



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Top form follows impeccable breeding as Internallyflawless soars

by Rommy Faversham

To be sure, Charles Fipke's homebred Internallyflawless found a favorable occasion to record her first stakes victory as the regally bred Giant's Causeway filly was best by a half-length on August 22 in the \$350,000 Del Mar Oaks (G1).

Sent off as the 6.90-to-1 fourth betting choice in a field of ten, Internallyflawless completed 1½ miles in 1:49.46 on firm turf.



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The three-year-old chestnut filly entered off her first start of the season, a fourth-place finish in the San Clemente Handicap (G2) at the seaside track on August 1, when she lost by 1¼ lengths. The trio of fillies who bested Internallyflawless that day were part of the field left in her wake in the Del Mar Oaks.

### INTERNALLYFLAWLESS

Graded stakes-placed at two, her career mark improved to two wins from six starts and earnings of \$267,400.

Bred in Kentucky, Internallyflawless is the first starter from the Seeking the Gold mare Tapatina, who also is the dam of three younger foals by Perfect Soul (Ire).

Tapatina's celebrated relations begin with her three-quarter siblings: English classic winner and dual highweight Bosra Sham, by Woodman; French classic winner and juvenile highweight Hector Protector, by Woodman; and French classic winner Shanghai, by Procidia.

Internallyflawless' second dam, Korveya, was a Group 3 winner in France at three.

Our subject's third dam, Konafa, was second to Flying Water in the 1976 One Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1). She also is ancestress of Grade 1 or Group 1 winners Ciro, Act One, and Passinetti as well as the Giant's Causeway colt Red Giant.

Internallyflawless' extended female family was developed by eminent Canadian horseman E. P. Taylor, who bought her fifth dam, \*Queen's Statute, as a yearling for \$10,185 at the 1955 Newmarket September sale.

Imported to Taylor's Windfields Farm in Ontario, \*Queen's Statute became a foundation mare for her owner, foaling six stakes winners.

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Giant's Causeway97 1077 fls, 69 SWs SI 2.52 DI=2.38	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1350 fls, 172 SWs SI 4.03 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	<b>Northern Dancer 61</b>	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
	Mariah's Storm 91 10wins, \$1,449,790, SW 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.71	Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Secretariat 70	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
		Rahy 85 1027 fls, 85 SWs SI 2.36 DI=1.74	Crimson Saint 69	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
Tapatina 01 2 fls, 1 SW DI=3.40	Seeking the Gold 85 8wins, \$2,307,000, SW 900 fls, 89 SWs SI 3.27 DI=3.15	Immense 79 6 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.43	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
		Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Glorious Song 76	Red God 54 RunawayBride (GB) 62
	Con Game 74 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.32	Roberto 69	Halo 69 Ballade 72	
	Korveya 82 3 wins, \$45,101, SW 16 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.95	Riverman 69 973 fls, 128 SWs SI 2.76 DI=3.87	Imsodeer 67	Hail to Reason 58 Bramalea 59
		Konafa 73 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.22	Raise a Native 61	Chieftain 61 Ironically 60
River Lady 63		Gold Digger 62	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46	
		Damascus 64	Nashua 52 Sequence 46	Tom Fool 49 Bunsanda 47
		Royal Statute 69	Buckpasser 63	Hasty Road 51 Flitabout 45
			Broadway 59	*Nasrullah 40 Lulun 52
			Never Bend 60	Prince John 53 Nile Lily 54
			River Lady 63	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58
			Damascus 64	<b>Northern Dancer 61</b> *Queen's Statute 54

Internallyflawless hails from the sixth crop of the prominent Coolmore stallion Giant's Causeway, whose cross with the daughters of Seeking the Gold has shown to be particularly productive over the past 12 months.

Representatives also include last year's Juddmonte Spinster Stakes (G1) winner Carriage Trail; this year's Strub (G2) and San Pasqual (G2) Stakes winner Cowboy Cal; and Swift Temper, a three-time graded stakes winner in 2008 and '09.

Moreover, Giant's Causeway continues to perform at a premium with Mr. Prospector-line broodmares in general.

So far, such a collection of mares has combined to produce 308 foals, which is less than 27% of Giant's Causeway's 1,149 total foals of racing age. Yet this group accounts for 43% of his 69 stakes winners, 46% of his 39 graded or group stakes winners, and 69% of his 16 Grade 1 or Group 1 winners.

These are numbers that suggest an affinity at work.

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