

If any horse was ever going to end the long wait for a Triple Crown hero, there was a strong chance that he would be a representative of the Fappiano male line. Fappiano's son Unbridled gave this male line its first success in a Triple Crown event when he won the 1990 Kentucky Derby. Two other sons of Fappiano made an impact on the Triple Crown, with the two colts who dominated the 1998 races being by Quiet American and Cryptoclearance. It has been Unbridled, though, who has been the male line's main flagbearer. He sired winners of each of the Triple Crown races and his Kentucky Derby winner Grindstone went on to sire a Belmont Stakes winner, who in turn sired winners of the Kentucky Derby and Belmont. Unbridled's son Empire Maker found only one too good for him in the Kentucky Derby as did Empire Maker's son Pioneerof The Nile.

Although American Pharoah wasn't able to contest the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, he had been so impressive in winning the Gr.1 Del Mar Futurity and Gr.1 FrontRunner Stakes that the compilers of the Experimental Free Handicap felt compelled to award him joint-top weight with the Juvenile winner. He secured the Eclipse Award and of course justified all the confidence shown in him, extending his winning sequence to eight. In the process he showed all the talent, versatility, durability and courage which entitle him to the greatest respect as a stallion.

His pedigree is a blend of speed and stamina, as his dam Littleprincesemma is closely related to Storm Wolf (Gr.2 Lazaro Barrera Memorial over 7f.) and Misty Rosette (Gr.3 winner over 6½f.).

American Pharoah's bloodlines allow him tremendous scope. Mr Prospector will be back in the sixth generation of his foals and his pedigree is free of such as **A.P. INDY**, **SEATTLE SLEW**, **DANZIG**, **SADLER'S WELLS**, **DEPUTY MINISTER**, **ROBERTO** and **HALO**. Even **STORM CAT** will be back in the fourth generation of his foals and **FAPPIANO** in the fifth, allowing a second line.

Empire Maker sired Gr.1 winners from mares by three different sons of **SEATTLE SLEW**, including the three-time champion Royal Delta from an **A.P. INDY** mare. Altogether he sired 8% black-type winners from daughters of **A.P. INDY**, American Pharoah must be a prime candidate for daughters of **A.P. INDY** and his sons, especially those who combine **A.P. INDY** with **MR PROSPECTOR**, such as **PULPIT**, **MALIBU MOON** and **MINESHAFT**. Daughters of **TAPIT** would have every chance of transmitting American Pharoah's Triple Crown prowess, as they create 4x4 to **UNBRIDLED**. The same could be said of daughters of **BERNARDINI**, broodmare sire of Pioneerof The Nile's Gr.3 winner Dark Nile.

Empire Maker sired 16% black-type winners from daughters of **SEEKING THE GOLD**. There are numerous other options from this **MR PROSPECTOR** male line, including **KINGMAMBO**, **CARSON CITY**, **SMART STRIKE**, **CURLIN**, **DISTORTED HUMOR**, **SPEIGHTSTOWN** (4x4 to Storm Cat) and **STREET CRY**.

Mares by **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** and other sons of Storm Cat create only 4x3 to **STORM CAT**. This is well worth trying, as Empire Maker sired Bodemeister and In Lingerie from daughters of **STORM CAT**. In addition to American Pharoah, Pioneerof The Nile sired the champion 2YO Classic Empire from a grand-daughter of **STORM CAT**.

Empire Maker sired a Gr.1 winner from a mare by Danzig, plus Gr.2 winners from mares by **BELONG TO ME** and **PINE BLUFF**. This suggests American Pharoah could thrive with mares by other dirt performers by **DANZIG**, such as **WAR FRONT** and **HARD SPUN**.

EL PRADO and his sons **MEDAGLIA D'ORO** and **KITTEN'S JOY** represent the **SADLER'S WELLS** line.

Empire Maker and Pioneerof The Nile have both sired black-type winners from a daughter of **TOUCH GOLD**. Pioneerof The Nile also has a Gr.3-winning juvenile with a dam by **GHOSTZAPPER**.

Pioneerof The Nile is shaping up with the **HAIL TO REASON** line, siring the Gr.3 winner Vinceremos from a **MORE THAN READY** mare and Preakness third Social Inclusion from a **SAINT BALLADO** mare.

HOLY BULL is the broodmare sire of Cairo Prince, another one of Pioneerof The Nile's best sons.