



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Aristides winner Riley Tucker inbred to the family of his sire

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Riley Tucker's long drought in stakes company came to a well-deserved end on May 29 at Churchill Downs when the five-year old Harlan's Holiday horse made the most of a favorable trip to draw off by two lengths in the \$107,900 Aristides Stakes (G3).

Repeatedly hinting at his touch of class, Riley Tucker had been stakes-placed nine times previously, six of those in graded events, including the 2007 Saratoga Special Stakes (G2) and Arlington-Washington Futurity (G3) at two, the '08 Central Bank Transylvania (G3) and Coolmore Lexington (G2) Stakes as a three-year old, the '09 Tom Fool Handicap (G2) at four, and the Count Fleet Handicap (G3) earlier this season.



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### RILEY TUCKER

His lifetime mark stands at five wins, six seconds, and four thirds from 24 starts and a bankroll of \$440,805.

A \$375,000 purchase by Zayat Stables at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky July sale of selected yearlings, Riley Tucker was bred in Kentucky by Formal Gold LLC.

He is one of seven winners from ten starters out of the winning Bold Ruckus mare My Sweet Country, a half sister to multiple graded stakes winner Hey Hazel, by Ascot Knight.

My Sweet Country also has produced Canadian stakes winners Patriot Love, by With Approval, and Deputy Country, by Silver Deputy.

Much of Riley Tucker's female family was developed by Canada's preeminent horseman, E. P. Taylor, who is responsible for breeding our subject's second, and third dams.

This clan, which traces back to Riley Tucker's fourth dam, Reply, has always performed particularly well with the male line of Northern Dancer—Taylor's crowning achievement.

Reply also is the ancestress of Canadian champions Cool Reception, Fanfreluche and her offspring L'Enjoleur, La Voyageuse, and Medaille d'Or.

Riley Tucker hails from the first crop of three-time Grade 1 winner Harlan's Holiday, who stands at Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky.

Riley Tucker represents his sire's sixth graded stakes winner and is the second among them from a Boldnesian-line mare.

### Riley Tucker, dr. b. or br. h., 2005

Harlan's Holiday 99 300 fls, 15 SWs SI 1.87 DI=2.33	Harlan 89 8 wins, \$403,174, SW 99 fls, 6 SWs SI 2.93 DI=3.00	Storm Cat 83 1397 fls, 174 SWs SI 3.98 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78	Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67
	Christmas in Aiken 92 2 wins, \$31,628 10 fls, 1 SW DI=2.73	Country Romance 76 9 fls, 1 SW DI=2.60	Terlingua 76	<b>Secretariat 70</b> Crimson Saint 69 Hail to Reason 58 Cosmah 53 Gun Bow 60 *Sutti 59
My Sweet Country 89 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=5.40	Bold Ruckus 76 8 wins, \$201,913, SW 629 fls, 65 SWs SI 2.07 DI=7.89	Affirmed 75 840 fls, 86 SWs SI 2.64 DI=2.08	Halo 69	<b>Raise a Native 61</b> Exclusive 53 Crafty Admiral 48 Scarlet Ribbon 57 What a Pleasure 65 *Tularia 55
		Dowager 80 10 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.53	Sweet Romance 68	<b>*Princiquillo 40</b> <b>Alanesian 54</b>
	Devinette 80 1 win, \$16,368 7 fls, 1 SW DI=3.21	Boldnesian 63 249 fls, 27 SWs SI 2.24 DI=4.47	Exclusive Native 65	<b>*Nasrullah 40</b> Miss Disco 44 Polynesian 42 Alablue 45
		Raise a Ruckus 65 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=6.00	Won't Tell You 62	<b>Raise a Native 61</b> Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 Double Jay 44 Rare Susan 41
	<b>Secretariat 70</b> 653 fls, 57 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Honest Pleasure 73	<b>*Princiquillo 40</b> Miss Disco 44 <b>*Princiquillo 40</b> Imperatrice 38	
	Respond 68 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.33	Princessnesian 64	<b>Alanesian 54</b> <b>Raise a Native 61</b> Fine Feathers 52	
		Bold Ruler 54	<b>Canadian Champ 53</b> Windfields 43 Bolesteo 45 Teddy Wrack 38 Alaris 46	
		Somethingroyal 52	Reply 51	

The potential of an affinity between Harlan's Holiday and broodmares carrying Boldnesian blood is supported by the fact that both sires descend from the same family.

Specifically, Harlan's Holiday's illustrious third dam, Princessnesian, the last filly to win the Hollywood Gold Cup Handicap (in 1968), is Boldnesian's half sister. This cross establishes inbreeding to their common dam, 1956 Spinaway Stakes winner and influential matron Alanesian.

Though relatively uncommon, variable patterns of inbreeding to Alanesian and her dam, the Foundation Mare Alablue, have been observed within the pedigrees of stakes winners since the early 1990s.

Last year, complementary pairs of Alanesian's strains appeared within the pedigrees of Holy Bull Stakes (G3) winner Saratoga Sinner, by Harlan's Holiday, as well as El Camino Real Derby (G3) winner Chocolate Candy, by Candy Ride (Arg).

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