

## **COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:**

## **AMERICAN STORY**

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A graded stakes performer with an impressive pedigree, American Story is dam of a current grade one winner with only her second foal.

American Story showed herself to be a talented runner with her first two starts, earning victories at maiden special weight and allowance level at Del Mar. She also scored again at allowance level at Hollywood Park, and took second in the Milady Handicap (gr. II), second in the listed Remington Park Oaks, and second in the listed Harry Henson Stakes, all in her first six starts.

From two foals of racing age, American Story is dam of two winners, including the exceptional filly American Gal. One of the most talented members of her generation, American Gal has won four of her six starts, most notably when storming to four lengths victory in the most recent renewal of the Test Stakes (gr. I), one of North America's premier sprinting events for fillies. On her only other start at three, American Gal was a 4¾ length winner of the Victory Ride Stakes (gr. III). American Gal's other wins came with a easy tally on her debut at two, and a 6½ length romp in the Anoakia Stakes on her second start. In American Gal's other two starts, she took second to the brilliant Abel Tasman in the Starlet Stakes (gr. I) and finished third after a very wide trip in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies (gr. I). The leading three-year-old filly sprinter of her crop, American Gal is now a major contender for the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Sprint (gr. I).

American Story is also dam of American All Star, a 2015 gelding by Concord Point – a brother to American Gal – and has a yearling sister to American Gal, and a filly foal by Bayern.

American Story is a daughter of Horse of the Year Ghostzapper, undoubtedly one of the greatest performers of the last half century. Ghostzapper set a race-record that still stands while winning the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I), and also captured the Metropolitan Handicap (gr. I), Woodward Stakes (gr. I), and Vosburgh Stakes (gr. I). At stud, Ghostzapper has sired such as grade one winners Shaman Ghost, Paulassilverlining, Judy the Beauty, Better Lucky, Contested, Molly Morgan, Moreno, Sham Ghost, Stately Victor, Starship Truffles, and Greenzapper. Out of Broodmare of the Year, and himself an outstanding sire of fillies, Ghostzapper has all the

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credentials to become an important broodmare sire. He does already have nine stakes winners in that role, all foaled in 2012 or later, including not only American Gal, but also the Champion Sprinter Drefong, and graded winners Guest Suite and Levante Lion.

American Story is half-sister to the exceptional sprinter Reynaldothewizard, whose triumphs include the Dubai Golden Shaheen (gr. I), and to Seventh Street, successful in the Apple Blossom Handicap (gr. I) and Go For Wand Handicap (gr. I), and also twice grade one placed. American Story's dam, Holiday Runner, was a fast and precocious runner whose first three starts saw her take a maiden special weight at Keeneland by 6¾ lengths; defeat graded stakes winning colts Zavata and Posse in the Three Chimneys Juvenile Stakes; and capture the Fashion Stakes. Subsequently, Holiday Runner earned places in four other black-type events, including the Adirondack Stakes (gr. II).

A young graded stakes performing mare, with an exceptional speed pedigree, American Story is already dam of brilliant grade one winner, American Gal, the leading sprint filly of her generation. American Story sells open for an early cover in 2018, and with American Gal being by a son of Tapit, that three-time Leading Sire would be an obvious mate.

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