

UNTOUCHED TALENT

B.m. 2004 by Storm Cat – Parade Queen by A.P Indy

Daughters of Storm Cat have produced 158 stakes but few have engendered as much excitement as Untouched Talent's classic son, Bodemeister.

Making only his fourth start, Bodemeister earned grade one honors with a sensational performance in the Arkansas Derby (gr. I), scoring by 9½ lengths, running the nine furlongs in a time nearly a second faster than quality older horses in the Oaklawn Handicap (gr. II) over the same course and distance on the same day. In the Kentucky Derby (gr. I), Bodemeister produced an exuberant front-running display that saw him set some the fastest fractions ever seen in the 'Run for the Roses' only yielding to I'll Have Another's late charge inside the final furlong. Bodemeister came even closer to classic glory in the Preakness Stakes (gr. I). Once again taking control from the start, Bodemeister surged clear in the stretch, and was only denied a famous victory by I'll Have Another's desperate late charge which saw him prevail over Bodemeister a photo finish, with the pair drawing nearly nine lengths clear of the third.

Bodemeister is the first starter for Untouched Talent, and when we review her race-record and pedigree, it comes as no surprise that she is able to produce such a thrilling athlete. Although she ran only four times, all at two, Untouched Talent was decidedly well named and left little doubt that she was among the best of her generation. A stakes winner over five furlongs on her debut, Untouched Talent captured the Sorrento Stakes (gr. III) by three lengths on her second outing. Second in the Del Mar Debutante Stakes (gr. I), Untouched Talent ended her racing career going down by just ¾ lengths in the 8½ furlong Alcibiades Stakes (gr. II).

Untouched Talent's pedigree combines the two dominant North American stallions of their era, as she is not only by Storm Cat, but also out of a daughter of A.P. Indy. Her dam, multiple stakes producer, Parade Queen was a very accomplished runner in her own right, winning four black-type events, including the Mrs. Revere Stakes (gr. III) and Joe Namath Handicap (gr. III). Parade Queen is also a sister to Post Parade, the dam of three stakes winners. In addition to A.P. Indy, classic influences are prominent in the next two generations of the pedigree. Untouched Talent's second dam is Spanish Parade, a stakes winning daughter of English Derby (gr. I) victor Roberto, and her third dam, Nijit, is a graded stakes performer by English Triple Crown hero, Nijinsky II, out of Champion English Two-Year-Old Filly Bitty Girl.

Having produced Bodemeister as her first runner, Untouched Talent, has subsequently been bred to stallions that should maximize her potential in years to come. She has a 2011 filly by

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Smart Strike, the size of three stakes winners, including graded scorer Denomination, out of mares by Storm Cat, and Champion Two-Year-Old Filly My Miss Aurelia out of a mare by a son of Storm Cat. Her 2012 foal is a filly by Tiznow, the sire of seven stakes winners, five graded, out of mares by Storm Cat and his sons, among them Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Folklore. She now in foal to Unbridled's Song, a mating that gives not only a cross that has produced seven stakes winners, two of them grade one, but will also result in a three-quarter brother or sister to Bodemeister.

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