



PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

More Than Love's pedigree involves a couple of sisters

Making her stakes debut as the even-money favorite, More Than Love prevailed in a prolonged stretch duel with Starship Flare, nailing the game pacesetter at the finish line in the one-mile Miesque Stakes (G3) for two-year-old fillies on opening day of Hollywood Park's Autumn Turf Festival on November 25.

The chestnut More Than Ready filly, a shipper from Belmont Park, has captured two of her first three starts, all on grass, bringing in \$93,150.

Bred in Kentucky by Loft Hall Stud, Galleria Bloodstock, and Samac, More Than Love fetched \$130,000 last year at the Keeneland September yearling sale.

She hails from the eighth American crop of More Than Ready and represents one of her sire's 95 stakes winners.



MORE THAN LOVE
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As such, Vinery's flagship stallion currently stands as the world's most accomplished active sire descending from the male line of Halo.

More Than Ready shuttles annually to Australia, where he has sired seven of his nine Group 1 or Grade 1 winners and has become a two-time champion two-year-old sire.

In 2011, his top U.S. runners include Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint (G2) winner Regally Ready and Mother Goose Stakes (G1) winner Buster's Ready.

As for More Than Love, she is the first foal out of the Zafonic mare I'm in Love, who raced from ages two through five, earning \$211,267 from 23 starts. I'm in Love peaked as a four-year old, winning a restricted stakes at Delaware Park and placing in a Grade 3 race at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, her best distance.

More Than Love's immediate family is anchored by her fourth dam, Special Account.

A younger full sister to 1971 champion two-year-old filly Numbered Account, Special Account also was an older full sister to Playmate, who appears in the above pedigree as the dam of More Than Ready's broodmare sire, Woodman.

More Than Love, ch. f., 2009

More Than Ready 97 1491 fls, 95 SWs SI 1.73 DI=2.11	Southern Halo 83 5 wins, \$344,875, Spl 1768 fls, 172 SWs SI 1.78 DI=2.23	Halo 69 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Hail to Reason 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothirdchance 48
	Woodman's Girl 90 3 wins, \$69,195 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.73	Northern Sea 74 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.97	Northern Dancer 61	Cosmic Bomb 44 Almahmoud 47
		Woodman 83 1954 fls, 111 SWs SI 1.52 DI=3.31	Sea Saga 68	Mr. Prospector 70
	I'm in Love 03 1 fl, 1 SW DI=3.44	Zafonic 90 5 wins, \$669,681 Champion 634 fls, 60 SWs SI 1.71 DI=4.20	Becy Be Good 81 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=5.40	Playmate 75
Bank On Her 96 1 win, \$9,014 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.91		Gone West 84 1256 fls, 99 SWs SI 2.40 DI=4.52	Naskra 67	Buckpasser 63 Intriguing 64
		Zaifafon 82 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.00	Good Landing 65	Nasram 60 *Iskra 61
Bank On Love 79 12 fls, 1 SW DI=2.24		Mr. Prospector 70	Secrettame 78	First Landing 56 Best Side 52
		The Minstrel 74	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
		Mofida (GB) 74	Secretariat 70 Tamerett 62	Northern Dancer 61 Fleur 64
		Blushing Groom (Fr) 74		=Right Tack (GB) 66 =Wold Lass (GB) 60
		Glorious Song 76		Red God 54 RunawayBride (GB) 62
		Gallant Romeo 61		Halo 69 Ballade 72
		Special Account 72		*Gallant Man 54 Juliet's Nurse 48
				Buckpasser 63 Intriguing 64

This 4x4 cross of the sisters Playmate and Special Account establishes a deeper network of common maternal descent as both their sire and dam, Buckpasser and Intriguing, trace back to the great matriarch *La Troienne.

Completing this intricate pattern of female family inbreeding, *La Troienne also serves as More Than Ready's sixth dam.

In effect, *La Troienne not only is ancestress to both of More Than Love's parents but also to both parents of the two full sisters to whom our subject is inbred.

To be sure, More Than Love's pedigree is an Intriguing one.

This is a family that has done particularly well with the male line of Seattle Slew, not an unexpected affinity given More Than Love's sixth dam, Glamour, also serves as the dam of Seattle Slew's broodmare sire, Poker.

Another valuable network of complementary strains in this family tree results from the duplications of close relatives Northern Dancer and Halo, creating inbreeding to their common grandam, Almahmoud.

Reinforcement of these premier female families certainly appears the key to this filly's pedigree.

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