



Concord Point's family tree features similarly bred parents

by Rommy Faversham

Concord Point responded to a series of challenges from Exhi and held off that foe to score a game one-length victory in the \$750,000 West Virginia Derby (G2) on August 7 at Mountaineer Race Track.

Sent off as the 4-to-5 favorite in a field of nine, the three-year old Tapit colt covered 1½ miles in 1:51.12 on a track rated as fast.



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The win marked Concord Point's second Derby conquest in as many starts. On June 26, he rolled to an 8½-length victory at Prairie Meadows Racetrack in the Iowa Derby (G3), taking the race in track-record time as he made his first start on dirt.

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Two races back in the one-turn Lazaro Barrera Memorial Stakes (G3) at Hollywood Park, he finished a close second to subsequent Bing Crosby Stakes (G1) winner Smiling Tiger.

With the West Virginia Derby victory, Concord Point improved to four wins and one second from six starts, and his bankroll nearly tripled to \$669,260.

Bred in Kentucky by Lee McMillin and Ed Rudley, the gray or roan colt made three appearances in the auction ring, including the 2008 Keeneland September yearling sale, when he brought \$220,000.

Concord Point is one of two winners from as many starters out of the winning Boston Harbor mare Harve de Grace, a half sister to two-time Grade 3 winner Tasha's Miracle, by Harlan's Holiday.

Our subject gets his name from the site of a historic Maryland light-house located not far from the site of the old Havre de Grace racetrack (1912-'50).

Concord Point is only the third graded stakes winner to be issued by his American female family, a tribe initiated by the importation of his sixth dam, the Argentine mare *Ondine II.

His third dam, A Penny Is a Penny, captured a trio of graded stakes

Concord Point, g. or r. c., 2007

Tapit 01 284 fs, 18 SWS SI 3.27 DI=2.67	Pulpit 94 4 wins, \$728,200, SW 619 fs, 49 SWS SI 2.44 DI=3.16	A.P. Indy 89 1053 fs, 132 SWS SI 3.88 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 Weekend Surprise 80	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69 Secretariat 70 Lassie Dear 74
		Preach 89 11 fs, 1 SW DI=3.52	Mr. Prospector 70 Narrate 80	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 Honest Pleasure 73 State 74
	Tap Your Heels 96 1 win, \$47,275, SW 6 fs, 1 SW DI=2.31	Unbridled 87 566 fs, 49 SWS SI 3.72 DI=1.70	Ruby Slippers 82 13 fs, 2 SWS DI=1.42	Fappiano 77 Gana Facil 81 Nijinsky II 67 Moon Glitter 72
Harve de Grace 00 3 fs, 1 SW DI=4.60	Boston Harbor 94 6 wins, \$1,934,605 Champion 519 fs, 21 SWS SI 1.14 DI=3.67	Capote 84 824 fs, 62 SWS SI 1.84 DI=3.00	Seattle Slew 74 Too Bald 64	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69 Bald Eagle 55 Hidden Talent 56
		Harbor Springs 89 13 fs, 2 SWS DI=3.00	Vice Regent 67 Tinnitus 75	Northern Dancer 61 Victoria Regina 58 Restless Wind 56 Dors 59
	Ms. Cuvee Napa 92 3 wins, \$89,151 8 fs, 1 SW DI=4.20	Relaunch 76 725 fs, 89 SWS SI 3.05 DI=3.00	A Penny Is a Penny 85 8 fs, 1 SW DI=5.22	In Reality 64 Foggy Note 65 Temperance Hill 77 Raise a Penny 73

in 1990, including the Molly Pitcher Handicap (G2).

Concord Point hails from the second crop of the popular Gainesway stallion Tapit, whose current roster of talented sophomores also includes IZOD Haskell Invitational Stakes (G1) runner-up Trappe Shot.

In terms of structure, the top and bottom halves of Concord Point's pedigree show remarkable similarity.

Both his sire and dam are by paternal grandsons of Seattle Slew. For good measure, Harve de Grace is out of a Relaunch mare while Tapit is out of a granddaughter of Relaunch's full sister, Moon Glitter.

It almost goes without saying, the cross of full sister and brother has been a well-practiced pattern for success throughout the long history of breeding Thoroughbreds.

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