



# PEDIGREE PROFILE

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## Derby pedigrees a fitting album of American bloodlines

The parade of three-year olds preparing for this year's Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) carry a relatively strong array of family trees.

Indeed, most of their pedigrees appear well suited for the daunting endeavor at hand, particularly in regard to the vital issue of stamina.

This would include a prevalence of influential sires along the female line who not only handled a classic distance but also produced top offspring who could do the same.

As such, it seems unlikely that conventional pedigree analysis alone will provide very much predictive value this year. One could actually make a pretty good case for almost all of the participants.

And yet, considering the number of "Derby-friendly" pedigrees in this year's field, it is a bit odd that none of the entrants were sired by a Derby winner or by a stallion who has sired a Derby winner.

The 2012 Derby field does show improved overall racing class of its broodmares as compared with last year.

In 2011, only four starters were out of stakes-winning dams, while eight others were out of nonwinning dams.

This year, there are eight contenders from stakes-winning mares, another six from nonwinning dams.

The only two starters who descend from the same extended female family are Dullahan and I'll Have Another. Their family

(classified as #23-b) has, in fact, issued the most number of Derby winners (seven).

In this case, the Broomstick mare Broom Flower (1912) is Dullahan's ninth dam as well as the eleventh dam of I'll Have Another.

Of course, if Dullahan wins the Derby, his dam, Mining My Own, would become the first broodmare in history to produce two Kentucky Derby winners, having foaled Mine That Bird.

Only four stallions have sired the winner of the Kentucky Oaks (G1) and Kentucky Derby in the same year. The last to complete this formidable double was the breed-shaper Native Dancer in 1966 (siring Native Street and Kauai King, respectively).

This year, four sires—Empire Maker, Pulpit, Malibu Moon and Proud Citizen—have a shot at the

Oaks/Derby double with representation in both races.

Finally, only time will tell if American breeders come to realize they have been painting themselves into a corner by continually selecting only three major sire lines.

The modern triumvirate of A.P. Indy [AP], Northern Dancer [ND], and Mr. Prospector [MP] are each represented by six Derby starters (see chart). A mere two of 20 arise from a different stirp.

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DULLAHAN (left) AND I'LL HAVE ANOTHER  
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Horse	Sire (sire line)	2012 stud fee	Racing class of dam	Auction price
ALPHA	Bernardini (AP)	\$150,000	Eng. SW	homebred
BODEMEISTER	Empire Maker (MP)	in Japan	G3 SW	\$260,000
CREATIVE CAUSE	Giant's Causeway (ND)	85,000	G1 SW	135,000
DADDY LONG LEGS	Scat Daddy (ND)	17,500	SW	100,000
DADDY NOSE BEST	Scat Daddy (ND)	17,500	placed	35,000
DONE TALKING	Broken Vow (MP)	25,000	G3 SW	homebred
DULLAHAN	Even the Score (MP)	10,000	unraced	250,000
EL PADRINO	Pulpit (AP)	50,000	unplaced	210,000
GEMOLOGIST	Tiznow (MoW)	75,000	unraced	310,000
HANSEN	Tapit (AP)	125,000	winner	homebred
I'LL HAVE ANOTHER	Flower Alley (MP)	7,500	winner	35,000
LIAISON	Indian Charlie (C)	deceased	SW	290,000
OPTIMIZER	English Channel (MP)	25,000	winner	homebred
PROSPECTIVE	Malibu Moon (AP)	70,000	SW	250,000
ROUSING SERMON	Lucky Pulpit (AP)	2,500	winner	homebred
SABERCAT	Bluegrass Cat (ND)	17,500	unraced	120,000
TAKE CHARGE INDY	A.P. Indy (AP)	pensioned	G1 SW	private
TRINNIBERG	Teuflesberg (ND)	3,500	Stakes-placed	21,000
UNION RAGS	Dixie Union (ND)	deceased	winner	390,000
WENT THE DAY WELL	Proud Citizen (MP)	10,000	unraced	private

AP = A.P. Indy; MP = Mr. Prospector; ND = Northern Dancer; C = Caro (Ire); MoW = Man o' War

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