



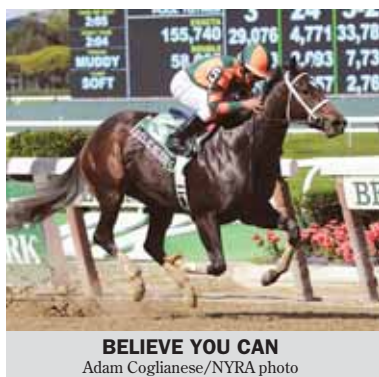
PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

Believe You Can's pedigree plays to its strengths

To serve as a prep for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Sprint (G2), the Tempted Stakes (G3) for juvenile fillies has morphed from a mile at Aqueduct into a six-furlong sprint at Belmont Park.

Believe You Can certainly looked to be of Breeders' Cup quality with an impressive 2½-length score in this year's edition on



BELIEVE YOU CAN

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October 2, seeming to relish the muddy racetrack in her stakes debut.

Coming off a pair of victories at Delaware Park, the homebred Proud Citizen filly's record improved to three wins from four lifetime starts. She stumbled at the start in her career debut before finishing fourth, the only blemish on her record.

Believe You Can's current form and versatile pedigree give her connections several valuable options to consider for next month's Breeders' Cup World Championships at Churchill Downs.

Bred in the Bluegrass State by former Gov. Brereton C. Jones, the dark bay or brown filly failed to meet her reserve at last year's Keeneland September yearling sale when attracting a top bid of \$70,000.

She is out of the unraced El Prado (Ire) mare El Fasto, a half sister to multiple graded stakes winner Classic Elegance, by Carson City. Another precocious Jones-bred filly, Classic Elegance fetched \$650,000 as a 2003 Keeneland September yearling before capturing the 2004 Debutante (G3) and Schuylerville (G2) Stakes, the latter in the mud.

Believe You Can's grandam, the winning Halo mare Taegu, is a half sister to the Cozzene gelding Chorwon, a Grade 3 winner who earned \$1,161,795, and to the Yukon gelding Yukon Robbery, a multiple stakes winner and \$456,421-earner. Taegu's half sister Seoul, by Deputy Minister, produced multiple graded stakes winner Rush Bay, also by Cozzene.

Believe You Can's fourth dam, Pass the Basket, also is the dam of Grade 3 winner and prominent Washington sire Basket Weave.

The clan's extended American family traces back to our subject's sixth dam, *Tudor Princess, who was imported to the U.S. in the early 1960s. This entire tribe has yet to issue a Grade 1 winner.

Believe You Can hails from the fifth crop of the Gone West stallion Proud Citizen.

Believe You Can, dk. b. or br. f., 2009

Proud Citizen 99 482 fls, 19 SWs SI 1.42 DI=3.29	Gone West 84 6 wins, \$682,251, SW 1256 fls, 98 SWs SI 2.41 DI=4.52	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	Drums Of Freedom 90 Placed, \$18,733 7 fls, 1 SW DI=1.89	Secrettame 78 15 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.17	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Green Forest 79 464 fls, 29 SWs SI 1.42 DI=2.20	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
El Fasto 01 4 fls, 1 SW DI=1.57	El Prado (Ire) 89 4 wins, \$236,987 Champion 962 fls, 85 SWs SI 2.11 DI=1.42	Danseuse Etoile 74 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.78	Tamerett 62	Tim Tam 55 *Mixed Marriage 52
		Sadler's Wells 81 2191 fls, 326 SWs SI 3.85 DI=2.82	Shecky Greene 70	*Noholme II 56 Lester's Pride 57
	Lady Capulet 74 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.17	Tell Meno Lies 71	The Ave II 58 Flatong 60	
	Taegu 96 1 win, \$16,092 6 fls, 1 SW DI=2.64	Buckpasser 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47	
	Halo 69 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Arctic Dancer 63	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57	
	Nomo Robbery 84 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.73	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57	
	Fairy Bridge 75	Bold Reason 68 Special 69		
	Sir Ivor 65	Sir Gaylord 59 Attica 53		
	Cap and Bells 58	Tom Fool 49 Ghazni 42		
	Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothirchance 48		
	Cosmah 53	Cosmic Bomb 44 Almahmoud 47		
	No Robbery 60	Swaps 52 Bimlette 44		
	Pass the Basket 73	Buckpasser 63 Royal Picnic 67		

Standing at Jones' Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky, Proud Citizen's pedigree is highlighted by his third dam, Arctic Dancer, who was, most importantly, a full sister to Northern Dancer.

As such, the broodmare El Fasto certainly demonstrates the kind of pedigree Proud Citizen figures to do best with.

In this case, El Fasto's sire, Ireland's 1991 champion two-year-old El Prado, is a key grandson of Northern Dancer out of a granddaughter of Sir Gaylord, whose own presence is complemented by his half brother Secretariat, a prominent ancestor in Proud Citizen's pedigree (Gone West's broodmare sire).

For good measure, Believe You Can's grandam, Taegu, is by Halo, Northern Dancer's close relative whose dam, Cosmah, is a half sister to Northern Dancer's dam, Natalma.

Believe You Can is her sire's fourth U.S. graded stakes winner. No surprise, all of them carry Northern Dancer blood.

Then again, Proud Citizen's best offspring, 2008 champion three-year old filly and fellow Jones' homebred Proud Spell, is out of a mare closely inbred (3x4) to Northern Dancer.

Even the great Italian Thoroughbred genius Federico Tesio admitted to his readers that sibling crosses were indeed good things.

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