Ohio Derby winner inbred to the family of A.P. Indy

by Rommy Faversham

After splitting horses inside the sixteenth pole, Pleasant Prince prevailed in the final strides to score his first stakes victory by a nose in the \$100,000 Ohio Derby (G3) on July 31 at Thistledown.

Sent off as the 9-to-5 favorite in a field of ten, the three-year old Indy King colt completed 1½ miles in 1:43.90 on a track rated as fast.

Pleasant Prince entered off a troubled 11th-place finish in the Preakness Stakes (G1), 18½ lengths behind champion Lookin At Lucky.



PLEASANT PRINCE (inside)

His previous graded stakes placings include a big effort when second by a nose to Ice Box in the Florida Derby (G1) as well as a distant third in The Cliff's Edge Derby Trial Stakes (G3).

The chestnut colt has two wins, two seconds and two thirds from 11 lifetime starts and earnings of \$284,398. He is expected to move on to the Shadwell Tra-

Bred in Florida by Adena Springs, Pleasant Prince was purchased for \$30,000 by Ken and Sarah Ramsey at the 2008 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co. August yearling sale. He becomes one of relatively few graded

stakes winners whose parents both were unraced.

vers Stakes (G1) on August 28 at Saratoga Race Course.

Pleasant Prince is the first live foal and first starter out of the Pleasant Tap mare Archduchess, a half sister to multiple Canadian graded stakes winner Mark One, by Alphabet Soup, Japanese stakes winner Daiwa Carson, by Carson City, and Grade 2-placed winner Golden Corona, by Gulch.

To date, Pleasant Tap broodmares have issued a total of nine graded or group stakes winners, including Grade 2 winner and freshman sire Shaniko, by A.P. Indy.

Pleasant Prince's graded stakes-placed third dam, Sooni, produced his grandam, My Marchesa, a stakes winner at Pimlico Race Course, in addition to multiple Canadian graded stakes winner Black Cash.

Pleasant Prince hails from the third crop of the A.P. Indy stallion Indy King and represents his sire's first U.S. graded stakes winner.

Pleasant Prince, ch., c., 2007				
Indy King 99 105 fls, 4 SWs SI 0.89 DI=3.50	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1053 fls, 132 SWs SI 3.89 DI=2.54	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
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
	Queena 86 10 wins, \$565,024 Champion 8 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.87	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
		Too Chic 79 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.21	Blushing Groom (Fr) 74	Red God 54 Runaway Bride (GB) 62
			Remedia 71	Dr. Fager 64 *Monade 59
Archduchess 02 2 fls, 1 SW DI=1.45	Pleasant Tap 87 9 wins, \$2,721,169 Champion 757 fls, 53 SWs SI 1.57 DI=1.67	Pleasant Colony 78 620 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.68 DI=1.17	His Majesty 68	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52
			Sun Colony 68	Sunrise Flight 59 *Colonia 59
		Never Knock 79 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.97	Stage Door Johnny 65	Prince John 53 Peroxide Blonde 60
			Never Hula 69	Never Bend 60 Hula Hula 52
	My Marchesa 90 6 wins, \$132,996, SW 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.33	Stately Don 84 229 fls, 5 SWs SI 0.68 DI=1.00	Nureyev 77	Northern Dancer 61 Special 69
			Dona Ysidra 75	*Le Fabuleux 61 Matriarch 64
		Sooni 70 16 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.67	Buckpasser 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47
			Missy Baba 58	*My Babu 45 *Uvira II 38

After beginning his stud career at Adena Springs South in Williston, Florida, the unraced but exceptionally well-bred Indy King was transferred to Indiana in 2009. He currently stands at Richwine Farm in Anderson.

Structurally, Pleasant Prince's pedigree is supported by the 4x3 cross of the three-quarter sisters, Lassie Dear and Sooni, by Buckpasser.

A.P. Indy's grandam, Lassie Dear, is out of Gay Missile, a daughter of the highly influential matron Missy Baba, who also serves as our subject's fourth dam.

Valuable patterns of inbreeding to the family of 1992 Horse of the Year and leading sire A.P. Indy also appear within the pedigrees of Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) runner-up Ice Box, by Pulpit, and Preakness runner-up First Dude, by Stephen Got Even.

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