

Shackleford inbred to families of his sire, broodmare sire

by Rommy Faversham

A stronger pace and shorter distance proved to be to Shackleford's advantage as the chestnut Forestry colt held off Animal Kingdom to claim his first career stakes triumph in the \$1-million Preakness Stakes (G1) on May 21 at Pimlico Race Course.

The Kentucky homebred of Michael Lauffer and Bill Cubbedge is the youngest of four winners from six starters out of the stakes-placed Unbridled mare Oatsee, winner of two sprints at age three.

A far better broodmare than racehorse, Oatsee is the dam of Baghdaria, by Royal Academy, who captured a trio of Grade 3 races. Her next foal, Lady Joanne, by Orientate, also recorded three graded stakes wins, including a neck victory in the 2007 Alabama Stakes (G1).

Further back, Shackleford's tail-female line features a cluster of topclass performers and sires.

His fourth dam, Taminette, is a full sister to the good sire and miler Known Fact, who was awarded the 1980 Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1) on the disqualification of Nureyev.

Taminette's three-quarter brother Tentam took the 1973 Metropolitan Handicap (G1) before embarking on an effective, yet brief career at stud in Maryland.

Grade 1 winner and sire of sires Gone West was out of Taminette's half sister Secrettame.

Taminette was the dam of multiple Grade 1-winning juvenile Tappiano and her full brother, Japanese Group 3 winner and sire A. P Jet.

Shackleford, Ch. c., 2008				
Forestry 96 704 fls, 40 SWs SI 1.81 DI=4.33	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1412 fls, 178 SWs SI 3.84 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
	Shared Interest 88 10 wins, \$667,610, SW 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.20	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
		Surgery 76 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=6.38	Dr. Fager 64	Rough'n Tumble 48 Aspidistra 54
			Bold Sequence 61	Bold Ruler 54 Sequence 46
Oatsee 97 7 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.85	Unbridled 87 8 wins, \$5,086,255 Champion 566 fls, 49 SWs SI 3.72 DI=1.70	Fappiano 77 410 fls, 48 SWs SI 4.79 DI=4.78	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
			Killaloe 70	Dr. Fager 64 Grand Splendor 62
		Gana Facil 81 7 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.50	*Le Fabuleux 61	=Wild Risk (Fr) 40 =Anguar (Fr) 50
			Charedi 76	In Reality 64 Magic 69
	With Every Wish 91 4 wins, \$110,143, Spl 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.37	Lear Fan 81 891 fls, 84 SWs SI 1.92 DI=1.56	Roberto 69	Hail to Reason 58 Bramalea 59
			Wac 69	Lt. Stevens 61 Belthazar 60
		Amo 85 9 fls, 1 SW DI=4.00	Hold Your Peace 69	Speak John 58 Blue Moon 48
			Taminette 73	In Reality 64 Tamerett 62



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Finally, Shackleford's fifth dam, Tamerett, is a half sister to Atan, sire of the influential stallion Sharpen Up (GB).

Shackleford hails from the eighth crop of the Storm Cat stallion Forestry and represents the latest of his sire's 40 stakes winners.

Impeccably bred, Forestry, a front-running, Grade 1-winning sprinter and miler, has been what could be described as rather enigmatic at stud, incurring a precipitous 90% drop in his fee during the previous four years—from \$125,000 in 2007 to \$12,500 this year.

It is interesting, if not ironic, that Shackleford demonstrates the same cross of Forestry over Unbridled previously noted within the pedigree of The Green Monkey, who had to suffer the indignity of a short and unproductive, yet well-documented racing career—winless in three starts following his sale at auction for a world record price of \$16-million.

The closest pattern of inbreeding within Shackleford's five generation pedigree is the relatively uncommon duplication of the great Dr. Fager, 4x5.

Add to this mix Unbridled's third dam, the Buckpasser mare Magic, who also serves as a half sister to Dr. Fager. More specifically then, our subject demonstrates inbreeding to the family of Unbridled who, in turn, is inbred to the family of Dr. Fager.

Shackleford's family tree also features a 4x5 cross of the half sisters, Bold Sequence and Gold Digger, which creates inbreeding to their common dam, the Count Fleet mare Sequence. As such, this year's Preakness winner also carries inbreeding to the common family of Forestry and the omnipresent Mr. Prospector, who heads up Shackleford's broodmare sire line

His well-meant, clever pedigree should signal more than a hint of future sire potential.

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