

Competitive Edge has the distinction of being one of three Gr.1 winners from the first crop by Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver. With the champion two-year-old Maria's Mon as his grandsire, Competitive Edge was precocious enough – and fast enough – to score by more than ten lengths over six furlongs at Saratoga in July. He was again impressive when upped to seven furlongs in the Gr.1 Hopeful Stakes, scoring by nearly six lengths. These efforts earned him 121 on the Experimental Free Handicap. He went on to extend his unbeaten record to four as a three-year-old, taking the seven-furlong Tamarac Stakes and the Gr.3 Pat Day Mile on Derby day. These four wins were gained by a total of nearly 29 lengths.

In addition to winning at the top level, Competitive Edge has a potent pedigree. Both of his parents have **SEATTLE SLEW** and **MR PROSPECTOR** in the third generation, so Competitive Edge is inbred 4 x 4 to both of these champion sires. Combining **SEATTLE SLEW** with **MR PROSPECTOR** yielded some rich dividends. For example, Super Saver's dam Supercharger is a sister to three of the 16 Graded winners sired by A.P. Indy from Mr Prospector mares. Another of these 16 is Pulpit, sire of champion sire Tapit, who is inbred 3 x 4 to Mr Prospector, with one line of Seattle Slew.

Tapit has numerous Graded winners with a third line of Mr Prospector. Indeed he has Gr.2 and Gr.3 winners with four lines. Scat Daddy, another stallion inbred to Mr Prospector, also has several Graded winners with a third line and his very fast daughter Acapulco has four. More Mr Prospector blood is therefore a promising avenue to explore with Competitive Edge, especially as Super Saver has Graded winners out of mares by **DISTANT VIEW** and **FUSAICHI PEGASUS**. As Competitive Edge's Mr Prospector blood will be in his foals' fifth generation, there are numerous options, including **CARSON CITY**, **CITY ZIP**, **DISTORTED HUMOR**, **FLOWER ALLEY**, **ELUSIVE QUALITY**, **SPEIGHTSTOWN**, **MR GREELEY**, **KINGMAMBO**, **STREET CRY** and **SMART STRIKE**. The **FAPPIANO** branch would help Competitive Edge's progeny shine around two turns. **UNBRIDLED**, **EMPIRE MAKER** and **UNBRIDLED'S SONG** have obvious potential, and **BROKEN VOW** is the broodmare sire of Super Saver's very fast son Runhappy.

Competitive Edge's two lines of **SEATTLE SLEW** will also be back in his foals' fifth generation. As Super Saver's Gr.2 two-year-old winner I Spent It is inbred 3 x 4 to A.P. Indy, mares with another line of **SEATTLE SLEW**, or even **A.P. INDY**, could succeed with Competitive Edge. Mares by **PULPIT** create 4 x 3 to A.P. Indy and 5 x 5 x 4 to Mr Prospector, whereas **TAPIT** mares produce 4 x 4 to A.P. Indy with three lines each to both Seattle Slew and Mr Prospector.

The **STORM CAT** line is another that could reinforce Competitive Edge's speed. Tapit has Graded winners out of daughters of **STORM CAT**, **HENNESSY**, **SIR CAT**, **TABASCO CAT** and **CATIENUS**, and mares by **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, **TALE OF THE CAT**, **FORESTRY** and **HARLAN'S HOLIDAY** are other possibilities.

Other branches of the **NORTHERN DANCER** line which should work well are those descending from **DEPUTY MINISTER**, **DIXIELAND BAND** and **EL PRADO**, including daughters of **AWESOME AGAIN**, **GHOSTZAPPER**, **MEDAGLIA D'ORO** and **KITTEN'S JOY**.