



***Iron Maidens Thoroughbreds
Well-Bred Juveniles Can Score
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The two year old in training auctions are over and these horses, along with others at training centers across the United States, are making their way to the racetracks. I keep a database of over 2,000 juveniles, culled from the 2010 yearling auctions, 2011 two year old in training catalogs, private farms and offspring that are related to stakes winners or produced from notable stakes winners. Why? Often the unsuspecting public ignores the lineage of the juveniles who are making their initial start. Big mistake!



Last year, Premier Pegasus, a half brother to Grade 1 winner Street Hero, was overlooked in his debut, and paid \$44.00 to win. This year, astute handicappers were rewarded with payouts on Evita's Sister (\$24.00) a full sister to Grade 1 winner Evita Argentina, Lava Girl (\$32.00) a half sister to the multiple Grade 1 winning hero Lava Man, and Power World (\$30.00) a half brother to Grade 2 winner Santa Catarina. Of course, not every sibling to a heralded winner or much anticipated offspring of a winning mare lives up to their potential; however, royally bred babies are worth a second look when they debut.

Let's review some babies that are currently working. Starting in the West, **GROOVIN' SOLO** (Bob & John - Squall Linda, by Summer Squall) is a homebred half brother to Norfolk (G-1) victor Street Hero, and San Felipe (G-2) winner Premier Pegasus. Both colts, along with Groovin' Solo were sired by stallions from the Mr. Prospector line. Groovin' Solo has been breezing at Santa Anita and fired a bullet four furlongs in 48:40 on June 19 for trainer Myung Cho. Both of his half brothers were precocious youngsters. Groovin' Solo's first crop sire Bob and John needed two starts to win his maiden and developed into a stakes winning three year old. He currently has two winners from six starters.

Entered in the fifth race at Pleasanton on June 25, **MILANIA** (Bernardini – Keeper Hill, by Deputy Minister) was a \$190,000 Keeneland November 2009 Weanling. She's the first daughter produced from her dam. Keeper Hill is a multiple Grade 1 winner and counts the Kentucky Oaks, Las Virgenes and Spinster amongst her victories. Milania's first three dams are stakes horses and the fillies are better on the track than their male counterparts in this family. Milania is inbred to the good producer Killaloe, dam of the top sire Fappiano. Killaloe is Milania's fourth dam and she is also the grand-dam of Quiet American, the broodmare sire of Bernardini. Keeper Hill needed 4 starts to win her maiden, but she was in the money in her previous 3 starts. Milania should definitely prefer running two turns, but like her dam, could place in the money here, especially since she's had 5 gate drills. Her trainer is Jerry Hollendorfer.

RUDE WARRIOR (A.P. INDY - Raylene, by Tabasco Cat) was a \$220,000 Fasig Tipton February 2011 purchase after working a furlong in :10.2 (video). He has a stamina-oriented pedigree and a long, ground covering stride. His dam won the 1 3/8 mile Canadian Derby (G-3) against colts, plus the British Columbia Breeders' Cup Oaks at 1 1/8 miles. She needed three starts to win her maiden, but placed in her second attempt. Rude Warrior has Rasmussen Factor inbreeding to the Phipps family bred Missy Baba, whose descendants bore A.P. Indy,

Summer Squall, Honor Grades and Raja Baba. Rude Warrior is the third foal and first colt produced by his dam. This distaff family produced the multiple Group 1 winner and sire Ad Valorem. Rude Warrior will prefer running two turns. He has been working consistently at Santa Anita for trainer Brian Koriner.

MI VIDA (Distorted Humor – Crystal Current, by A.P. Indy) is out of the Kinsman Stable homebred mare Crystal Current, winner of the Suncoast Stakes. She's the second foal and first filly for her dam. Typical of the A.P. Indy progeny, Crystal Current needed four tries to win her maiden, but Distorted Humor should add some precocity to Mi Vida. This is the distaff family of Hopeful Stakes winner Majestic Warrior. The second dam Dream Supreme was a multiple Grade 1 winning sprinter whose victories included the Test, Ballerina and Humana Distaff, etc. Supreme Maker's second dam Spinning Round was a multiple graded stakes winner who also won the Test, Alcibiades, and four other stakes. Mi Vida is from a precocious distaff family and could be a first time out winner. She has been working regularly at Santa Anita for her trainer Eric Guillot.

RUM RUNNER (Street Cry – Dance Away Capote, by Capote) a Robert Evans homebred, is the first foal for his dam, who is a multiple stakes winner. Dance Away Capote was victorious in her debut, then placed in the Sorority Stakes in her second start before taking the Irish Sonnet Stakes her third time out. She won stakes races from age two to five, including the Bourbonette Breeders' Cup Stakes and Noble Damsel Handicap (G-3). Dance Away Capote's second dam Ingot Way was a stakes winner and produced Horse of the Year Skip Away. Rum Runner has the pedigree to win first time out and he's been working well at Hollywood Park for trainer Neil Drysdale.

