



Affinities abound within American Derby winner's pedigree

by Rommy Faversham

Reb, a cleverly bred three-year Stormy Atlantic colt, uncorked a furious last-to-first rally inside the sixteenth pole to score by a head over No Inflation in the \$300,000 American Derby (G2) on July 11 at Arlington Park.



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REB

he broke his maiden by a head in a seven-furlong maiden special weight race on Keeneland Race Course's synthetic Polytrack surface.

Unraced at two, Reb has won three of five career starts and earned \$245,160.

The American Derby serves as a local prep for the Secretariat Stakes (G1) at 1¼ miles on August 8. Three sophomores have completed the American Derby/Secretariat Stakes double: Vaudeville (1994), Honor Glide ('97) and Gun Salute (2005).

Bred in Kentucky by Ken and Sarah Ramsey, Reb fetched \$100,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic sale of two-year-olds in training. He is the first foal out of the winning Kingmambo mare Sweet Baby Jane 99, who also is the dam of an unraced juvenile colt named Jeff's Kitten, an unnamed yearling colt, and a 2009 filly, all by Kitten's Joy.

Reb's immediate family is anchored by his unraced third dam Jolie Jolie, the dam of three-time Grade 1 winner and sire Jolie's Halo and Grade 2 winner Cougarized. Jolie Jolie also serves as third dam to three-time Grade 1 winner and freshman sire Southern Image as well as multiple graded stakes winner Icy Atlantic, who with career earnings of \$993,700 is Stormy Atlantic's richest offspring to date.

Reb hails from the seventh crop of the popular Storm Cat stallion Stormy Atlantic, who stands at Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington. Reb represents his sire's 17th graded or group stakes winner.

Reb's pedigree demonstrates a series of valuable family ties, variations of which appear with relative frequency among Stormy Atlantic's top runners.

Reb's eighth dam, Myrtlewood, is also the matriarch of breed shapers Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector, who appear 3x3 in this pedigree.

There also is a 4x5 cross of Secretariat and Sir Gaylord, creating inbreeding to their influential dam, Somethingroyal.

For good measure, Stormy Atlantic's third dam and 1965 co-Horse of the Year, Moccasin, is a full sister to Thong, the grandam of Nureyev, Kingmambo's broodmare sire.

Sent off at odds of 5.60-to-1 in the field of seven, Reb completed 1¼ miles in 1:56.09 on a turf course rated as firm.

The American Derby was the bay colt's stakes debut as well as his third consecutive win. In his previous start, he posted a nose victory over a field of first-level allowance runners going one mile on the grass on May 29 at Churchill Downs. Prior to that,

Reb, b.c., 2006			
Stormy Atlantic 94 990 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.66 DI=3.50	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1,448 fls, 171 SWs SI 4.04 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 699 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61 Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
	Hail Atlantis 87 3 wins, \$176,325, SW 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.50	Seattle Slew 74 1,103 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Secretariat 70 Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52 Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
Sweet Baby Jane 99 2 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Kingmambo 90 5 wins, \$733,139, SW 903 fls, 84 SWs SI 3.03 DI=2.72	Mr. Prospector 70 1,195 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Bold Reasoning 68 Reason to Earn 63 Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
	Sweet and Dandee 91 2 wins, \$26,838 7 fls, 1 SW DI=5.50	Miesque 84 14 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.16	My Charmer 69 Coastal 76 Majestic Prince 66 Alluvial 69
	Jolie Jolie 80 12 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.80	Pass the Line 81 251 fls, 5 SWs SI 0.74 DI=3.67	Moccasin 63 Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
		Who's to Know 70	Raise a Native 61 Native Dancer 50 Reason to Earn 63 Raise You 46 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
			Northern Dancer 61 Special 69 Prove Out 69 *Santa Quilla 70
			Northern Dancer 61 Big Advance 66 Roman Line 59 Mrs. K. L. 54
			Sir Gaylord 59 Attica 53 Fleet Nasrullah 55 Masked Lady 64

As such, Reb represents another good grass horse inbred to the family of Foundation Mare *Rough Shod II. Our subject's younger siblings, by Kitten's Joy, receive three strains of this prestigious tribe.

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