

## COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: BEAT THE BENCHMARK

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## **BEAT THE BENCHMARK**

A stakes placed and grade one placed daughter of Speightstown, Beat the Benchmark is out of a multiple stakes producing daughter of an extraordinary broodmare.

A maiden special weight winner at Saratoga on her debut at two, Beat the Benchmark next claimed third in Canada's most prestigious contest for juvenile fillies, the Natalma Stakes (gr. I). She then gained another two-year-old stakes credit with a third in the Chelsey Flower Stakes.

Beat the Benchmark is by Champion Sprinter Speightstown, the sire of 85 stakes winners, 38 group or graded, and 14 group or grade one winners, including stars such as Rock Fall, Lord Shanakill, Tamarkuz, Haynesfield, Dance to Bristol, Jersey Town, Seek Again, Reynaldothewizard, Force the Pass, and Golden Ticket. Speightstown is also beginning to emerge as a broodmare sire, with his daughters having already produced grade one winners Paso Real, graded winner Laoban, and stakes winners Vision Perfect, Aristocrat, and Tara's Way.

Beat the Benchmark is out of the El Prado mare, Tabarin, and is half-sister to Abraham, a stakes winner and graded stakes performer who has eared well over \$600,000. Tabarin's first foal, Groton Circle, a three-quarters sister to Beat the Benchmark, is dam of Supreme Aura, a Candy Ride two-year-old colt who on his only start to date "drew off impressively" to score by 4¾ in a Delaware maiden special weight while covering six furlongs in 1:09.81. There are also young daughters of Smart Strike and Congrats out of Tabarin. In addition, Tabarin has a yearling filly by Distorted Humor – a sister to Abraham – who sold for \$335,000 at the 2017 Keeneland September Sale, a weanling brother to Abraham, and is bred to Tapit.

Tabarin's dam, the remarkable La Cucina, produced 16 foals named foals – 14 in consecutive years – all of whom started, and 11 of whom won, including Sir Cherokee, successful in the Arkansas Derby (gr. II) and Ack Ack Handicap (gr. III); Miss Isella, who took the Louisville Distaff Stakes (gr. II), Fleur de Lis (gr. II), and Falls City

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Handicap (gr. II); three-time stakes winner Guam Typhooon; and Lady Linda, a multiple graded stakes performer who is also dam of the German Oaks (gr. I) heroine Penelopa.

A grade one placed two-year-old by Champion Sprinter and outstanding sire Speightstown, Beat the Benchmark is half-sister to a stakes winner of \$600,000. Her dam, who has several young broodmare daughters, and some well-bred foals to run, is out of an exceptional producer.

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