



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Tiznow colt enjoys the 'lion's share' in Prevue

by Rommy Faversham

After stalking the leaders early on, American Lion found his best stride in midstretch and, despite some late lapses of attention, notched his first stakes victory by a half-length in the \$100,000 Hollywood Prevue Stakes (G3) on November 21.

Tall and talented but still very green, American Lion completed seven furlongs on Hollywood Park's synthetic Cushion Track surface in 1:22.49.



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WinStar Farm's two-year old bay colt entered off an overwhelming 6¾-length maiden special weight score over a next-out winner at Keeneland Race Course on October 18, a performance that tabbed him as one to watch on the upcoming Triple Crown trail.

Bred in Kentucky by Bill Casner's and Kenny Troutt's WinStar Farm in association with Dr. William

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Lockridge, American Lion is the first starter out of the Storm Cat mare Storm Tide, a winner in her only career start in a six-furlong maiden special weight race for two-year olds in 2002 at Churchill Downs.

A full sister to Canadian stakes winner Weather Warning, Storm Tide also is the dam of two full siblings to American Lion, a yearling colt and a weanling filly. She was bred to Bernardini this year.

The most celebrated member of American Lion's immediate family is his second dam, City Band, winner of the 1996 Oak Leaf Stakes (G1) and runner-up to Sharp Cat later that year in the Hollywood Starlet Stakes (G1).

After City Band, the tail-female line gets relatively thin in its issue of major winners. One matriarch who creates a notable milestone is our subject's ninth dam, the Sweep mare Dustwhirl, who produced 1941 Triple Crown winner Whirlaway.

American Lion hails from the fifth crop of the prominent Cee's Tizzy stallion Tiznow and is one of his sire's 14 graded or group stakes winners.

Described by his trainer Eoin Harty as having the combined looks of his sire and broodmare sire, American Lion is currently being pointed to the \$750,000 CashCall Futurity (G1) on December 19.

Tiznow's success with Storm Cat mares started in 2005 when Folklore,

American Lion, b. colt, 2007

Tiznow 97 436 fls, 23 SWs SI 2.36 DI=1.86	Cee's Tizzy 87 3 wins, \$173,150, Spl 673 fls, 38 SWs SI 1.94 DI=2.20	Relaunch 76 725 fls, 89 SWs SI 3.05 DI=3.00	In Reality 64	intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57	
		Tizly 81 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.35	Foggy Note 65	The Axe II 58 Silver Song 57	
	Cee's Song 86 1 win, \$82,225 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.50	Seattle Song 81 332 fls, 23 SWs SI 1.85 DI=2.05	Lyphard 69	Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60	
		Lonely Dancer 75 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.29	*Tizna 69	=Trevieres (Fr) 56 =Noris (Chi) 58	
Storm Tide 00 2 fls, 1 SW DI=6.43	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1353 fls, 173 SWs SI 4.06 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Seattle Slew 74	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69	
		Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Incantation 65	Prince Blessed 57 Magic Spell 54	
	City Band 94 6 wins, \$607,419, SW 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=5.00	Carson City 87 1025 fls, 98 SWs SI 2.03 DI=2.86	Nice Dancer 69	Northern Dancer 61 Nice Princess 64	
		Wedding Band 87 12 fls, 1 SW DI=2.27	Sleep Lonely 70	Pia Star 61 Sulenan 63	
			Northern Dancer 61	Secretariat 70	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Mr. Prospector 70	Crimson Saint 69	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
		Blushing Promise 82	Mighty Appealing 82	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52 Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58	
		Ring of Steel 69		Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 Blushing Groom (Fr) 74 Summertime Promise 72 Valid Appeal 72 Patsy's Lil Girl 71 Assagai 63 Spinning Reel 57	

a filly out of the Storm Cat mare Contrive from Tiznow's first crop, earned the Eclipse Award as champion two-year-old filly.

One particularly interesting ancestor who appears within Storm Cat's pedigree and descends from the family of Tiznow is Crimson Satan, sire of the former's grandam. Crimson Satan's dam, the influential Argentine mare *Papila also serves as Tiznow's sixth dam—creating an auspicious inbreeding pattern to the family of the sire.

Crimson Satan also appears within the bottom half of the pedigrees of a couple of Tiznow's major 2009 scorers in Well Armed, who captured the Emirates Airline Dubai World Cup (UAE-G1), and Informed, winner of the Californian Stakes (G2) and San Diego Handicap (G2).

Carson City, sire of American Lion's grandam, City Band, is yet another progenitor whose blood has been shown to blend well with Tiznow.

All in all, one well built cat.

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