

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: BELLA FELICITA

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One of the last daughters of Leading Sire El Prado, Bella Felicita is a winner producer from a deep family, offered in foal to an outstanding son of Tapit.

A champion at two, El Prado is one of the most important sons of Sadler's Wells, a horse considered by many to be the greatest stallion of all time. Himself a Leading Sire, El Prado is responsible for Champion Turf Horse and Leading Sire Kitten's Joy; leading international sire Medaglia d'Oro; and other grade one winners Winter Memories, Borrego, Artie Schiller, Paddy O'Prado, Spanish Moon, and Asi Siempre. El Prado is also broodmare sire of 54 stakes winners, including grade one winners Hilda's Passion, Foxplay, Believe You Can – successful in the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) – Tom's Tribute, Bit of Whimsy, Outstrip, Laragh, and Heavenly Blue.

Bella Felicita is half-sister to Rookie Sensation, successful in the Twilight Derby (gr. II); multiple graded stakes winner Mark One; two-year-old stakes winner Daiwa Carson; and multiple graded stakes placed Golden Corona. Bella Felicita is also half-sister to two notable producers. One, Holy Grace, is dam of the currently active sprint star Holy Boss - a four-time stakes winner, including the Amsterdam Stakes (gr. II), and also second in the Alfred G. Vanderbilt Handicap (gr. I) and third in the King's Bishop Stakes (gr. I) – and of Holy Helena, conqueror of males in the 2017 Canadian classic Queen's Plate and also successful in the Canadian Oaks. The other producing half-sister to Bella Felicita is Archduchess, dam of Pleasant Prince, an earner of almost \$700,000, and winner of the Ohio Derby (gr. III).

Bella Felicita is out of stakes winner My Marchesa, a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winner Black Cash, to graded placed C. Sharp, and to stakes placed Super Sam. Bella Felicita's granddam, group placed Sooni, is by Buckpasser out of the great foundation mare Missy Baba, the ancestress of 120 stakes winners, 15 group or grade one, including Horse of the Year and Leading Sire A.P. Indy; Horse of the Year Havre de Grace; champion and classic winner Lemon Drop Kid; Champion Sprinter Plugged Nickle; Belmont Stakes (gr. I) victor Tonalist; Preakness Stakes (gr. I) winner Summer Squall; Epsom Derby (gr. I) hero Ruler Of the World; champion Duke of Marmalade; as well as Gay Mecene, Riskaverse, Wolfhound, Sauce Boat, and Court Division. Note that several of the major stakes winners in this family descend from either Toll Booth, a sister to Sooni, or Lassie Dear, a three-quarters sister to Sooni.

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Dam of a 2017 winner with her first foal, Bella Felicita has a two-year-old filly by Giant's Causeway, and a weanling filly by the same horse. She is bred to the Florida Derby (gr. I) and Donn Handicap (gr. I) winner Constitution, one of the most accomplished sons of Tapit. This follows the Tapit/El Prado cross that has also produced grade one winner Laragh and graded winner White Rose. Tapit is a grandson of A.P. Indy who, as we have seen, is from the same family as Bella Felicita, and Tapit has sired classic winner Tonalist from this same female line.

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