

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: SKYE DIAMONDS

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A multiple graded stakes winner who has won seven of her last nine stakes starts, Skye Diamonds has emerged as a leading candidate for the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (gr. I).

Skye Diamonds's remarkable strike-rate actually stretches back to the spring of her three-year-old career in 2016. Since then, in 10 starts at a mile or less, she has won eight times. She began her 2017 campaign winning allowance contests at Santa Anita, the second of which she took by 5¾ lengths in a swift 1:08.91.

Her first stakes start of the year came in the Dream of Summer Stakes, which she took while accounting for stakes winners Roo's Valentine, Sheer Pleasure, and Cuddle Alert. Skye Diamonds added a graded stakes with her 2½ lengths triumph in the Great Lady M Stakes (gr. II), which she took by 2½ lengths while running the 6½ furlongs in a scorching 1:14.79 – just 0.31 off the track-record – while defeating Eclipse Award winning Champion Sprint Filly or Mare Finest City, grade one winner Constellation, and grade two winner Pretty N Cool. On her latest start, Skye Diamonds again defeated Constellation to take the Rancho Bernardino Handicap (gr. III).

Skye Diamonds is from the first crop of A.P. Indy's First Dude, a grade one winning millionaire, the Leading Freshman Sire in Florida, and sire of five stakes winners, including graded winners Skye Diamonds and Sticksstately Dude, stakes winning and grade one placed Flora Dora, and juvenile stakes winners Dude Fantasy and Shamrock Rose.

Skye Diamonds is out of Exonerated, a three-time winning daughter of Johannesburg, Champion Two-Year-Old Colt in Europe and North America. Exonerated also has a two-year-old filly by Storm Cat's very successful Californian

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son Tribal Ruler, a yearling colt by Lucky Pulpit – the sire of California Chrome, and from the same sire line as Skye Diamonds – and is bred back to First Dude.

The granddam of Skye Diamonds, Ladies Night In, is a multiple stakes placed half-sister to He's No Pie Eater, winner of the STC Rosehill Guineas (gr. I) and AJC Chipping Norton Stakes (gr. I), and the joint top on the Australian Three-Year-Old classifications.

Ladies Night In is a granddaughter of the hugely influential tap-root mare Show Lady. She is dam of 25 stakes winners, including Champion racehorse and multiple Champion Sire Redoute's Choice and grade one winners and sires Hurricane Sky, Manhattan Rain, Al Maher, and Umatilla. Show Lady's dam is another stellar foundation mare, Best In Show, ancestress of such as Spinning World, El Gran Senor, Rags to Riches, Aldebaran, Domediver, Peeping Fawn, Effinex, Aviance, and Try My Best.

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