



# PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

## Prospective meets expectations in Tampa Bay Derby

Donning blinkers for the first time, John Oxley's three-year old Prospective grabbed the lead turning for home and doggedly held off a series of challenges en route to a three-quarter-length victory in the \$350,000 Tampa Bay Derby (G2) on March 10.

Sent off as the 3.10-to-1 third betting choice in the 11-horse field, the hardy Malibu Moon colt stopped the clock in a quick 1:43.35 for the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile event on a track rated as fast.

In taking the \$210,000 lion's share of the purse, Prospective all but guaranteed himself a place in the starting gate of the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) on May 5 as the field for the classic is limited to 20 starters if the race is oversubscribed with graded earnings determining preference.

Sporting a record of four wins and two seconds from seven lifetime starts, Prospective's record also includes a two-length win in last year's Grey Stakes (Can-G3) at Woodbine and a good runner-up effort in the Sam F. Davis Stakes (G3) on February 4 in his start prior to the Tampa Bay Derby.

Bred in Kentucky by Spendthrift Farm, the dark bay or brown colt was purchased by trainer Mark Casse, bidding on behalf of owner John Oxley, for \$250,000 at the 2010 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale of selected yearlings.

Prospective is the first foal out of the stakes-winning Awesome Again mare Spirited Away, also the dam of a yearling full sister to our subject.

Spirited Away scored in four of her eight starts at ages three and four, including the 2008 Truly Bound Handicap at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$  miles in the slop at Fair Grounds.

Spirited Away's pedigree is itself worthy of note as it reveals her sire and dam to be members of the same female family [known as the Formula One pattern, whereby the sire and dam trace to a common taproot mare].

As demonstrated above, Spirited Away's fourth dam, Square

Prospective, dk. b. or br. c., 2009			
Malibu Moon 97 830 fls, 59 SWs SI 1.86 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1139 fls, 142 SWs SI 3.77 DI=2.54	<b>Seattle Slew 74</b> 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14  Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Bold Reasoning 68 Reason to Earn 63 Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59 Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52 Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67 Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 Nashua 52 Sequence 46 Nijinsky II 67 *Green Valley II 67 Swaps 52 Seximee 66
	Macoumba 92 3 wins, \$196,738, SW 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.38	<b>Mr. Prospector 70</b> 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95  Maximova (Fr) 80 12 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.82	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 Green Dancer 72 Baracala 72 Vice Regent 67 Mint Copy 70 Blushing Groom (Fr) 74 Prime Prospect 78
Spirited Away 04 1 fl, 1 SW DI=3.00	Awesome Again 94 9 wins, \$4,374,590, SW 797 fls, 47 SWs SI 2.58 DI=2.67	Deputy Minister 79 1141 fls, 90 SWs SI 3.17 DI=3.67  Primal Force 87 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.83	<b>Seattle Slew 74</b> Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69 Bald Eagle 55 Hidden Talent 56 Northern Dancer 61 Drumtop 66 Ack Ack 66 Square Generation 69
	Cape North 93 Placed, \$10,955 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.33	Capote 84 824 fls, 62 SWs SI 1.84 DI=3.00  North Sider 82 12 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.00	Too Bald 64 Topsider 74 Back Ack 76

Generation, also serves as the third dam of her influential sire Awesome Again.

The other important ancestor along Prospective's tail-female line is her third dam, North Sider, who became 1987 champion older female after winning the Santa Margarita Invitational (G1) and Apple Blossom (G1) Handicaps and Maskette Stakes (G1).

In anchoring this clan, Prospective's fifth dam, Square Generation, also is the ancestress of English Group 1 winner Amadeus Wolf, multiple Grade 2 winner Zanjero, and 2000 champion two-year-old male and sire Macho Uno.

Prospective hails from the ninth crop of Spendthrift Farm's flagship stallion Malibu Moon and represents the latest of his sire's 20 U.S. graded stakes winners.

Prospective's pedigree also carries duplications of the breed shapers Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector who, as is well known, descend from a common matriarch, the evergreen matron Myrtlewood.

Better known as a consistent source of superior fillies, Malibu Moon's sons have not enjoyed much of an impact in the American classics.


And yet, there appears to be enough elements linked to stamina on the bottom half of Prospective's pedigree to refrain from giving an out of hand dismissal of his chances for the upcoming Triple Crown events.

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