

UNION STRIKE

Grade one winner Union Strike is currently North America's top-rated juvenile filly, and is the favorite for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I).

Making only the second start of her career, Union Strike produced a powerful finish to take the Debutante Stakes (gr. I) by 2¼ lengths over American Pharoah's highly-rated sister, American Cleopatra, with the Sorrento Stakes (gr. II) winner, Champagne Room, back in third. Union Strike is the top-rated two-year-old filly on the *Daily Racing Form's* authoritative *Watchmaker Watch* and is also ante-post favorite for the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I).

At \$375,000, Union Strike was the most expensive two-year-old filly in training from the first crop of her sire, the exciting young Dixie Union son, Union Rags. An exceptional performer at both two and three, Union Strike demonstrated extreme talent over a wide range of distances, capturing the Belmont Stakes (gr. I); the Champagne Stakes (gr. I) by 5¼ lengths; the Saratoga Special Stakes (gr. II), by 7¼ lengths; and the Fountain of Youth Stakes (gr. I), by four lengths.

Union Strike is half-sister to Handsome Mike, a versatile and accomplished runner who earned over \$1,000,000, winning or placing in eight grades stakes, and scoring victories in the Pennsylvania Derby (gr. II) and Commonwealth Stakes (gr. III). Union Strike is also half-sister to stakes placed Classic Sense, and her dam, Classic Strike, also has a yearling filly by Scat Daddy – a sister to Handsome Mike – a weanling colt by Broken Vow and is bred to Honor Code.

Classic Strike, is a daughter of the very important sire and broodmare sire, Smart Strike, and is three-quarters sister to the multiple stakes winner From Away. The second dam, Classic Hostess, is out of the graded winning Court Hostess, a seven time black-type winner. In direct female line the family goes back to a sister to the great mare Gallorette, via Court Hostess's granddam, Homespun, the dam of classic winner Mashaalah and grade one winner Folk Art, and ancestress of classic winner Mark of Esteem and group one winner Local Talent.

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A seven furlong grade one winner who leads her division, Union Strike has a pedigree that both suggests she can only improve still further as she stretches out, and that she should progress from two to three. With her class already firmly established, and by a classic winner out of a mare that has bred both a grade one winner and a millionaire, Union Strike, is also clearly a highly-desirable broodmare prospect.

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