

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: SASSY LITTLE LILA

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A remarkably consistent grade one performer, Sassy Little Lila has finished first or second in eight of her 10 lifetime starts. Out of a stakes winning mare, she is half-sister to two stakes winners, one a group winning highweight.

A five length winner of a Saratoga maiden special weight on her third outing, Sassy Lila has taken first or second in seven of her next eight starts. After scoring a wire-to-wire victory in a Belmont Park allowance event, Sassy Little Lila was beaten just a half-length by graded winner My Impression in the Winter Memories Stakes on her black-type debut. Sassy Little Lila closed out her three-year-old campaign with an outstanding effort in the American Oaks (gr. I). Setting out to make every post a winning one, she was caught in the dying strides, missing by a nose. Behind her came grade two winners Cheekaboo and Mokat, graded winner Stays in Vegas, group winner Queen Blossom, and stakes winners Lady Valeur, Dreamarcher, Barleysugar, and How Unusual.

On her 2017 debut, Sassy Little Lila led from start-to-finish to take a Churchill Downs allowance test by 2½ lengths. She gave another terrific display of front-running in the one mile Just a Game Stakes (gr. I), going down by ¾ in race won in 1:32.12 – less than 0.5 outside the course record – while defeating grade one winners Dickinson, Harmonize, and Celestine and grade two winners Roca Rojo and Prize Exhibit. In doing so, she record a Beyer Speed figure of 99. On her most recent start, Sassy Lil Lila took second in the Noble Damsel Stakes (gr. III), won in 1:32.51, after setting a six furlong fraction of 1:09.45, and defeating grade one winners Celestine and Time and Motion.

Sassy Little Lila is by El Prado's Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. I) victor, Artie Schiller. A highly-successful sire in both the U.S. and with his shuttle crops in Australia, Artie Schiller is sire of 38 stakes winners, including U.S. two-year-old grade one scorers My

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Conquestadory and We Miss Artie, and Australian grade one winners Flying Artie and Laser Hawk.

Sassy Little Lila is half-sister to Pomology, winner of the Lancashire Oaks (gr. II) and Prix de Minerve (gr. III), and second in the Prix Vermeille (gr. I), earning a rating as the top older mare of her division in England that year. Sassy Little Lila is also half-sister to the stakes winning sprinter, and stakes placed Sharbat.

Sharp Apple, the dam of Sassy Little Lila, is out of stakes placed Top Apple, a half-sister to international star Apple Tree, winner of the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (gr. I), Europa Preis (gr. I), Coronation Cup (gr. I), and Belmont Turf Classic (gr. I). She is also half-sister to the multiple group winning Noir et Or; to stakes winning and group placed Buisson Rose; to Pomme Royale, dam of group winner Adeie Au Roi; and to Carose, dam of Champion Rose de Caerleon, and to stakes winner Magiustrina; granddam of champion Bardonecchia, champion Dark Ray, and stakes winner Il Supremo; and third dam of multiple graded stakes winner Italian Red and stakes winners Exceptional Art and Don't Tell Mary.

Sassy Little Lila has obvious upside potential as a runner, and with her racing class combined with a deep and international female line, her residual value is assured.

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