



# 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.

The 1 1/8-mile event was Line of David's stakes debut as well as his first start on a dirt track. The \$600,000 winner's share of the purse guarantees him of a starting spot in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) on May 1.

## Line of David, ch. c., 2007

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| Lion Heart 01<br>469 fis, 13 SWs<br>SI 1.59 DI=3.00                              | Tale of the Cat 94<br>5 wins, \$360,900, SW<br>1429 fis, 66 SWs<br>SI 1.74 DI=3.62 | Storm Cat 83<br>1392 fis, 174 SWs<br>SI 4.00 DI=4.00    | Storm Bird 78     | Northern Dancer 61<br>South Ocean 67<br>Secretariat 70<br>Crimson Saint 69 |
|  |  | Yarn 87<br>6 fis, 3 SWs<br>DI=3.52                      | Mr. Prospector 70 | Raise a Native 61<br>Gold Digger 62<br>Honest Pleasure 73<br>State 74      |
| Emma's Dilemma 00<br>3 fis, 1 SW<br>DI=3.92                                      | Capote 84<br>3 wins, \$714,470<br>Champion<br>824 fis, 62 SWs<br>SI 1.84 DI=3.00   | Mr. Leader 66<br>955 fis, 83 SWs<br>SI 1.70 DI=1.56     | Hail to Reason 58 | *Turn-to 51<br>Nothirchance 48   |
|  |  | Logic 79<br>5 fis, 1 SW<br>DI=5.29                      | Jolie Deja 54     | *Djeddah 45<br>Bellesoeur 45   |
| Capote 84<br>3 wins, \$714,470<br>Champion<br>824 fis, 62 SWs<br>SI 1.84 DI=3.00 | Kentucky Lill 86<br>1 win, \$17,944<br>12 fis, 1 SW<br>DI=2.50                     | Seattle Slew 74<br>1050 fis, 114 SWs<br>SI 4.76 DI=2.14 | Bold Reasoning 68 | Boldnesian 63<br>Reason to Earn 63   |
|  |  | Too Bald 64<br>12 fis, 5 SWs<br>DI=7.67                 | My Charmer 69     | Poker 63<br>Fair Charmer 59  |
|  |  | Raise a Native 61<br>838 fis, 78 SWs<br>SI 3.14 DI=1.57 | Bald Eagle 55     | *Nasrullah 40<br>Siama 47  |
|  |  | Lillian Russell 77<br>12 fis, 0 SWs<br>DI=1.51          | Hidden Talent 56  | Dark Star 50<br>*Dangerous Dame 51   |
|  |  |   | Native Dancer 50  | Polyesian 42<br>Geisha 43  |
|  |  |   | Raise You 46      | Case Ace 34<br>Lady Glory 34   |
|  |  |   | Prince John 53    | *Princequillo 40<br>Not Afraid 48  |
|  |  |   | Gold Digger 62    | Nashua 52<br>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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## 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. Eskendereya       | 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.

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