

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: SWEETGRASS

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The remarkably versatile Sweetgrass was seven times stakes placed at distances from six to twelve furlongs. She is by Champion Two-Year-Old and Kentucky Derby winner Street Sense and from a famous American family.

Sweetgrass was a four-time winner, taking a one mile maiden special weight at Gulfstream Park, and allowance events at seven, 7½ furling, and 8½ furlongs, at Keeneland and Belmont Park. She took second in the Indiana Oaks (gr. II), beaten just a length, while besting grade two winner Ahh Chocolate, Pangburn; third in the Chilukki Stakes (gr. II), beating Kathballu and Athena; third in the Winning Colors Stakes (gr. III), beating graded stakes winner Covey Trace and stakes winners Athena and Ramona's Wildcat; third in the Iowa Oaks (gr. III), beaten a nose and ½ length; and third in the Shuvee Handicap (gr. III)

Street Sense, the sire of Sweetgrass, was the first horse to capture the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (gr. I) and the Kentucky Derby (gr. I). He is sire of 49 stakes winners, among them the grade one winners Sweet Reason, Hallowed Crown, Wedding Toast, Aubby K, Politeness, Callback, Sense of Occasion, and Street Fancy. The first foals out of Street Sense mares are only just beginning their careers, but he is already broodmare sire of 2017 three-year-old stakes winners Perfect Wife and Crawdaddy, and of Roaring Lion, who established himself as one of Europe's two-year-olds – and a classic prospect for 2018 – with a victory in the Royal Lodge Stakes (gr. II).

Sweetgrass is out of Mondenschein, a half-sister to stakes placed Nault, the dam of stakes placed Golden Ray, and to Stellas New Groove, the dam of grade one placed Stellaris. See Moon, the granddam of Sweetgrass, is as three-quarters sisters to graded stakes winners Atelier, Alchemilla, and Arabis. See Moon is half-sister to the multiple graded stakes winner Seattle Dawn, the dam of graded winner Gold Sunrise; granddam of stakes winner Try Your Luck; and third dam of Eastern Aria, highweighted older mare in her division in England. See Moon is also half-sister the

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stakes winners Island of Silver and Truckee, and to the dams of stakes winners Waseema and Pitamakan.

Sweetgrass's third dam, Embellished, is by Seattle Slew out of Broodmare of the Year Courtly Dee. One of the standout tap-root mares of modern times, the number of stakes winners descending from Courtly Dee is rapidly approach 100, with 45 of them scoring at group or graded level, and 12 group or grade one, including Champion Althea; Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I) victor, Bayern; and the important sires Green Desert and Arch.

On an historical footnote, we might add that Sweetgrass goes back to one of the longest- established of all North American classic family, that of Wanda. A champion racemare, Wanda is ancestress of Kentucky Derby winners Clyde Van Dusen, Iron Liege, Swaps and California Chrome.

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