

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:

SARAH LYNX

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Sarah Lynx is one of a select sisterhood of mares who defeated males to capture a major international grade one event. She is a daughter of a magnificent racehorse and renowned classic sire who is fast becoming an important broodmare sire. She is out of a group winning and multiple group/graded producing mare, who stems from an historic family. She is offered in foal to the outstanding international sire War Front.

Sarah Lynx earned her grade one honors in style. The only filly in a 16 horse line up for the near-\$1,500,000 Canadian International Stakes (gr. I), Sarah Lynx took charge early in the stretch and surged clear for a four lengths triumph. In doing so, she became the first filly or mare to capture this contest in more than 20 years. Immediately behind Sarah Lynx came Joshua Tree – destined to become a three-time winner of the International – and the Irish Derby (gr. I) victor Treasure Beach, with the beaten field also including classic winner Arctic Cosmos; grade one winner Redwood; and group and graded scorers Quest For Peace, Musketier, Mores Wells, Bronze Cannon, Simmard, Rahystrada, Kara's Orientation, and Celtic Conviction.

In addition to her stunning Canadian International victory, Sarah Lynx also displayed top-class form in Europe. She gained a decisive victory in the Prix de Pomone (gr. II), and came within a head and a neck of taking the Prix de Royallieu (gr. II). She was also beaten only 1½ lengths by the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (gr. I) heroine Midday in the Prix Vermeille (gr. I). These outstanding performances saw her rated co-third older filly or mare in her category on the World Thoroughbred Rankings, below only the Japan Cup (gr. I) heroine Buena Vista and the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (gr. I) victress Perfect Shirl.

Sarah Lynx is a daughter of Montjeu. Rated the best son of the mighty Sadler's Wells, Montjeu's explosive turn of foot earned him victories in the French Derby (gr. I), Irish Derby (gr. I), Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (gr. I), Tattersalls Gold Cup (gr. I), King George



VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (gr. I), and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (gr. I). Montjeu subsequently enjoyed a stellar career as a classic stallion, earning a name for himself as "The Derby sire" with his 31 group or grade one winners including the winners of 10 Derbys, among them the English Derby (gr. I) scorers Motivator, Pour Moi, Authorized, and Camelot. Montjeu is also a fast emerging broodmare sire, his daughters having produced 52 stakes winners, including classic winner Legatissimo and group and grade one winners Obviously, Lucia Valentina, Parish Hall, Charm Spirit, and Journey.

Out of the group winning Danehill mare Steel Princess, Sarah Lynx is three-quarters sister to Steel Princess's son, the Classic Trial (gr. III) and Eyrefield Stakes winner, Sugar Boy. Steel Princess, herself a half-sister to current stakes winner, Gentil Tonton, is out of Champaka, a three-quarters sister to Oiseau de Feu, the dam of multiple group winner Oiseau Rare. Champaka is also a half-sister to the stakes winning Sadler's Wells duo of Casey Tibbs and String Quartet, herself the dam of Champion Meeznah, and granddam of graded stakes winner Witchcraft. This is a truly historic family as the third dam, classic placed group winner Fleur Royale is out of Sweet Mimosa. Winner of the Irish Oaks, Sweet Mimosa is one of a famed trio that is completed by Levmoss, who accomplished the unique double of victories in the Ascot Gold Cup and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and Le Moss, who twice captured the British Stayers Triple Crown.

Sarah Lynx's first foal, Segra, a daughter of Shamardal, broke her maiden October 9 at Compiegne going 10f in only her third start. Sarah Lynx is also dam of two-yearold filly by Street Cry, a yearling filly by Giant's Causeway, a colt foal by Bernardini, and is bred to War Front. Prominent among the world's most sought-after sires War Front is already the sire of 64 stakes winners, including European Champion Older Horse Declaration of War, European Champion Two-Year-Old Colt The Factor, and group and grade one winners The Factor, Jack Milton, Data Link, Hit It A Bomb, War Command, Summer Soiree, Peace and War, and Brave Anna. In 2017 alone, War Front is sire of 17 individual stakes winners, nine of them group or grade one



winners, including the group and grade one winners Roly Poly, U S Navy Flag, Avenge, and American Patriot. This foal will be the product of the cross of War Front with Sadler's Wells line mares that has produced six stakes winners, including group/grade one winners Roly Poly, U S Navy Flag, Brave Anna, and Hit It A Bomb, and a version of the cross of Danzig line stallions with Montjeu mares that has produced 14 group or graded winners, including Obviously, Charm Spirit, and Legatissimo.