



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Derby pedigrees an exemplary blend of style and substance

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Collectively, this year's Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) entrants provide a particularly strong array of pedigrees, both in terms of sheer quality as well as cleverness in construction.



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Indeed, at least half of the 2010 field enjoys a family tree that demonstrates some valuable form (s) of female family inbreeding. Remarkably, four of these involve the quite uncommon, yet auspicious, duplication of a key matriarch along their tail-female line.

Specifically, Awesome Act's fourth dam, Natalma, also is the dam of North-

ern Dancer, who appears in the fourth generation of Awesome Act's tail-male line.

Devil May Care's sixth dam, Alablue, also is the grandam of Boldnesian, who appears in the fifth generation of the filly's tail-male line.

Line of David's fourth dam, Gold Digger, also serves as the dam of breed-shaping sire Mr. Prospector, who appears as the broodmare sire of Tale of the Cat, Line of David's paternal grandsire.

Stately Victor's fifth dam, Grass Shack, also is the third dam of Deputy Minister who appears as Stately Victor's paternal great-grandsire.

The contemporary dominant male line of Mr. Prospector, which has captured nine of the last 15 Derbys, is represented by eight runners in this year's classic.

Conversely, the two most closely related Derby starters in tail-female line are Ice Box and Super Saver. The former's ninth dam, Helene de Troie, also serves as tenth dam to the latter. Helene de Troie is best known as the dam of *La Troienne, arguably 20th century America's most influential matriarch.

Speaking of *La Troienne, her aggregate influence is particularly rich in the pedigrees of Discreetly Mine and Super Saver, where she contributes a total of seven strains each.

Only four stallions in history have sired winners of the Derby and the Kentucky Oaks (G1) in the same year: King Alfonso in 1885, *McGee in 1918, Bull Lea in '52 and Native Dancer in '66. This year Pulpit is the only sire represented in both races (Ice Box, Ailalea).

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2010 Kentucky Derby contenders

Horse	Sire	2010	Racing class	
		stud fee	of dam	Auction price
American Lion	Tiznow#	\$75,000	winner	homebred
Awesome Act	Awesome Again	50,000	winner	\$240,000
Backtalk	Smarty Jones+	10,000	SW	250,000
Conveyance	Indian Charlie	70,000	placed	240,000
Dean's Kitten	Kitten's Joy	40,000	winner	homebred
Devil May Care (f)	Malibu Moon	40,000	placed	110,000
Discreetly Mine	Mineshaft	20,000	G1 SW	homebred
Dublin	Afleet Alex+	15,000	G1 SW	525,000
Homeboykris	Roman Ruler+	20,000	SP	11,000
Ice Box	Pulpit	60,000	G2 SW	125,000
Jackson Bend	Hear No Evil+	3,500	winner	homebred
Line of David	Lion Heart	Private	winner	private sale
Lookin At Lucky	Smart Strike+	75,000	winner	475,000
Make Music for Me	Bernstein	25,000	SW	95,000
Mission Impazible	Unbridled's Song +	100,000	SW	200,000
Noble's Promise	Cuvee+	Private	placed	10,000
Paddy O'Prado	El Prado (Ire)	deceased	G2 SW	105,000
Sidney's Candy	Candy Ride+	25,000	placed	homebred
Stately Victor	Ghostzapper	30,000	G1 SW	250,000
Super Saver	MARIA'S MON	deceased	winner	homebred

non-Phalaris male line

+ Mr. Prospector male line

(f) filly

Sires in CAPITAL LETTERS already have sired a Derby winner