

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: SLY WARRIOR

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The speedy Sly Warrior is a half-sister to the dam of a current three-year-old who is one of the top runners of his crop. She is offered carrying a foal by Leading Sire Kitten's Joy, bred on a grade one producing cross.

Sly Warrior won four races sprinting on the dirt, including taking her maiden by 12 lengths, and scoring twice at Saratoga.

She is by juvenile standout First Samurai, the sire of 23 stakes winners, 13 graded, including the grade one winners Executive privilege, Justin Phillip, and Lea. A son of one outstanding broodmare sire, Giant's Causeway, First Samurai is out of a mare by another, Dixieland Band.

Sly Warrior is half-sister to the stakes placed Pull Dancer, who is dam of current standout Good Samaritan. Equally effective on dirt or turf, Good Samaritan won the Summer Stakes (gr. II) and took third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (gr. I) at two, and was winner of the Jim Dandy Stakes (gr. II) over Kentucky Derby (gr. I) victor Always Dreaming and Preakness Stakes (gr. I) captor Cloud Computing at three.

Sly Warrior is out of Mayhavebeentheone, a half-sister to the multiple graded stakes winning Wiseman's Ferry. Her granddam is out of the exceptional producer La Affirmed, dam of classic placed group winner Della Francesca; of graded stakes winning and grade one placed Country Cat; of multiple group winner and Leading Sire Bernstein; and of graded stakes winner Caress, the dam of Hopeful Stakes (gr. I) scorer Sky Mesa and graded stakes winning and grade one placed Golden Velvet, and granddam of graded winners Innovative Idea and Archimedes. La Affirmed is also dam of graded placed Unify, granddam of stakes winners Dock Hay and Touch Magic; of Layounne, granddam of stakes winner Storming Inti; and Debonaireness, granddam of stakes winner Step Out Smartly.

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La Affirmed is sister to graded stakes winning two-year-old Lovelier, and three-quarters sister to Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Outstandingly. She traces to La Troienne, perhaps the most important mare to be imported to the U.S. in the 20th century, via Busanda, a top-class racemare, and the dam of Buckpasser.

Sly Warrior is dam of a two-year-old colt by Leading Sire Kitten's Joy and a yearling filly by that horse, and she is offered back in foal to Kitten's Joy. This is the a version of the Kitten's Joy cross that has produced the group one winning Hawkbill and stakes winners Luck of the Kitten and Empire Builder. This also gives inbreeding to Roberto, something found in 20 of Kitten's Joy's stakes winners, 11 graded, including the Hawkbill and other grade one winners Stephanie's Kitten, Big Blue Kitten, Real Solution, Sadler's Joy, and Admiral Kitten.

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