

Saratoga Sinner finds redemption in Holy Bull but will miss classics

by Rommy Faversham

After closely tracking pacesetter Bear's Rocket from the outset, Lally Stable's Saratoga Sinner caught that opponent in midstretch en route



to a game three-quarter-length victory in the \$150,000 Holy Bull Stakes (G3) at Gulfstream Park on January 31.

Sent off as the 12.40-to-1 fifth choice in the field of ten, the three-year-old Harlan's Holiday colt covered 1½ miles in 1:51.45 on a track rated as fast, but came out of the race with a bone chip in his left

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knee and will be sidelined through the Triple Crown season.

The Holy Bull was Saratoga Sinner's first stakes win. He entered off a 1½-length maiden special weight victory at Gulfstream on January 7.

Winless in a pair of races as a juvenile, the bay colt has scored in two of his four lifetime starts and has earned \$116.495.

Saratoga Sinner was purchased for \$130,000 at the 2007 Keeneland September yearling sale. He was bred in Kentucky by Brereton C. Jones, who can also be credited with breeding the colt's first four dams.

Saratoga Sinner is one of two winners from three starters out of the Slew City Slew mare Naughty Linda, a maiden winner at age three.

Saratoga Sinner has an unnamed juvenile full brother and a yearling half brother by Ecton Park.

So far, daughters of Slew City Slew have produced six graded stakes winners, including Grade 1 winner Pool Land, by Silver Deputy.

Saratoga Sinner's grandam, Naughty Nile, has a pedigree that features a 3x3 cross of Round Table and his full sister Monarchy. Naughty Nile is the dam of stakes winners Entitlement, by Siphon (Brz), and Grade 3-placed Lower Egypt, by Silver Hawk.

Saratoga Sinner's third dam, Naughty Blade, is the grandam of Grade 3 winner Minor Wisdom. His fourth dam, Naughty Nedra, is a half sister to 1981 Canadian champion two-year-old filly Choral Group.

This extended North American clan traces back to Saratoga Sinner's tenth dam, *Torpenhow, who was imported from England during World War I.

Saratoga Sinner, b. c., 2006				
Harlan's Holiday99 191 fls, 8 SWs SI 2.26 DI=2.33	Harlan 89 8 wins, \$403,174, SW 98 fls, 6 SWs SI 2.93 DI=3.00	Storm Cat 83 1301 fls, 169 SWs SI 4.08 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78	Northern Dancer 61 South Ocean 67
			Terlingua 76	Secretariat 70 Crimson Saint 69
		Country Romance 76 9 fls, 1 SW DI=2.60	Halo 69	Hail to Reason 58 Cosmah 53
			Sweet Romance 68	Gun Bow 60 *Suiti 59
	Christmas in Aiken 92 2 wins, \$31,628 9 fls, 1 SW DI=2.73	Affirmed 75 840 fls, 86 SWs SI 2.64 DI=2.08	Exclusive Native 65	Raise a Native 61 Exclusive 53
			Won't Tell You 62	Crafty Admiral 48 Scarlet Ribbon 57
		Dowager 80 10 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.53	Honest Pleasure 73	What a Pleasure 65 *Tularia 55
			Princessnesian 64	*Princequillo 40 Alanesian 54
Naughty Linda 97 4 fls, 1 SW DI=1.40	Slew City Slew 84 11 wins, \$1,166,296, SW 786 fls, 45 SWs SI 1.21 DI=2.25	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
		Weber City Miss 77 8 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.77	Berkley Prince 66	Rash Prince 60 Betrayed 53
			Esirnus 69	Sunrise Flight 59 Water Lady 59
	Naughty Nile 85 3 wins, \$23,315, Spl 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.15	Upper Nile 74 192 fls, 12 SWs SI 1.25 DI=0.79	Nijinsky II 67	Northern Dancer 61 Flaming Page 59
			Rosetta Stone 64	Round Table 54 *Rose Coral 50
		Naughty Blade 80 4 fls, 0 SWs DI=4.09	Blade 66	Bold Ruler 54 Monarchy 57
			Naughty Nedra 65	Bagdad 56 Carol Singer 60

Saratoga Sinner hails from the second crop of three-time Grade 1 winner Harlan's Holiday, who stands at Jones's Airdrie Stud in Midway, Kentucky, for a \$30,000 fee.

Harlan's Holiday has sired four graded stakes winners, including Grade 1 winner Into Mischief, multiple Grade 3 winner Tasha's Miracle, and Grade 3 winner Denis of Cork, who finished third in the 2008 Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) and second in the Belmont Stakes (G1).

Saratoga Sinner's pedigree has a 4x4 cross of Storm Bird and Nijinsky II. These two similarly bred sons of Northern Dancer continue to serve as a particularly valuable tandem through which their sire has been inbred.

This pedigree is also highlighted by a 4x5 cross of Princessnesian with her half brother, Boldnesian, creating inbreeding to their common dam, the influential matriarch Alanesian.

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