



Purge's roots trace back to fourth dam Fool-Me-Not

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A bay son of Pulpit, three-year-old Purge rebounded from his two losses at the hands of the phenomenal Smarty Jones in Arkansas with a resounding victory of his own in the \$200,000 Peter Pan Stakes (G2) at Belmont Park on May 22.



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is his first stakes victory, taking his record to three wins from five starts with earnings of \$237,400.

After easy victories in his lone juvenile start at Saratoga Race Course last summer and in an allowance freshener at Gulfstream Park on February 22, Purge simply ran into a buzz saw in the Rebel Stakes and Arkansas Derby (G2) at Oaklawn Park, where he faced Smarty Jones.

Bred in Kentucky by Glory Days Breeding, Purge is the first live foal out of the multiple stakes-winning mare Copelan's Bid Gal, by Copelan. Purge's family, with its Florida roots, is anchored by his fourth dam, Fool-Me-Not, by Tom Fool, who is best known for producing 1974 champion juvenile male and '75 Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Foolish Pleasure.

In more recent years, the Fool-Me-Not fam-

Purge, b. c., 2001			
Pulpit 94 198 fls, 10 SWs SI 2.91 DI=3.24	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 615 fls, 63 SWs SI 4.09 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1043 fls, 108 SWs SI 4.87 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68
	Preach 89 4 wins, \$304,656, SW 7 fls, 1 SW DI=3.52	Mr. Prospector 70 1177 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.11 DI=3.95	My Charmer 69
Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.64			Secretariat 70
Copelan's Bid Gal 95 2 fls, 1 SW DI=5.67	Copelan 80 7 wins, \$594,278, SW 373 fls, 37 SWs SI 1.68 DI=4.00	Tri Jet 69 504 fls, 48 SWs SI 1.68 DI=3.47	Lassie Dear 74
			Raise a Native 61
	Bid Gal 79 Unraced 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.00	Susan's Girl 69 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.00	Honest Pleasure 73
			State 74
	Nowmepache 64 10 fls, 1 SW DI=1.40	Bold Bidder 62 492 fls, 53 SWs SI 3.08 DI=3.63	Jester 55
			Haze 53
		Quadrangle 61	
		Quaze 57	
		Bold Ruler 54	
		High Bid 56	
		Hangover 51	
		Fool-Me-Not 58	

ily has demonstrated a very successful affinity with the stallion Valid Appeal. From only a dozen matings, this cross has returned five stakes winners, including graded stakes winners Valid Expectations, Little Sister, and Valid Wager, as well as Miss Bold Appeal, the dam of multiple Grade 1 winner Jersey Girl.

Purge is from the third crop of the A.P. Indy

stallion Pulpit and becomes his sixth graded stakes winner. Pulpit, who stands for \$35,000 at Claiborne Farm near Paris, Kentucky, also has sired Grade 1 winners Stroll, Sky Mesa, and Tapit.

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