STARSHIP PEGASUS (Distorted Humor - Pampered Princess, by Indian Charlie) previously named Witticism, has been through the sales ring three times. She brought \$62K at the most recent auction, Barrets May 2011. She worked 10.2 under tack at the Fasig-Tipton February 2011 sale (video) and in :22 flat at the Barretts auction. Starship Pegasus' dam Pampered Princess needed four starts to win her maiden. Ultimately, she won 13 of 32 starts, including the Spinster (G-1) and five listed stakes. Starship Pegasus is the second foal and first filly for her dam. The fillies in this distaff family are better performers than the colts. The second dam Crafty Ember was a stakes winner and under the fourth dam, six fillies were stakes winners or stakes placed, while only two colts could claim that distinction. Starship Pegasus showed speed in two under tack shows. If she doesn't develop soundness issues from running so fast early in her career, Starship Pegasus could be a first time out winner.



Midnight Arch Photo: Starlight Racing

Moving east to Churchill Downs and Keeneland, It's never too early to think about next year's Classics. **MIDNIGHT ARCH** (Arch - Run Withthe Spirit, by Lemon Drop Kid) was a \$280,000 Fasig Tipton Saratoga 2010 yearling. He is the second foal for his dam, who failed to win in six attempts, but Midnight Arch's half sibling was in the money in two of three starts. Withthe Spirit is a half sister to Florida Derby (G-1) winner and leading Japanese sire, Brian's Time. Midnight Arch's second dam was Grade 3 stakes placed and his third dam is the Darby Dan foundation

mare, Golden Trail. Besides Brian's Time, Golden Trail's descendants include the international sire Dynaformer, Kentucky Derby hero Monarchos, Champion Turf horses Sunshine

Forever, Ryafan, and the top class Memories of Silver. Midnight Arch has the pedigree and conformation of a Classic horse. The Dale Roman's trainee will likely be summer or fall starter and should develop through his three year old season. With a mix of dirt and turf attributes throughout his pedigree, Midnight Arch could be capable over every surface and love two turns. He just started breezing at Churchill Downs. Watch him gallop [here](#).

A. P. AZERIN (A.P. Indy – Silent Sighs, by Bertrando) has already started three times, but hasn't hit the board. As a daughter of A.P. Indy, this isn't surprising, and she will likely be a slower maturing juvenile. A. P. Azerin is the first filly for her dam. Silent Sighs got the job done first time out on the track. She placed in the California Cup Juvenile Fillies Stakes, then won three in a row, including the Santa Anita Oak (G-1). Her only out of the money finish was in her final race, the Kentucky Oaks. Silent Sighs is a half sister to multiple Grade 2 winner Proposed. In the first three generations, of this distaff family, the fillies have performed better than the colts, so A. P. Azerin could be the break through stakes horse for her dam. A. P. Azerin will want to go farther than the sprint distances she's currently contesting and could develop with racing.

RUTHLESS EMPIRE (Empire Maker – Ruthian, by Rahy) was a \$140,000 Keeneland September 2010 Yearling purchase by Donegal Racing. He's a half brother to the multiple graded stakes mare Rutherienne and her full sister, the stakes winning Rutheina. Their $\frac{3}{4}$ brother Big Wig is stakes placed. Their dam Ruthian was a win-early two year old, claiming victory in her first try in mid-June. Four of six of her offspring are juvenile winners. Ruthless Empire's first three dams are all stakes winners over the lawn. He has a win early distaff family and looks like he could follow in their hoofprints. Ruthless Empire is a small but rugged colt and has posted a string of works at Churchill for Dale Romans. He's aiming for a summer debut at Saratoga.



SUPREME MAKER (Empire Maker – A.P. Dream, by A.P. Indy) was a \$225,000 Fasig Tipton Saratoga 2010 yearling. She is the first foal from her dam. A.P. Dream was a late developing filly and won her maiden in her three year old debut. She is a full sibling to Hopeful Stakes winner Majestic Warrior and Suncoast Stakes winner Crystal Current. A.P. Dream is also a half sister to Woodchopper Stakes winner Evolutionist. The second dam Dream Supreme was a multiple Grade 1 winning sprinter whose victories included the Test, Ballerina and Humana Distaff, etc. Supreme Maker's second dam Spinning Round was a multiple graded stakes winner who also won the Test, Alcibiades, and four other stakes. Supreme Maker is a big, two-turn type filly with a beautiful stride and intelligent, classy demeanor. She is currently working at Keeneland. View her conformation video [here](#).

