



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Oak Leaf winner carries rare double dose of top femme

by Rommy Faversham

Blind Luck took a big leap forward in her division on October 4 as she rallied from midpack to take the lead inside the sixteenth pole and drew off to a commanding 2½-length victory in the \$300,000 Oak Leaf Stakes (G1) during the Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita Park.

The two-year-old Pollard's Vision filly is her sire's first graded stakes winner. She covered 1¼ miles in 1:43.19 on the synthetic Pro-Ride surface, earning an automatic berth in the Grey Goose Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (G1) on November 6 at the same track and distance.

The Oak Leaf marked Blind Luck's first stakes victory. Her only defeat came one start prior on September 5, when she finished second, one length behind the talented but injured and now retired filly Mi Sueno in the Darley Debutante Stakes (G1) at Del Mar.

### BLIND LUCK

Blind Luck's record stands at three wins from four starts and earnings of \$267,900.

Bred in Kentucky by Fairlawn Farm, Blind Luck fetched \$11,000 as a yearling at last year's Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale of selected yearlings.

She is the first foal out of the Best of Luck mare Lucky One, a maiden winner at three. Blind Luck is the first stakes winner out of a daughter of 1999 Peter Pan Stakes (G2) winner Best of Luck. Lucky One also is the dam of a yearling colt by Orientate. She is a half sister to 2002 Swale Stakes (G2) winner Ethan Man, by Glitterman.

Blind Luck's grandam, Twilight Spectre, is a half sister to multiple graded stakes-winning sprinter Chas Conerly, a close relative of 1979 Monmouth Oaks (G1) winner Burn's Return.

Blind Luck hails from the first crop of the one-eyed Carson City stallion Pollard's Vision, who stands at Wintergreen Stallion Station in Midway, Kentucky.

If luck is indeed the residue of design, then it may be less a mat-

### Blind Luck, ch., f., 2007

Pollard's Vision 01 93 fls, 4 SWs SI 2.70 DI=4.56	Carson City 87 6 wins, \$306,240, SW 1025 fls, 98 SWs SI 2.04 DI=2.86	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
	Etats Unis 95 Unraced 7 fls, 1 SW DI=2.20	Blushing Promise 82 1 fl, 1 SW DI=1.71	Gold Digger 62 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Dixieland Band 80 1246 fls, 116 SWs SI 2.34 DI=3.50	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74 Red God 54 RunawayBride (GB) 62
Lucky One 02 1 fl, 1 SW DI=2.73	Best of Luck 96 4 wins, \$616,790, SW 149 fls, 4 SWs SI 0.62 DI=2.61	Hometown Queen 84 13 fls, 1 SW DI=2.07	Summertime Promise 72 Nijinsky II 67 Prides Promise 66
		Broad Brush 83 668 fls, 94 SWs SI 2.61 DI=3.38	Northern Dancer 61 Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
	Twilight Spectre 92 Unplaced, \$374 7 fls, 1 SW DI=4.33	Imp Society 81 383 fls, 20 SWs SI 0.85 DI=3.31	Mississippi Mud 73 Delta Judge 60 Sand Buggy 63
	Shall Return 70 8 fls, 1 SW DI=3.40	Ack Ack 66 Battle Joined 59 Fast Turn 59	Nijinsky Star 80 Chris Evert 71
		Hay Patcher 73 Hoist the Flag 68 Turn to Talent 63	Danzig 77 Six Crowns 76 Exclusive Native 65 Thirty Years 73
		Chief's Crown 82 Fair Rosalind 78	<b>Raise a Native 61</b> Minnetonka 67 Promised Land 54 Blue Norka 49
		Barrera 73 Trotta Sue 66	*Nasrullah 40 Fair Weather 40
		Fair Ruler 52 *Going Home II 59	*Talgo II 53 =ToppingNews (GB) 51

ter of chance that Blind Luck is her sire's first top runner.

Pollard's Vision, a remarkably consistent four-time graded stakes winner at ages three and four, descends from the family of Chris Evert, his fourth dam.

Chris Evert reached her own awesome peak when, four weeks after capturing New York's 1974 Filly Triple Crown, she humbled the West Coast's leading sophomore filly, Miss Musket, by 50 lengths in a celebrated match race at Hollywood Park.

Remarkably, this Racing Hall of Fame filly and important matron also appears in the bottom half of Blind Luck's extended pedigree as the grandam of juvenile champion and influential sire Chief's Crown through her stakes-winning daughter Six Crowns.

This, then, represents another good example of increasing the likelihood of success by crossing complementary strains of the sire's own rich family.

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