



Added distance figures to test Greater Good's pedigree

by **Rommy Faversham**

On Saturday at Oaklawn Park, Lewis Lakin's homebred Greater Good rallied through the stretch to catch previously unbeaten Rockport Harbor in the final strides of the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile Rebel Stakes (G3), his third graded stakes win at the distance.

Greater Good has annexed the first two legs of Oaklawn's three-year-old series, having started



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his sophomore campaign with a win in the Southwest Stakes at one mile, and now will be pointed toward the Arkansas Derby (G2) on April 16 as he progresses down the Road to the Triple Crown races. As a two-year-old, he won three of five starts including the Kentucky Jockey Club Stakes (G2) at Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Cup Juvenile Stakes (G3) at Turfway Park, both at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles.

If Greater Good is at a disadvantage in the Kentucky Derby (G1), it is probably related to his speed-laden pedigree that seems particularly light on the stamina influences normally found in the ancestry of contemporary American classic winners.

A Kentucky-bred bay colt, Greater Good is from the first crop of the Phone Trick stallion Intidab. The Clever Trick-Phone Trick sire line can be characterized by its issue of good sprinters with relatively few representatives demonstrating much success beyond a medium distance of ground.

Intidab was best as an older sprinter. At age six, he defeated eventual champion sprinter Artax in the 1999 A Phenomenon Handicap (G2) at Saratoga Race Course. A year later, Intidab captured his second graded event at six furlongs, taking the True North Handicap (G2)

Greater Good, b. c., 2002

Intidab 93 10 fls, 1 SW SI 4.32 DI=3.00	Phone Trick 82 9 wins, \$395,112, SW 994 fls, 53 SWs SI 1.75 DI=3.00	Clever Trick 76 1038 fls, 69 SWs SI 1.52 DI=3.92	Icecapade 69
	Alqwani 88 1 win, \$10,341 9 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Mr. Prospector 70 1177 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Kankakee Miss 67
Over the Phone 65 10 fls, 1 SW DI=2.05			Finnegan 56
Gather The Clan (Ire) 85 9 fls, 1 SW DI=7.00	General Assembly 76 7 wins, \$463,245, SW 577 fls, 31 SWs SI 1.25 DI=2.73	Secretariat 70 653 fls, 56 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Prattle 57
			Raise a Native 61
	What a Summer 73 18 wins, \$479,161 Champion 11 fls, 1 SW DI=7.67	What Luck 67 622 fls, 65 SWs SI 1.76 DI=5.67	Gold Digger 62
			Roberto 69
	Exclusive Dancer 67 16 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.27	Summer Classic 62 7 fls, 1 SW DI=4.14	Shelf Talker 68
			Bold Ruler 54
			Somethingroyal 52
			Native Dancer 50
			Exclusive 53
			Bold Ruler 54
			Irish Jay 57
			Summer Tan 52
			Classic Music 53

at Belmont Park. He currently stands for \$3,500 at Gallagher's Stud in Ghent, New York.

Greater Good is one of six winners from the Grade 3-winning mare Gather The Clan (Ire), whose pedigree demonstrates 3x3 inbreeding to Bold Ruler, another speed influence. Winner of seven of 26 starts with career earnings of \$232,748, Gather The Clan was best at age four when she won the 1989 Violet Handicap (G3) at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles on the grass.

Greater Good's immediate family is anchored by his second dam, 1977 champion sprinter What a Summer. Winner of two consecutive editions of the six-furlong Fall High-weight Handicap (G2) over males at Belmont Park and an overall brilliant performer at six

and seven furlongs, What a Summer rarely lasted on the occasions she was asked to go two turns, although she did win the 1976 Black-Eyed Susan Stakes (G2) at 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles.

As for Greater Good's broodmare sire, General Assembly, the best of his daughters' runners have typically followed the distance aptitudes of their sires, suggesting less chance of a significant boost in stamina from this quarter.

For Greater Good to prevail in the Kentucky Derby, it would seem he will have to outrun not only the rest of the field but his own pedigree as well.

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