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## **COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:**

**TEPIN**

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### TEPIN

More than just a magnificent champion, Tepin is a history-making icon.

Over a period of 33 years, only six fillies have captured the Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. I), including Tepin and such legendary performers as Goldikova and Miesque.

Tepin also stands alongside Goldikova as one of only two distaffers in the last 60 years to capture the Queen Anne Stakes (gr. I) at Royal Ascot. Tepin's Queen Anne victory also earned her a place as the first North American-trained filly or mare to win a group one at Royal Ascot, and only the second American-trained horse ever to achieve that feat.

In addition, Tepin is one of an extremely select group of females to have defeated colts in group or grade one events in three different countries, including Goldikova, Dahlia, All Along, Snow Fairy, and Pride.

Although it's her performances over the last two years – which includes a sequence of eight consecutive graded stakes victories, and 11 wins in 13 starts – for which she is famous, Tepin has been a graded stakes performer every year she raced. In fact, she gained her first stakes victory on the dirt at two, scoring by daylight in one of the most valuable juvenile filly events of the year, the \$500,000 Delta Downs Princess Stakes (gr. III).

Tepin began her truly exceptional run of turf form – one that would bring her within inches of capturing 13 successive group and graded stakes over a 17-month spell – in the spring of 2015 with a victory in the Churchill Distaff Mile Stakes (gr. II). There she led throughout to score in a time that was a new stakes record, and missed the nearly 30-year-old course-record by less than half a second. If the Churchill Distaff Mile heralded the arrival of Tepin as a force in the turf filly and mare division, that status was confirmed in the Just A Game Stakes (gr. I), where she scored on her grade one debut next time out.

A nose shy in the Diana Stakes (gr. I), won in a new course record time, Tepin was denied only by a desperate late lunge from multiple champion Dacita in the Ballston Spa Stakes (gr. II). Seemingly energized by those two close battles, Tepin would emerge to take her form to new heights. She simply destroyed the field in the First Lady Stakes (gr. I), drawing off to win by seven lengths. Against the world's leading eight furlong opponents/experts? in the Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. I), she was no less impressive, taking command after three-quarters of a mile, and drawing off to score by 2¼ lengths from the multiple grade one winning

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Mondialiste – or as the *Racing Post* described it, “*thrashing Mondialiste*” – while coming within 0.8 seconds of the course record. In doing so, she became the first North American filly or mare to take the race since Royal Heroine captured the inaugural running in 1984. Tepin’s stellar season earned her an Eclipse Award as Champion Female Turf Horse, and her standing was officially underlined on the International Federation of Horse Racing’s World Thoroughbred Rankings, which saw her top-rated as the best turf filly in the world at a mile.

Tepin prepped for what would prove to be an historic 2016 campaign with an easy victory in the Endeavour Stakes (gr. III). The honing process continued in the Hillsborough Stakes (gr. II), where Tepin ran down a loose-on-the-lead rival to score in a new track record. Another record fell to Tepin in the Jenny Wiley Stakes (gr. I), which she took by five lengths while erasing a 20-year-old track mark and defeating a field that included her old rival Dacita. Tepin then narrowly missed her own race-record while scoring by 3½ lengths in the Churchill Distaff Mile Stakes (gr. II).

Thence to Royal Ascot, where Tepin faced a plethora of challenges in the Queen Anne Stakes (gr. I). In addition to rules that required a change of equipment and medication, Tepin would find herself racing on very soft ground over unique course – a straight mile with a stiff uphill finish. However, the magnificent mare proved more than equal to the occasion determinedly rebuffing the challenge of Belardo – a European highweight who came into the race off a group one win over a very strong field – to record a victory that will live long in history.

Now a true international celebrity, Tepin traveled next to Canada, for the Woodbine Mile (gr. I), thus being asked to make three consecutive starts in three different countries, and on two continents. Although she was returning from a three month layoff following her demanding European sojourn, and although she hit the gate and stumbled at the start, class told, and Tepin recovered to record her eighth straight graded victory. Tepin closed out her career with a gallant defense of her Breeders’ Cup Mile (gr. I) crown. In a race run at a furious pace – with fractions of :21.81, :44.61; 1:08.59; and 1:20.37, Tepin was forced to make her challenge four-wide, while Tourist slipped through on the rail. Tepin closed furiously with a final furlong in 11.06 seconds, but fell just half a length shy of catching her rival, who traveled 26ft less than Tepin in a race won in a blistering 1:31.71.

An Eclipse Award winning Champion and World Highweight in 2015, Tepin earned a repeat Eclipse Award as Champion Turf Mare of 2016. A mare who has run race and course

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records, Tepin boasted 12 triple digit Beyers in her last 13 starts – the other was a 99 – including figures of 106, 107, 107, 107, 109 and 110. Tepin has defeated a legion of outstanding international performers, among them Champions or classic winners Belardo, Dacita, Stephanie’s Kitten, Lexie Lou, Make Believe, Ervedya ,and Karakontie; as well as other group and grade one winners Tourist, Mondialiste, Mshawish, Miss Temple City, Limato, Ring Weekend, Alice Springs, Hit It a Bomb, Esoterique, Obviously, Full Mast, Toormore, Celestine, Amazing Maria, Illuminant, Ball Dancing, Photo Call, Coffee Clique, Discreet Marq, Personal Diary, What a View, and My Conquestadory.

Tepin is by Storm Cat’s Champion Sire son, Bernstein, the sire of 85 stakes winners, including 19 grade one winners, among them classic winner and Breeders’ Cup Mile (gr. I) victor Karakontie; Champion Japanese Two-Year-Old Groshawk Ken; and other U.S. grade one scorers Miss World and Dream Empress. The beautifully-bred Bernstein is already also broodmare sire of 31 stakes winners, and seven group one winners, including Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Champagne Room.

Tepin’s dam, Life Happened, is a daughter of European sprint champion, Stravinsky. Life Happened is dam not only of Tepin, but also of the \$1,400,000 earner, Vyjack, a track-record breaker who is a graded stakes winner on dirt and turf.

Life Happened’s pedigree combines the great broodmare Thong with her Horse of the Year full-sister, Moccasin, the pair appearing 4x3 in her pedigree. Her dam, Round It Off, a stakes performer who also produced the rapid multiple graded stakes winner Disco Rico, is half-sister to the three time graded score Miss Slewpy, and is out of the multiple stakes winning Capp It Off. A half-sister to stakes winners Say Capp and Capp The Power, Capp It Off is also half-sister to Queen’s Crown, the granddam of Champion Sprinter Smoke Glacken. The is a branch of the family of Gallant Nurse, also ancestress of Champion Stellar Wind and other grade one winners Star of Cozzene, Love Sign, Melodist, Mor Spirit, Great Hunter, Colstar, and Matty G.

Tepin is offered carrying her first foal, a son or daughter of Curlin. A two-time Horse of the Year, Curlin has made a meteoric start to his stud career. His 36 stakes winners include such as Champion Stellar Wind; Exaggerator, successful in three grade one events including the Preakness Stakes (gr. I); Palace Malice, hero of the Belmont Stakes (gr. I) and Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I); Keen Ice, conqueror of American Pharoah in the Travers Stakes (gr. I); and other grade one scorers Connect and Off The Tracks. This mating represents the

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Curlin/Storm Cat cross that has already produced five stakes winners, as well as the Preakness Stakes (gr. I) runner-up Ride On Curlin.

Tepin can boast of the kind achievements that one might come across only once or twice in generation, and she is offered in foal to one of North America's finest classic sires. To find a mare of this kind at auction presents the exceptional rare chance to acquire a unique, iconic, and irreplaceable individual.

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