



PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

Derby field brings together two sets of distant family members

The collective pedigrees of this year's field for the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) represents another interesting elite sample of bloodlines to ponder.

Last year, the prevailing pedigree angle for the Derby belonged to the extended family of *La Troienne (family number 1-s), arguably 20th century America's most influential matriarch.

Specifically, *La Troienne's dam, Helene de Troie, served both as tenth dam of the winner Super Saver and ninth dam of runner-up, Ice Box.

For good measure, Super Saver was one of only two starters with as many as seven total strains of this elite tribe throughout his pedigree.

In 2011, the starter with the most number of strains of family number 1-s strains is Pants On Fire with eight while the only entrant who traces in tail-female line to *La Troienne is Comma to the Top.

This year's Derby field brings together two distinct pairs of starters who share common descent to a key 20th-century matriarch.

The older, the Hamburg mare Artless (1907; family number 4-r), was a full sister to Racing Hall of Fame filly Artful. She is the

eighth dam of Nehro and the tenth dam of Mucho Macho Man.

Claiborne Farm bred Risque (1928; family number 2-n) won the Spinaway and Alabama Stakes. An influential matriarch, she is the seventh dam of Soldat and the eighth dam of Brilliant Speed.

Along the top line, the contemporary dominant male line of Mr. Prospector, winner in nine of the last 16 Kentucky Derbys, is represented by only two starters this year.

Last year's winner, Super Saver, was the only runner by a stallion to already have sired a Derby winner (deceased Maria's Mon, sire of 2001 winner Monarchos). This year, Brilliant Speed's sire, Dynaformer, is the only stallion of a runner in this year's field with a previous Derby winner (Barbaro).

This year's Derby field demonstrates a sharp dropoff from 2010 in the collective racing class of its dams.

Last year, there were three starters out of Grade 1 stakes winners; four others were out of nonwinning mares.

This year, two of the starters are out of foreign group winners, but none was foaled by an American graded stakes winner. Moreover, eight of the entrants are out of nonwinning dams.

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BRILLIANT SPEED

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2011 KENTUCKY DERBY CONTENDERS

Horse	Sire	2011 stud fee	Racing class of dam
Animal Kingdom	Leroidesanimaux (Brz)	\$7,500	Ger-G3 SW
Archarcharch	Arch	30,000	G2-placed
Brilliant Speed	DYNAFORMER	150,000	unraced
Comma to the Top	Bwana Charlie	2,500	placed
Decisive Moment	With Distinction	7,500	unraced
Derby Kitten	Kitten's Joy	25,000	winner
Dialed In	Mineshaft	25,000	G2-placed
Master of Hounds	Kingmambo +	pensioned	Ire-G2 SW
Midnight Interlude	War Chant	12,500	NZ-G1-placed
Mucho Macho Man	Macho Uno #	15,000	SW
Nehro	Mineshaft	25,000	SW
Pants On Fire	Jump Start	10,000	winner
Santiva	Giant's Causeway	85,000	unraced
Shackleford	Forestry	12,500	Stakes placed
Soldat	War Front	15,000	unraced
Stay Thirsty	Bernardini	75,000	winner
Twice the Appeal	Successful Appeal #	15,000	placed
Twinspired	Harlan's Holiday	25,000	unplaced
Uncle Mo	Indian Charlie	70,000	Stakes placed
Watch Me Go	West Acre +	2,500	unraced

non-Phalaris male line
+ Mr. Prospector male line
Sires in CAPITAL LETTERS already have sired a Derby winner

Stallion Showcase

Dynaformer

Roberto—Andover Way, by His Majesty

Strs	Wnrs	SWnrs	GSWnrs	Prog. earnings
992	732	122	54	\$102,648,025

Farm: Three Chimneys Farm
Advertised stud fee: \$150,000
Age: 26

Top runners: Dynaformer is the sire of 20 Group 1 or Grade 1 winners. Some of his top runners are 2006 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) winner Barbaro; European champion and 2010 Emirates Melbourne Cup (Aus-G1) winner Americain; European champion Rainbow View; and three-time champion steeplechaser McDynamo.

Derby contender: Toyota Blue Grass Stakes (G1) winner Brilliant Speed

Dynaformer was a multiple graded stakes winner and an earner of \$671,207 on the track, plus he was produced by Grade 1 winner Andover Way, but he had to earn his way to the top in the breeding shed. He stood his first five seasons, beginning in 1990, at Wafare Farm in 1990 for \$5,000. He has stood the last five years for 30 times his initial after forging a deserved reputation as a sire of sound, powerful racehorses capable of going a route of ground on virtually any surface.

Statistics through May 3

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