



# Belmont Stakes winner Jazil's pedigree abundant in class

by **Rommy Faversham**

Threading his way through a full field of classic hopefuls, Jazil rallied from last to first to earn a 1¼ length victory in the 138th running of the Belmont Stakes (G1) on Saturday.



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The 1½ mile, \$1-million Belmont was the first stakes win for the small, but exquisitely bred Seeking the Gold colt.

**JAZIL** Previously, Jazil finished in a dead-heat for fourth in the Kentucky Derby (G1), nine and one-half lengths behind Barbaro. Before that, he was a fast closing second to Bob And John in the Wood Memorial Stakes(G1).

On May 4 in this column, I suggested that Jazil could be the best bred participant on this year's Triple Crown trail. His pedigree features the cross of a world-class stallion with a regally bred broodmare. Furthermore, it is a union that begets a series of valuable inbreeding patterns.

Bred in Kentucky by Skara Glen Stables, Jazil is the second winner from the Deputy Minister mare Better Than Honour, winner of the 1998 Demoiselle Stakes (G2) at age two and multiple Grade 1-placed as a three-year-old. Jazil's second dam, Blush With Pride, captured the 1982 Kentucky Oaks (G1) and Santa Susana Stakes (G1) and produced three graded or group stakes winners.

Jazil's family is anchored by his third dam, the stakes winning Best In Show, who was named 1982 Broodmare of the Year. Best In Show has initiated one of the world's most successful contemporary Thoroughbred tribes. Her descendants include multiple G1 winners

**Jazil, b. c., 2003**

Seeking the Gold 85 739 fls, 74 SWs SI 3.65 DI=3.15	Mr. Prospector 70 7 wins, \$112,171, SW 1178 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	Native Dancer 50
	Con Game 74 2 wins, \$24,080 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.32	Gold Digger 62 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.23	Raise You 46
Deputy Minister 79 12 wins, \$696,964 Champion 1093 fls, 85 SWs SI 3.34 DI=3.67		Buckpasser 63 313 fls, 35 SWs SI 4.32 DI=1.34	Nashua 52
	Better Than Honour 96 4 fls, 1 SW DI=2.00	Broadway 59 10 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.14	Sequence 46
Blush With Pride 79 6 wins, \$536,807, SW 15 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.71		Vice Regent 67 672 fls, 105 SWs SI 2.83 DI=3.86	Tom Fool 49
	Best in Show 65 17 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.87	Mint Copy 70 7 fls, 1 SW DI=7.00	Busanda 47
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