

## COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: DARLIN'ISSUES

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A young broodmare prospect, Darlin'issues is half-sister to a trio of stakes winners, two of them grade one performers, and one who is the current favorite for a Breeders' Cup event.

Darlin'issues half-brother Accelerate currently heads the hopefuls for the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (gr. I), earning that position with an 8½ lengths triumph in the San Diego Handicap (gr. II), with the mighty Arrogate among the beaten field. Accelerate is also winner of the Los Alamitos Derby (gr. II) and Shared Belief Stakes, and amongst his stakes placings are a third in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (gr. I) and Pacific Classic (gr. I).

Darlin'issues is also half-sister to Daddy D T, winner of the Oak Tree Juvenile Turf Stakes, and third in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (gr. I), and to Amarish, winner of the Willard L Proctor Memorial Stakes, and runner-up in the Jersey Shore Stakes (gr. III). The dam, stakes placed Issues, also has a two-year-old filly by Scat Daddy – a sister to Daddy D T and Amarish – who sold for \$325,000 as a yearling; a 2016 colt by Bernardini (a \$300,000 yearling); a 2017 colt by Bernardini; and is bred to Uncle Mo.

Darlin'issues's second dam, stakes placed Darlin Echo, is a half-sister to Wagon Limit, a horse who scored a stunning 5½ length victory over Horse of the Year Skip Away and Champion Gentlemen in the Jockey Club Gold Cup (gr. I). Darlin Echo is also half-sister to Taine, the dam of Puzzlement, winner of two graded stakes events, and placed in two grade one events, and of stakes winner Central Coast.

The family goes back to Broodmare of the Year Smartaire, dam of Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Smart Angle, multiple graded stakes winner Smarter, multiple graded stakes winner Quadratic, and stakes winner Smart Heiress. Overall, Smartaire is ancestress of 33 stakes winners, also including the Yasuda Kinen (gr. I) captor Strong Return.

Sky Mesa, the sire of Darlin'issues, is a grade one winning son of Pulpit. He is sire of 60 stakes winners, among them grade one winners General Quarters, Giulia, and Sky

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Diva, and grade two scorers Skylighter, Ami's Mesa, Storm Mesa, Satan's Quick Chick, Sky Treasure, Llanarmon, Beethoven, and Skyway. With his first producing daughters beginning to come on line, Sky Mesa is also broodmare sire of ten stakes winners, including grade one winner Harmonize, and graded winners Conquest Panthera and I Spent It.

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