Debutante winner's pedigree reveals clever inbreeding patterns

by Rommy Faversham

Two-year-old filly Just Louise earned a hard-fought neck victory in her stakes debut, fending off late challenges from both sides to capture the \$108,800 Debutante Stakes (G3) on June 26 at Churchill Downs.



JUST LOUISE

The 9-to-5 second betting choice in the field of seven, Just Louise stopped the clock in 1:11.85 for six furlongs on a main track rated as fast. Perfect in two starts for trainer Dale Romans, Just Louise entered off a 3½-length victory in a five-furlong maiden special weight on May 28 at the historic Louisville track.

Just Louise was bred in Kentucky by Paul F. Gardner and purchased by John K. Luke's Eldon Farm Equine for \$75,000 at the 2009 Keeneland September yearling sale.

Eldon Farm and Romans already had enjoyed success with this family having

acquired our subject's half sister, Sara Louise, by Malibu Moon, for \$550,000 at the 2008 Fasig-Tipton Calder sale of selected two-year-olds in training.

Sara Louise's juvenile campaign included a 3%-length victory over subsequent 2009 Horse of the Year Rachel Alexandra in the Pocahontas Stakes (G3). She later was sold privately to Godolphin for whom she annexed two more graded stakes at age three.

Just Louise and Sara Louise are two of six winners from seven starters out of the Mt. Livermore mare Kings Lynn, a winner at ages two through four and graded stakes-placed at three with career earnings of \$140.714.

As a broodmare, Kings Lynn's pedigree is a fascinating one. Not only is she closely inbred, 3x4, to 1961 champion two-year old male Crimson Satan (an unusual source of duplication), but her fourth dam, Sister Satan, out of the influential Argentine-bred mare *Papila, is Crimson Satan's half sister.

Just Louise's second dam, Til Forbid, won the 1991 Arlington Oaks (G3) and was four-time Grade 1-placed. A full or half sibling to three other stakes winners, she also produced Grade 3 winner Scoop.

Just Louise, ch. f., 2008				
Five Star Day 96 403 fls, 18 SWs SI 1.38 DI=5.29	Carson City 87 6 wins, \$306,240, SW 1025 fls, 98 SWs SI 2.03 DI=2.86	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Blushing Promise 82 1 fl, 1 SW DI=1.71	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74	Red God 54 Runaway Bride (GB) 62
			Summertime Promise 72	Nijinsky II 67 Prides Promise 66
	Reggie V 90 Unraced 6 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Vanlandingham 81 318 fls, 5 SWs SI 0.86 DI=1.75	Cox's Ridge 74	Best Turn 66 Our Martha 61
			Populi 75	Star Envoy 68 Sister Shannon 65
		Regent's Walk 81 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=7.57	Vice Regent 67	Northern Dancer 61 Victoria Regina 58
			Lover's Walk 69	Never Bend 60 Honey Lake 63
Kings Lynn 94 7 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.20	Mt. Livermore 81 11 wins, \$610,644, SW 983 fls, 75 SWs SI 1.87 DI=2.76	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74 512 fls, 92 SWs SI 4.76 DI=1.52	Red God 54	*Nasrullah 40 Spring Run 48
			Runaway Bride (GB) 62	=Wild Risk (Fr) 40 =Aimee (GB) 57
		Flama Ardiente 72 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=13.00	Crimson Satan 59	Spy Song 43 *Papila 43
			Royal Rafale 68	Reneged 53 Questar 55
	Til Forbid 88 4 wins, \$382,596, SW 12 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Temperence Hill 77 706 fls, 39 SWs SI 1.15 DI=2.69	Stop the Music 70	Hail to Reason 58 Bebopper 62
			Sister Shannon 65	Etonian 54 *Idaliza 57
		White Jasmine 77 17 fls, 4 SWs DI=4.00	Whitesburg 69	Crimson Satan 59 *Mirabio 60
			Red Jasmine 66	Jaipur 59 Sister Satan 60

Just Louise hails from the sixth crop of multiple graded stakes winning sprinter Five Star Day and is the latest of her sire's five graded stakes winners.

The cross between Carson City stallions and Blushing Groom(Fr)-line broodmares has improved of late with recent stakes winners including 2010 Las Cienegas Handicap (G3) heroine Unzip Me (by City Zip out of an Arazi mare).

For good measure, Just Louise represents the first stakes winner from only a handful of individuals demonstrating the cross of former champions and close relatives Vanlandingham and Temperence Hill. This leads to the 5x4 duplication of their common matriarch, the relatively unheralded Sister Shannon, whose extended pedigree just happens to display its own rich network of complementary family strains.

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