

ENGAGINGLEE

A grade one performer by a Kentucky Derby (gr. I) winning son of Mr. Prospector, Engaginglee is a graded stakes winner on her most recent outing.

On September 17, Engaginglee gained a courageous victory in the Locust Grove Stakes (gr. III) at Churchill Downs, defeating a field that included grade two winner Ahh Chocolate and graded winner Innovative Idea.

Even before her graded stakes triumph, Engaginglee had amply demonstrated her class during her 2016 campaign. She had opened her season with a decisive allowance victory, and between the two wins, earned places in a trio of graded stakes. This included a second to the redoubtable Curalina in the La Troienne Stakes (gr. I), with those behind including three-time grade one winner Sheer Drama, grade one winner Angela Renee, grade two winner Penwith, and graded winner Brooklynsway. Engagingly also took third in the Fleur de Lis Handicap (gr. II), defeating Champion Untapable and graded winner Ahh Chocholate, and third in the Inside Information Stakes (gr. II), ahead of graded winners Best Behavior and Dogwood Trail and stakes winners You Bought Her, Kiss to Remember, and Flutterby.

Engaginglee is by Fusaichi Pegasus, the only Kentucky Derby (gr. I) winning son of Mr. Prospector. Fusaichi Pegasus is sire of grade one winners in five different countries, including Haradasun – a Champion in both Europe and Australia – Roman Ruler, Champ Pegasus, Bronzo, and Bandini. As a broodmare sire, Fusaichi Pegasus already appears in the pedigrees of 21 graded stakes winners, seven of them grade one.

Engaginglee's dam, the extremely tough racemare Lee Gage, a winner of 15 races, is out of Starry Flag, a sister to graded stakes winner Honest Ensign. Engaginglee traces to tap-root mare Free to Khal, also ancestress of the 2016 grade one winner Midnight Storm.

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