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DAM OF GRADED STAKES WINNER AGAVE KISS

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**"SHE'S VERY, VERY SPECIAL.
SHE DOES IT ALL HERSELF!"**

RUDY RODRIGUEZ, trainer

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**"She broke sharp and put herself in front.
She just kept opening up
and there was no stopping her."**

RAMON DOMINGUEZ, jockey, after AGAVE KISS took the Miss Preakness S. by 5½ lengths.

Past Performance & Pedigree Analysis

Herself a stakes winner and graded stakes performer, Salty Romance is dam of one of the fastest fillies of 2012 Agave Kiss. What's more, she is offered carrying a Smart Strike foal that is bred on a champion producing cross.

At two, Salty Romance led throughout to claim an overwhelming 5¼ length victory in the Delta Princess Stakes. The following year she gained graded black-type with a second in the Santa Ysabel Stakes (gr. III).

As accomplished as she was, Salty Romance has already outproduced herself. Her daughter, the grade one performing Agave Kiss is one of the most exciting three-year-old fillies of 2012. Agave Kiss is a winner of six consecutive races at two and three, leading at every call, and scoring by daylight on each occasion, with an average winning margin of five lengths. Four of those victories have come in stakes events and have seen her capture the Cicada Stakes (gr. III), Trevose Stakes, Ruthless Stakes (by 3¼ lengths), and Miss Preakness Stakes (by 5½ lengths). In winning the Miss Preakness Stakes, Salty Romance ran a Beyer Speedfigure of 106, co-fastest by a three-year-old filly in 2012.

Salty Romance is by Deputy Minister's grade one winning son, Salt Lake, himself sire of eight grade one winners, and already the broodmare sire of 44 stakes winners. Out of a daughter of Affirmed, Salty Romance is bred on an identical cross to Salt Lake's Champion, Fantasy Lake. Her dam, Checkerspot is half-sister to stakes winner One Fine Shweetie, herself dam of a Deputy Minister line graded stakes winner, Awesomemundo, and stakes winner Champagne Attitude, and is out of multiple stakes winner One Fine Lady.

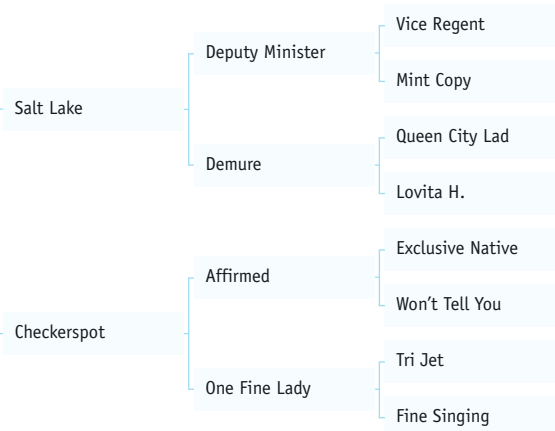
Salty Romance herself is also a multiple stakes producer, as in addition to Agave Kiss, her first three foals also include multiple stakes-placed two-year-old Luxury Appeal. Her production record has the potential for further upside, as she is also dam of a 2010 filly by Lemon Drop Kid – sire of two stakes winners, one graded, from only three starters out of Salt Lake mares – that realized \$375,000 as a yearling, and she is offered in foal to Smart Strike. This mating recreates one of the strongest crosses for twice Leading Sire Smart Strike, that with Deputy Minister line mares. Most notable for two-time Horse of the Year Curlin, the Smart Strike/Deputy Minister cross has produced six stakes winners, five graded, also including millionaire Tenpins, and out of a Salt Lake mare, graded winner Salty Strike.

With matings such as these, it's clear that Salty Romance, a stakes winner and graded stakes performer who is dam of a current graded stakes winner and grade one performer, has a world of upside.

– Alan Porter

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**1st dam**

CHECKERSPOT, by Affirmed. Unraced. Dam of 6 winners, incl.--

SALTY ROMANCE (f. by Salt Lake). 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$229,200, Boyd Gaming's Delta Princess S. [L] (DED, \$150,000), 2nd Santa Ysabel S. [G3] (SA, \$21,360). Chick (f. by Sky Classic). Winner at 3, \$77,522, in Canada. (Total: \$64,317).

2nd dam

ONE FINE LADY, by Tri Jet. 11 wins, 2 to 5, \$225,376, Joe Namath H. (GP, \$29,685), First Lady H. (GP, \$24,045), Joe Namath S. [O], 2nd Poinsettia S. [G3], Herecomesthebride S. [L], My Fair Lady Prep H. (SUF, \$4,070), 3rd Hibiscus S. [O], Old Hat H. (GP, \$3,477). Half-sister to **Valid Reply** (\$129,470), **Practice Singing** [O]. Dam of 7 winners, including--

ONE FINE SHWEETIE (f. by Shuailaan). 5 wins, 3 to 5, \$260,587, Bob Bryant S.-R (PRM, \$40,794), Mamie Eisenhower S.-R (PRM, \$36,000), 2nd Flawlessly S. (AP, \$8,875), Hawkeyes H.-R (PRM, \$14,000) twice, etc. Dam of--

AWESOMEMUNDO (f. by Awesome Again). 4 wins in 7 starts at 3 and 4, 2012, \$172,120, Allaire du Pont Distaff S. [G3] (PIM, \$60,000).

CHAMPAGNE ATTITUDE (f. by Aptitude). 3 wins at 3, \$112,786, Iowa Breeders' Oaks-R (PRM, \$46,640).

One Fine Affair (g. by Blumin Affair). 7 wins, 2 to 6, \$72,433, 3rd Iowa Stallion S.-R (PRM, \$8,694).

Valid Viking (g. by Valid Appeal). Winner at 3, \$49,255, 2nd Old Hickory S. (FG, \$6,615).

PRODUCE RECORD:

2006 Pronto Pronto, f. by Fusaichi Pegasus. Placed at 4, \$7,235.

2007 dead foal.

2008 **Luxury Appeal**, c. by Johannesburg. Winner at 2, \$70,960, 2nd Sleepy Hollow S.-R (BEL, \$20,000), Restrainor S.-R (AQU, \$12,000).

2009 **AGAVE KISS**, f. by Lion Heart. 6 wins in 8 starts at 2 and 3, 2012, \$322,400, Cicada S. [G3] (AQU, \$90,000), Miss Preakness S. [L] (PIM, \$60,000), Ruthless S. [L] (AQU, \$45,000), Trevoise S. [L] (PRX, \$43,700), 3rd Prioress S. [G1] (SAR, \$30,000).

2010 One Time Only, f. by Lemon Drop Kid. Unraced.

2011 c. by Congaree; 2012 f. by Cosmonaut.

Mated to Smart Strike (Mr. Prospector - Classy 'n Smart), last service May 13, 2012. (Believed to be **PREGNANT**).

