

## Get Stormy's family tree sports a pair of Moccasins

## by Rommy Faversham

On a yielding turf course, Sullimar Stable's three-year-old homebred Get Stormy roared to the lead in midstretch and drew off to a resounding 1½-length victory in the \$125,000 Bryan Station Stakes (G3) on October 18 at Keeneland Race Course.

The Bryan Station was the Stormy Atlantic colt's third consecutive victory at a mile on the grass and his first in a graded stakes. On Au-



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gust 29, Get Stormy led at every call for a 1%-length score in the Lure Stakes at Saratoga.

Get Stormy's lifetime mark stands at four wins from 11 starts with earnings of \$207,559.

Bred in Kentucky by Mary A. Sullivan, owner of Sullimar Stables, Get Stormy is the first starter out of the unplaced mare Foolish Gal. He

also represents the first stakes winner foaled from a daughter of Grade 1 turf winner Kiri's Clown.

By far, this pedigree's weakest link is the racing class of its immediate family. Get Stormy is the only black-type performer to appear under his first three dams, themselves a trio of non-winners.

The tail-female line, then, gets its anchoring from Get Stormy's fourth dam, the late-developing multiple stakes winner Amerigo's Fancy, by \*Amerigo

Owned by well-known entertainer Desi Arnaz, her biggest victory came in the first division of the 1968 Santa Barbara Handicap, when she equaled Santa Anita's 1½-mile turf record while upsetting champions Gamely and Lady Pitt.

Amerigo's Fancy also is the ancestress of recent Grade 2 winners Tres Borrachos and Informed as well as the incomparable Australian mare Makybe Diva, the first runner to secure three consecutive Melbourne Cups (Aus-G1) in 2003, '04, and '05.

Get Stormy's extended American family was initiated by famed horseman Samuel D. Riddle when he imported our subject's sixth dam, the \*Mahmoud mare \*Betsv Ross II. at the close of World War II.

Get Stormy, b. c., 2006				
Stormy Atlantic 94 796 fls, 52 SWs SI 1.64 DI=3.50	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1352 fls, 173 SWs SI 4.02 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
		Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Crimson Saint 69	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
	Hail Atlantis 87 3 wins, \$176,325, SW 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.50	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
			My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
		Flippers 81 15 fls, 1 SW DI=3.89	Coastal 76	Majestic Prince 66 Alluvial 69
			Moccasin 63	Nantallah 53 *Rough Shod II 44
Foolish Gal oo 2 fis, 1 SW DI=3.89	Kiri's Clown 89 16wins, \$1,005,469, SW 69 fls, 0 SWs SI 0.32 DI=3.86	Foolish Pleasure 72 471 fls, 43 SWs SI 1.92 DI=3.70	What a Pleasure 65	Bold Ruler 54 Grey Flight 45
			Fool-Me-Not 58	Tom Fool 49 *Cuadrilla 43
		Kiri (GB) 82 13 fls, 1 SW DI=1.40	=Kris (GB) 76	Sharpen Up (GB) 69 Doubly Sure (GB) 71
			=Kereolle (Ire) 76	Riverman 69 =Miss Molly (Fr) 65
	Galaxy North 86 Unraced 16 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.29	Far North 73 712 fls, 39 SWs SI 1.25 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Fleur 64	Victoria Park 57 Flaming Page 59
		Hayley Nicole 78 12 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.79	Apalachee 71	Round Table 54 Moccasin 63
			Amerigo's Fancy 62	*Amerigo 55 Doctor's Fancy 51

Get Stormy is the first U.S. graded stakes winner whose pedigree demonstrates a pair of complementary strains tracing back to Moccasin, a close relative of the aforementioned Gamely, both celebrated members of the vaunted \*Rough Shod II tribe.

A brilliant champion at age two when she was perfect in eight starts, Moccasin serves as both Stormy Atlantic's third dam and as the dam of Apalachee, sire of Get Stormy's third dam, Hayley Nicole. This is another textbook illustration of success associated with inbreeding to the family of the individual's sire.

As we continue to note, a disproportionate amount of good fortune seems to follow the select minority of Thoroughbreds whose pedigrees convey multiple strains of the \*Rough Shod II clan. Another recent example would be Goodwood Stakes (G1) winner Gitano Hernando (GB), who carries Ridan and Thong, two of Moccasin's full siblings, in his fifth generation.

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