



Line of David inbred to the tribe of Mr. Prospector

by **Rommy Faversham**

After setting a brisk pace in the \$1-million Arkansas Derby (G1) on April 10 at Oaklawn Park, 17.30-to-1 longshot Line of David held on to win by a neck.

While it looked as if he might be inhaled by oncoming foes Super Saver and Dublin in upper stretch, the Lion Heart colt dug in and held off their late challenges to score an ultragame victory.



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LINE OF DAVID

Line of David was coming off back-to-back daylight wins at a mile on Santa Anita Park's turf course. The front-running chestnut colt has three wins in as many starts since trainer John Sadler added blinkers.

Line of David is from the second North American crop of the Tale of the Cat stallion Lion Heart, a Grade 1 winner at ages two and three and runner-up to Smarty Jones in the 2004 Kentucky Derby (G1).

A former Coolmore shuttler, Lion Heart split his first breeding seasons between Kentucky and Australia. Fourth on last year's U.S. second crop sire list, he was sold in January to the Jockey Club of Turkey.

Bred in Florida by Sabine Stable, Line of David is one of three winners out of the Capote mare Emma's Dilemma, winner of one race from eight starts, a six-furlong maiden claiming race on a muddy track at Aqueduct.

So far, Capote broodmares have produced six U.S. Grade 1 winners, including last year's Prioress Stakes (G1) winner Cat Moves, by Tale of the Cat.

Emma's Dilemma is a half sister to multiple Irish stakes winner and multiple Group 3-placed Lil's Boy, by Danzig.

Line of David's stakes-winning third dam, Lillian Russell, also serves as the grandam of multiple graded stakes winner Igotrhythm and graded stakes winner and sire Slew Gin Fizz.

Kentucky Derby contenders' graded stakes earnings			
Horse	Graded earnings	Horse	Graded earnings
1. Lookin At Lucky	\$1,480,000	16. Dean's Kitten	\$326,475
2. Noble's Promise*	738,000	17. Interactif	307,950
3. Rule	645,000	18. Awesome Act	285,000
4. Sidney's Candy	630,000	19. Paddy O'Prado	250,950
5. Line of David	600,000	20. Homeboykris	250,500
6. Eskenderaya	600,000	21. Jackson Bend	230,000
7. Mission Impazible	485,934	22. Backtalk	225,916
8. Ice Box	457,500	23. Aikenite	221,750
9. Stately Victor	451,112	24. Make Music for Me	218,750
10. Endorsement	400,000	25. Setsuko	180,000
11. Conveyance	386,000	25. A Little Warm	180,000
12. American Lion	378,000	27. Pleasant Prince	166,250
13. Dublin	373,208	28. Tempted to Tapit	156,000
14. Super Saver	363,832	29. Caracortado	153,000
15. Discreetly Mine	340,000	30. Connemara	138,500

*Questionable for Kentucky Derby because of lung infection
 Note: Three-year-olds listed in graded stakes earnings table are still on the Derby trail, based on the most up-to-date information available.

Line of David, ch. c., 2007				
Lion Heart 01 469 fis, 13 SWs SI 1.59 DI=3.00	Tale of the Cat 94 5 wins, \$360,900, SW 1429 fis, 66 SWs SI 1.74 DI=3.62	Storm Cat 83 1392 fis, 174 SWs SI 4.00 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78	Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67 Secretariat 70 Crimson Saint 69
		Yarn 87 6 fis, 3 SWs DI=3.52	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
	Satin Sunrise 90 23 wins, \$263,493, SW 6 fis, 3 SWs DI=3.40	Mr. Leader 66 955 fis, 83 SWs SI 1.70 DI=1.56	Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothirchance 48
Emma's Dilemma 00 3 fis, 1 SW DI=3.92	Capote 84 3 wins, \$714,470 Champion 824 fis, 62 SWs SI 1.84 DI=3.00	Logic 79 5 fis, 1 SW DI=5.29	Jolie Deja 54	*Djeddah 45 Bellesoeur 45
		Seattle Slew 74 1050 fis, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Naskra 67	Nasram 60 *Iskra 61
	Kentucky Lill 86 1 win, \$17,944 12 fis, 1 SW DI=2.50	Too Bald 64 12 fis, 5 SWs DI=7.67	Bactu Reason 74	Bold Reason 68 Bacchian 62
	Lillian Russell 77 12 fis, 0 SWs DI=1.51	Bald Eagle 55	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
		My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59	*Nasrullah 40 Siama 47
		Native Dancer 50	Bald Eagle 55	Dark Star 50 *Dangerous Dame 51
		Raise You 46	Hidden Talent 56	Polyesian 42 Geisha 43
		Prince John 53	Native Dancer 50	Case Ace 34 Lady Glory 34
		Gold Digger 62	Raise You 46	*Princequillo 40 Not Afraid 48
			Prince John 53	Nashua 52 Sequence 46

Line of David's pedigree is highlighted by an auspicious cross of three-quarter relatives, featuring breed-shaping sire Mr. Prospector (Tale of the Cat's broodmare sire) and our subject's grandam, Kentucky Lill. This creates inbreeding, 5x4, to their common matriarch, Line of David's evergreen fourth dam, Gold Digger.

This pattern also is supported by dual strains of *Djeddah and another of Seattle Slew who, like Gold Digger, all trace back to the great mare Frizette.

With average winning distances for the offspring of Lion Heart and daughters of Capote currently standing at 6.5 furlongs and 6.8 furlongs, respectively, one would be hard-pressed to assert that Line of David enjoys a "Derby-friendly" pedigree. Instead, he appears to be of clever middle-distance design.

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