



Mineshaft colt is Dialed In as a Derby contender

by **Rommy Faversham**

Unhurried early, Robert LaPenta's exciting young colt Dialed In angled out in the stretch and finished with determination to capture the \$400,000 Holy Bull Stakes (G3) by 1½ widening lengths on Sunday at Gulfstream Park.

Making only his second lifetime start, the green but gifted three-year-old joins this season's elite cast of serious contenders for the upcoming classics. Bet down to the 2.70-to-1 second choice in a field of nine, Dialed In covered the one-turn mile in 1:35.19 on a fast track.



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DIALED IN

Dialed In made his debut on November 12 in a 6½-furlong maiden event at Churchill Downs, where he scored by 1½ lengths

in similar come-from-behind fashion after a slow start.

Bred in Kentucky by William S. Farish, Madeleine Pickens, and Skara Glen Stables, LaPenta spent \$475,000 for the colt during the 2009 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of selected yearlings.

Dialed In is the fifth winner from as many starters out of the Storm Cat mare Miss Doolittle, who won twice at two and finished third in the 2000 Schuylerville Stakes (G2).

Currently in foal to Curlin, Miss Doolittle's previous progeny include the juvenile stakes-winning filly Broadway Gold, by Seeking the Gold, and stakes-placed gelding Mambo Master, by Kingmambo.

Miss Doolittle herself is a half sister to Irish stakes winner and multiple group-placed Samuel Morse, by Danehill Dancer.

Dialed In's immediate family is highlighted by his grandam, 1992 champion two-year old filly Eliza, who returned at three to annex the Santa Anita Oaks (G1) before placing in the Santa Anita Derby (G1) and Kentucky Oaks (G1).

Eliza's older half brother Dinard appeared to have earned betting

Dialed In, dk. b. br., c., 2008

Mineshaft 99 318 fls, 19 SWs SI 2.40 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1087 fls, 136 SWs SI 3.86 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
	Prospectors Delite 89 6 wins, \$432,953, SW 5 fls, 5 SWs DI=2.54	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
Miss Doolittle 98 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.00	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1410 fls, 178 SWs SI 3.87 DI=4.00	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
	Eliza 90 5 wins, \$1,095,316 Champion 12 fls, 1 SW DI=3.29	Up the Flagpole 78 10 fls, 7 SWs DI=1.37	Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
		Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
		Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Mt. Livermore 81 983 fls, 76 SWs SI 1.88 DI=2.76	Hoist the Flag 68	Tom Rolfe 62 Wavy Navy 54
		Daring Bidder 82 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.50	The Garden Club 66	*Herbager 56 Fashion Verdict 60
		Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57	
		South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Secretariat 70	Crimson Satan 59 Boloro Rose 58
			Crimson Saint 69	Red God 54 RunawayBride (GB) 62
			BlushingGroom (Fr) 74	Crimson Satan 59 Royal Rafale 68
			Flama Ardiente 72	Bold Ruler 54 High Bid 56
			Bold Bidder 62	Prince Dare 50 Step Daughter 52
			Daring Step 67	

favoritism for the 1991 Kentucky Derby (G1) after the Strawberry Road (Aus) gelding won the Santa Anita Derby (G1). A torn suspensory ligament soon thereafter ended any such ambition.

Eliza's half sister, Tracy, is the dam of 2010 graded stakes winners Run It and Spacy Tracy.

Much further back, Dialed In's relatively attenuated American family (family #37) traces to his 12th dam, the Melbourne mare *Melrose, who was imported to the U.S. in 1858.

Dialed In hails from the fourth crop of 2003 Horse of the Year Mineshaft and represents the latest of his sire's seven graded stakes winners. All of them are colts with most of their top victories coming at age three.

Certainly not the strongest of crosses so far, our subject represents the first stakes winner from 23 foals of racing age to be sired by Mineshaft out of a Storm Cat mare.

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