



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Lookin At Lucky becomes his sire's second Preakness champion

by Rommy Faversham

Lookin At Lucky brought an end to his high-profile string of troubled trips as he scored an unencumbered three-quarter-length victory in the 135th running of the Preakness Stakes (G1) on May 15 at Pimlico Race Course.

There was a time—mid-20th century, in particular—when it was common for males who were recognized as juvenile champions to come back and win the Preakness at three. Remarkably, since 1980, Lookin At Lucky and Timber Country (in '95) are the only two to do so.

Our subject is the second colt by Smart Strike to win the Preakness following Curlin in 2007.

PREAKNESS-WINNING TAIL-MALE DESCENDANTS OF MR. PROSPECTOR

Mr. Prospector

TANK'S PROSPECT (1985)
Woodman
HANSEL (1991)
TIMBER COUNTRY (1995)
Fappiano
Quiet American
REAL QUIET (1998)
Unbridled
RED BULLET (2000)
Gulch
Thunder Gulch
POINT GIVEN (2001)
Our Emblem
WAR EMBLEM (2002)
Forty Niner
Distorted Humor
FUNNY CIDE (2003)
Gone West
Elusive Quality
SMARTY JONES (2004)
Afleet
Northern Afleet
AFLEET ALEX (2005)
Smart Strike
CURLIN (2007)
LOOKIN AT LUCKY (2010)

Preakness winners CAPITALIZED

Morse, filly winner of the 1924 Preakness.

Smart Strike joins eight other stallions who have sired a pair of Preakness winners. Heading this list are the legendary progenitors Lexington and Broomstick, both of whom sired three.

Lookin At Lucky is the 12th tail-male descendant of Mr. Prospector and the eighth in the past 11 years to capture the middle jewel of the Triple Crown (see accompanying table).

Never in Preakness history has one particular male line become so dominant. Of course, the same could be said of Mr. Prospector and the Triple Crown as a whole.

On the female side, prominent members of Lookin At Lucky's immediate family include his half brother, multiple Grade 2 winner Kensei; his third dam, 1978 Monmouth Oaks (G1) winner Sharp Belle; and champion three-year-old filly Wait a While.

Lookin At Lucky's extended female family has produced two Preakness winners. His tenth dam, *Colonial, by *Trenton, also served as the grandam of Nellie

Lookin At Lucky, b. c., 2007

Smart Strike 92 841 fls, 71 SWs SI 2.87 DI=4.60	Mr. Prospector 70 7 wins, \$112,171, SW 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	Native Dancer 50	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43
	Classy 'n Smart 81 5 wins, \$303,222 Champion 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=7.00	Gold Digger 62 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.23	Raise You 46	Case Ace 34 Lady Glory 34 *Nasrullah 40 Segula 42 Count Fleet 40 Miss Dogwood 39
Smarten 76 602 fls, 49 SWs SI 1.66 DI=8.60		No Class 74 8 fls, 6 SWs DI=3.92	Nashua 52	*Turn-to 51 Your Game 48
Belonging 79 14 fls, 1 SW DI=2.45	Cyane 59		Sequence 46	*Qubii 42 Art Teacher 58
Private Feeling 99 3 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.50	Belong to Me 89 7 wins, \$261,166, SW 1229 fls, 68 SWs SI 1.58 DI=2.70	Danzig 77 1074 fls, 201 SWs SI 5.30 DI=4.71	Smartaire 62	*Noholme II 56 Abla-Jay 55
	Regal Feeling 86 2 wins, \$50,435, Spl 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.20	Clever Trick 76 1068 fls, 71 SWs SI 1.46 DI=3.92	Nodouble 65	Outing Class 60 Quillopolo 58
Sharp Belle 75 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=4.07	Classy Quillo 69		Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Pas de Nom 68	Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52
			Exclusive Native 65	Raise a Native 61 Exclusive 53
			Straight Deal 62	Hall to Reason 58 No Fiddling 45
			Iccapade 69	Nearctic 54 Shenanigans 63
			Kankakee Miss 67	Better Bee 54 Golden Beach 53
			Native Charger 62	Native Dancer 50 Greek Blond 46
			Sleek Dancer 68	Northern Dancer 61 Victorie 62



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Lookin At Lucky's pedigree is remarkably similar to that of 2009 Arkansas Derby (G2) winner and former classics starter Papa Clem. Both are by Smart Strike and out of Belong to Me mares who demonstrate close inbreeding to Northern Dancer.

The affinity Smart Strike has enjoyed with Danzig-line broodmares originally was hinted at by his half sister, Danzig's best daughter, Racing Hall of Famer Dance Smartly. So far, three of Smart Strike's nine Grade 1 winners have been out of Danzig-line mares.

Lookin At Lucky is strongly inbred to his tail-male line as his dam contributes a second strain of his paternal great-grandsire, Raise a Native, along with a whopping five strains of Native Dancer.

The profound influence of Native Dancer on both halves of Thoroughbred pedigrees has rendered this pattern increasingly ubiquitous. Rommy Faversham is a pedigree specialist and author living in Los Angeles. More of his work is available at <http://www.equicross.com>