Saratoga is home to hundreds of top horses. Once can't find a more royal lineage than **RAISE THE FLAG** (Awesome Again – My Flag, by Easy Goer). She's is a Phipps family homebred daughter of 1995 Champion Two Year Old My Flag and a half sister to 2002 Champion Filly Storm Flag Flying. Raise The Flag is also a half sister

to the stakes winner With Flying Colors. Her second dam is 1988 Horse of the Year Personal Ensign. Raise The Flag has a late-maturing two turn pedigree. She started working at Saratoga for Shug McGaughey.

XS BELLE (Dynaformer-Queenie Belle, by Bertrando) didn't meet her \$450,000 reserve at the Fasig Tipton Saratoga 2010 yearling sale. She's a half sister to the recently retired Breeders' Cup Distaff heroine Unrivaled Belle. Their dam Queenie Belle was an early juvenile winner. She placed in her first start in May then won her maiden the following month. She placed in two stakes in her freshman season. Queenie Belle was a multiple Grade 2 winner at ages three and four. Unrivaled Belle make her first start in April of her two year old season and was second. She came back four months later to win her second start. With Dynaformer as her sire, Xs Bell may be less precocious. She has started working at Saratoga for trainer Bill Mott and will likely make her debut in late summer or early fall.



BRIDGE LOAN (Empire Maker – Bridge Game, by Giant's Causeway) was a \$300,000 Keeneland September 2010 Yearling. He's the first foal for Modesty (G-3) winner Bridge Game, who won or placed in eight of ten attempts. Bridge Game won her second start going a mile over the turf. Bridge Loan's third dam was a stakes winner and his fourth dam is the grand-dam of Horse of the Year, Tiznow. Bridge Loan has been working regularly at Saratoga for Todd Pletcher. Bridge Loan will likely be best over turf and prefer two turns.

HEAVY BREATHING (Giant's Causeway – Takesmybreathaway, by Gone West) was a \$150,000 Keeneland September 2010 Yearling and is a stablemate of Bridge Loan. Heavy Breathing is a full brother to Suburban Stakes (G-1) hero Frost Giant. All five of Heavy Breathing's half siblings are winners. His dam was unplaced in two turf starts in England, but she is a half sister to the stakes winning sire Mutakddim. Heavy Breathing has the conformation of a route horse. Like Bridge Loan, Heavy Breathing has been working at Saratoga for Todd Pletcher.



BUDGET DEFICIT (Corinthian – Charm A Gendarme, by Batonnier) was a \$200,000 Keeneland September 2010 Yearling. He's a half brother to multiple Grade 1 winner Tout A Charmant and Group 3 stakes winner Forest Grove. Their dam Charm A Gendarme won her debut and was stakes placed as a juvenile. All nine of offspring that have raced have been successful on the track. Budget Deficit's dam and second dam are both stakes winners and his third dam is the grand dam of Champion sprinter Artax. Budget Deficit's first crop sire Corinthian reached his peak as a five year old, winning the Met Mile and Breeders' Cup Mile. Currently, he's had three starters but no winners. Budget Deficit's has a miler's pedigree and could he could be precocious. He's been working since May at Saratoga.

Over the next couple of months, I'll take a closer look at young fillies and colts with pedigree power, so check back often. Many of these babies will be unveiled at Saratoga or Del Mar. For up-to-date news on these horses and your favorite runners, go to Horse Racing Nation and check out each horse's individual page.

Second place finisher **SHE DIGS ME** (Henny Hughes – Stage Stop, by Valid Expectations) carried his lead through the stretch but couldn't hold off the winner. The Steve Assmussen trainee was unplaced over the Keeneland Polytrack in his debut back in April. She Digs Me has a speed-heavy pedigree up close, but there is some stamina received through his third damsire, Kentucky Derby winner Strike The Gold. She Digs Me's dam won only twice in 16 starts, but she placed second or third in seven listed stakes between six furlongs and 1 1/16 miles. She Digs Me will likely have distance limitations beyond 1 1/6 miles, but may eventually become a useful sprinter.

Eileen's Dream (Bernardini - Turbo Dream, by Unbridled) 1/2 to Dream Rush. Worked 6/13 at Hol.

Isra – Fair Hill

French Storm (AP Indy - ILE DE FRANCE, Storm Cat) 3/4 to Bernardini, dam is 1/2 to Bernardini. 4 rns, 2 wnrs, none at 2; Worked at Hol. 5/2.

Tarpy's Wish (Rockport Harbor - Fuzzy Navel, Strike the Anvil) sold for \$240,000 at the Fasig Tipton February 2011 auction. She's a half sister to Vosburgh Stakes (G-1) hero, Black Seventeen. Tarpy's Wish has nine half siblings, but other than Black Seventeen, they haven't been win machines and there is no other blacktype in the first three generations. Tarpy's Wish was an undisgraced four place in her debut at Chruchill on May 27.

Finished 4th in MSW at CD 5/27 R9. Gained 4th.