



Nobiz Like Showbiz has deep, varied family tree

by **Rommy Faversham**

Nobiz Like Showbiz, a cleverly bred two-year-old colt by Albert the Great, got rave reviews last Saturday when collecting his first stakes victory, an electrifying 6½-length score in the \$200,000 Remsen Stakes (G2) at Aqueduct.

The bay colt completed the 1½-mile distance in 1:48.82, the fastest time for this juvenile event since Believe It set the stakes record of 1:47.80 in 1977.

In two previous starts at Belmont Park, Nobiz Like Showbiz won his debut by 10½ lengths before running an encouraging, but troubled, second to Scat Daddy in the Champagne Stakes (G1). He will spend the winter in South Florida, and is considered a potential contender for next year's Kentucky Derby presented by Yum! Brands (G1).

Nobiz Like Showbiz is a most welcome first stakes winner for his second-year sire, Albert the Great.

Unraced at two, Albert the Great scored victories in the 1¼-mile Jockey Club Gold Cup (G1) and the Dwyer Stakes (G2) at age three. At four, he captured the Widener (G3) and Brooklyn (G3) Handicaps, both at 1½ miles, as well as the 1¼-mile Suburban Handicap (G2).

A winner of \$3,012,490 by 1994 Kentucky Derby winner Go for Gin, Albert the Great stands at Three Chimneys Farm with a 2007 stud fee of \$7,500.

Bred in Kentucky by Elizabeth Valando, Nobiz Like Showbiz is the second winner and first stakes winner for the Storm Cat mare Nightstorm.

The weakest link in this colt's pedigree would appear to be the racing class of his first three dams. Nightstorm won only once from six starts and his next two dams both were unplaced.

Nobiz Like Showbiz's third dam Lilt, by Herbagier, was a full sister to Kentucky Oaks (G1) winner Bag of Tunes. Lilt also was a half sister to the outstanding Southern California turf mare Swingtime, a Grade 2 winner by Buckpasser, as well as Song Sparrow, by Tudor Minstrel, the dam of talented three-year-old and influential New York stallion, Cormorant.

Nobiz Like Showbiz's immediate family is anchored by his fourth



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Nobiz Like Shobiz, b. c., 2004

Albert the Great 97 119 fls, 2 SWs SI 1.26 DI=1.77	Go for Gin 91 5 wins, \$1,380,866, SW 252 fls, 11 SWs SI 1.35 DI=1.00	Cormorant 74 524 fls, 47 SWs SI 2.34 DI=1.33	His Majesty 68	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52	
	Bright Feather 89 3 wins, \$105,870, Spl 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.35	Never Knock 79 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.97	Stage Door Johnny 65	*Tudor Minstrel 44 Swoon's Tune 62 Prince John 53 Peroxide Blonde 60	
		Fappiano 77 410 fls, 48 SWs SI 4.79 DI=4.78	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	
	Nightstorm 94 4 fls, 1 SW DI=1.73	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1106 fls, 150 SWs SI 4.33 DI=4.00	In My Cap 82 12 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.09	Killaloe 70	Never Bend 60 Hula Hula 52
Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25			Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	
Halo's Daughter 88 Unplaced 6 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.36		Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	Vice Regent 67	Dr. Fager 64 Grand Splendor 62	Northern Dancer 61 Victoria Regina 58
		Halo 69 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Passing Look 71	Gay Meeting 67	Buckpasser 63 Gay Meeting 67
Lilt 74 12 fls, 1 SW DI=0.39	Halo 69 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	*Herbager 56	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57	
			South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62	
	*Herbager 56	Secretariat 70	Crimson Saint 69	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52	
Swoon's Tune 62	Hail to Reason 58	Hail to Reason 58	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48	
	Cosmah 53	Cosmah 53	Almahmoud 47	Cosmic Bomb 44 Almahmoud 47	
Swoon's Tune 62	Swoon's Tune 62	Swoon's Tune 62	Recess 49	=Vandale (Fr) 43 =Flagette (Fr) 51	
			Recess 49	Swoon's Son 53 Recess 49	

dam, stakes winner Swoon's Tune, who also appears in his pedigree as the grandam of Cormorant, our subject's paternal great-grand sire.

Inbreeding patterns which feature reinforcement of the tail-female line through the introduction of complementary family strains along the tail-male line have become time-tested recipes in the breeding of superior racehorses. In this case, it would seem the novel strategy of inbreeding to the home tribe, the family of Cormorant, produced a smash hit.

For good measure, Nobiz Like Showbiz figures to have inherited plenty of stamina from his sire as well as the sires of his second and third dams, Halo and *Herbager.

Guess it's safe to say business looks pretty good.

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