



Derby prospect Z Fortune carries strain of great foundation sire St. Simon

by Rommy Faversham

Z Fortune branded himself a credible candidate on this year's Triple Crown trail with his sharp 2¾-length triumph in the \$99,000 Lecomte Stakes (G3) on January 12 at Fair Grounds.



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The gray or roan Siphon (Brz) colt easily broke his maiden at first asking at Belmont Park on October 20 and subsequently captured an allowance race on December 7 at Aqueduct. Unbeaten in three starts, Z Fortune posted his victories by a combined 14 lengths and has earned \$117,600.

Z FORTUNE

Bred in New York by Delehanty Stock Farm, Z Fortune was an \$80,000 purchase at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale of selected yearlings. He is one of six winners from seven starters out of the Fortunate Prospect mare Fortunate Faith, winner of the 1992 Demoiselle Stakes (G2) as a two-year-old.

Daughters of Fortunate Prospect have thus far combined to produce 25 stakes winners, including 1999 Withers Stakes (G2) winner and sire Successful Appeal, by Valid Appeal, and multiple Grade 3 winner Fort Prado.

Z Fortune has an unraced two-year-old half sister by 2007 leading United States sire Smart Strike.

The balance of his immediate family has been workmanlike but

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Z Fortune, gr. or ro. c., 2005

Siphon (Brz) 91 468 fls, 13 SWs SI 1.15 DI=0.60	=Itajara (Brz) 83 4 wins, SW 225 fls, 15 SWs SI 13.63 DI=0.60	*Felicio 65 182 fls, 20 SWs DI=0.67	=Shantung (Fr) 56 =Barley Corn (GB) 50
	=Ebrea (Brz) 79 3 wins 11 fls, 1 SW DI=1.18	=Apple Honey (Brz) 75 7 fls, 1 SW DI=0.52	*Fighting Edie 56 =Falkland (GB) 68 =Irish Song (Brz) 64
Fortunate Faith 90 9 fls, 1 SW DI=4.33	Fortunate Prospect 81 13 wins, \$439,875, SW 738 fls, 30 SWs SI 1.09 DI=3.80	Northern Prospect 76 578 fls, 38 SWs SI 1.28 DI=4.60	Mr. Prospector 70 Sleek Dancer 68
	Keep the Faith 79 Spl, \$13,168 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.00	Fortunate Bid 71 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.00	Lucky Debonair 62 Biddy Big 66
	Gail Gluckin 70 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.29	Duck Dance 67 240 fls, 7 SWs SI 0.97 DI=1.00	Water Prince 60 Classic Rhythm 60 Steel Viking 60 Miss Bonus 63
			=Sicambre (Fr) 48 =Guersant (Fr) 49 =Edie Kelly (GB) 50 =Right Royal (Fr) 58 =Argentina (GB) 57 =Maki (Brz) 47 =Udaipur (Brz) 56 =Seductor (Arg) 43 =Starling (GB) 39 *Tatan 52 =Fantasy (Arg) 48 =Fort Napoleon (Fr) 47 =Tacy (Brz) 32 =Maki (Brz) 47 =Urisca (Brz) 55 Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 Vertex 54 Fresh as Fresh 57 Palestinian 46 Spoon 52 Beau Gar 50 Water Queen 47 Swoon's Son 53 Classic Verse 48 Silver Wings 48 Norse Queen 52 Vertex 54 Remission 51

generally uncelebrated. Z Fortune and his dam are the only two graded stakes winners under his first four dams.

Z Fortune inherited his silver coat color from Steel Viking, the sire of his third dam. Steel Viking is a rather obscure paternal grandson of the influential gray stallion *Mahmoud, who was imported to the United States in 1940.

Z Fortune is a six-generation outcross. He hails from the seventh crop of Siphon, a Group 1 winner in his native Brazil before arriving in the U.S., where he is best known for his victories in the 1996 Hollywood Gold Cup (G1) and '97 Santa Anita Handicap (G1) at ages five and six, respectively.

Siphon will stand in 2008 at Pin Oak Lane Farm in New Freedom, Pennsylvania for \$5,000. He is the sire of 2001 Hollywood Futurity (G1) winner Siphonic and 2005 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash Stakes (G1) winner I'm the Tiger.

Of note, all six of Siphon's U.S. graded stakes winners have been out of mares carrying the blood of Mr. Prospector.

Siphon's tail-male line is a rare vestigial twig of the great 19th century foundation sire St. Simon, which over ten generations, has journeyed from England to France to Brazil, and now reached the U.S.

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Kentucky Derby winners who trace in tail-male line to St. Simon

Year	Winner	Sire
1994	Go for Gin	Cormorant
1982	Gato Del Sol	*Cougar II
1981	Pleasant Colony	His Majesty
1971	Canonero II	*Pretendre
1920	Paul Jones	*Sea King
1916	George Smith	*Out Of Reach

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