



Western Smoke follows sire to victory in Sapling

by Rommy Faversham

After taking command midway on the turn, J. Kirk and Judy Robinson's Western Smoke drew off entering the stretch to score an impressive 1¼-length win in the 76th running of the \$150,000 Sapling Stakes (G3) on September 5 at Monmouth Park.

The victory signals Western Smoke as one of the nation's better two-year-olds. Meanwhile, his sire, Smoke Glacken, becomes the third horse to capture the six-furlong Sapling and then sire at least one Sapling winner (see chart).

Western Smoke was coming off consecutive romps in two-year-old stakes events at Charles Town Races and Prairie Meadows Racetrack earlier this summer by a combined 19¼ lengths.



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The Sapling boosted his career mark to four wins and one second from six starts and earnings of \$226,687. The gray or roan colt is undefeated in four starts.

Bred in Kentucky by Hopewell Investments, Western Smoke is the first foal out of the winning Boston Harbor mare Echo Harbor, a half sister to 2005 Forward Gal Stakes (G2) winner Letgomyecho, by Menifee.

Echo Harbor also has a yearling filly by Cozzene and a weanling filly by Bob and John.

So far, daughters of champion two-year-old Boston Harbor have combined to produce a pair of graded stakes winners, the other being 2007 Canadian Horse of the Year Sealy Hill, by Point Given.

Further back, Western Smoke's fifth

Western Smoke, Gr. or ro., g., 2007

Smoke Glacken 94 586 fls, 41 SWs SI 1.52 DI=4.09	Two Punch 83 4 wins, \$89,795, SW 944 fls, 52 SWs SI 1.44 DI=3.48	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
	Majesty's Crown 84 8 wins, \$57,625 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=4.20	Heavenly Cause 78 12 fls, 1 SW DI=2.23	*Grey Dawn II 62	*Herbager 56 Polamia 55
Echo Harbor 01 1 fl, 1 SW DI=3.00	Boston Harbor 94 6 wins, \$1,934,605 Champion 496 fls, 21 SWs SI 1.17 DI=3.67	Magesterial 77 429 fls, 29 SWs SI 1.34 DI=3.36	Lady Dulcinea 63	Nantallah 53 Shy Dancer 55
	Echo Echo Echo 93 5 wins, \$152,342, Spl 6 fls, 1 SW DI=3.27	Queen's Crown 79 4 fls, 0 SWs DI=4.00	*Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		Capote 84 824 fls, 62 SWs SI 1.84 DI=3.00	Courting Days 70	Bold Lad 62 Admiring 62
		Harbor Springs 89 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.00	King Emperor 66	Bold Ruler 54 Irish Jay 57
		Eastern Echo 88 523 fls, 27 SWs SI 1.08 DI=2.36	Turn Capp 72	Turn to Reason 62 Capped 61
		Kashie West 82 10 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.18	Seattle Slew 74	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69
			Too Bald 64	Bald Eagle 55 Hidden Talent 56
			Vice Regent 67	*Northern Dancer 61 Victoria Regina 58
			Tinnitus 75	Restless Wind 56 Dors 59
			Damascus 64	Sword Dancer 56 Kerala 58
			Wild Applause 81	*Northern Dancer 61 Glowing Tribute 73
			Sir Ivor 65	Sir Gaylord 59 Attica 53
			Tatallah 66	*Tatan 52 Leallah 54

dam, Leallah, was 1956 champion two-year old filly. This is the family of Grade 1 winners Voodoo Dancer, Engine One, and Singletary, best known for annexing the 2004 Breeders' Cup Mile (G1).

Western Smoke hails from the ninth crop of the Two Punch stallion Smoke Glacken and, given his sire's tendency to sire sprinters, would likely continue to do well in one-turn races.

A champion sprinter at three, Smoke Glacken stood at Gainesway in Lexington for an advertised fee of \$17,500 in 2009.

Western Smoke is one of his sire's 41 stakes winners, including this year's Forward Gal Stakes (G2) winner Frolic's Dream.

The most interesting pattern in Western Smoke's pedigree is probably the 3x4 cross of the three-quarters relatives Magesterial and Wild Applause. Both are multiple group/graded winners by Northern Dancer out of daughters of the influential mare Admiring.

Western Smoke inherited his gray or roan coat from Two Punch's dam, Heavenly Cause. The 1980 U.S. champion two-year-old filly, Heavenly Cause was shown at stud to be a pure breeding gray (all gray offspring) indicating she received the Mendelian dominant gray gene from both of her silvered parents.

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Sapling winners who sired Sapling winners

Year	Winner	Son(s)
1996	Smoke Glacken	Western Smoke (2009)
1989	Carson City	Dont Tell the Kids (1999) Boones Mill (1994) Big Sur (1991)
1977	Alydar	

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