian genetics tells us there is a 50% probability she is homozygous (purebred) for the dominant gray or roan gene, and, as such, will go on to produce only gray or roan offspring.

It also is interesting to note that Stardom Bound's nonstakes-winning broodmare sire, Tarr Road, is from the same female family as our subject's fifth generation paternal sire, Bold Reasoning, creating 6x4 inbreeding to their common matriarch, Reason to Earn.

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