



The proof is in performance for Lost in the Fog

by Rommy Faversham

In almost effortless fashion, Harry Aleo's undefeated three-year-old Lost in the Fog secured his first Grade 1 victory on Saturday, taking the King's Bishop Stakes (G1) by 4¾ lengths at Saratoga Race Course.



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Yet to be challenged, the Florida-bred son of Lost Soldier has won all nine of his starts at seven different tracks by a combined 59 lengths. His previous graded victories this season include the Carry Back Stakes (G2), Riva Ridge Breeders' Cup Stakes (G2), and the Bay Shore (G3) Stakes. In the six-furlong Golden Bear Breeders' Cup Stakes on May 14 at Golden Gate Fields, he stopped the clock in the course record time of 1:07.32. His career earnings currently stand at \$834,075.

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Never lured by the sirens' call to venture down the chancy Triple Crown trail, the decision by the colt's connections to maintain their fleet charge at sprint distances was based on Lost in the Fog's physique and style of going rather than any glaring limitations within his pedigree to handle more ground.

He is one of three winners out of Cloud Break, an unraced daughter of 1983 Remsen Stakes (G1) winner Dr. Carter who at age four annexed the '85 Gulfstream Park Handicap (G1) at 1¼ miles. Lost in the Fog's second dam Wistful captured the Hempstead Handicap (G2) at 1¼ miles.

Anchoring Lost in the Fog's immediate family is his third dam, Margaret's Number, a two-time Grade 3 winner on the turf whose first three generations of descendants feature a re-

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Lost Soldier 90 262 fls, 10 SWs SI 1.15 DI=3.15	Danzig 77 3 wins, \$32,400 1018 fls, 185 SWs SI 5.37 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54
		Pas de Nom 68 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=11.00	Natalma 57
Lady Winborne 76 1 win, \$2,351, Spl 15 fls, 5 SWs DI=2.43		Secretariat 70 653 fls, 57 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Admiral's Voyage 59
		Priceless Gem 63 12 fls, 1 SW DI=1.58	*Petitioner 52
Cloud Break 92 4 fls, 1 SW DI=2.33	Dr. Carter 81 6 wins, \$890,562, SW 413 fls, 14 SWs SI 1.25 DI=3.22	Caro (Ire) 67 599 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.70 DI=1.26	Bold Ruler 54
		Gentle Touch 76 3 fls, 1 SW DI=3.24	Somethingroyal 52
	Wistful 77 12 wins, \$413,082, SW 5 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.40	Maribeau 62 281 fls, 15 SWs SI 1.79 DI=0.81	Hail to Reason 58
		Margaret's Number 70 8 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.67	Searching 52
			=Fortino II (Fr) 59
			=Chambord (GB) 55
			Chieftain 61
			My Dear Girl 57
			*Ribot 52
			Cosmah 53
			Native Charger 62
			Dungiven 62

markable cluster of American graded stakes winners, including multiple Grade 1 winner Listening and Grade 1 winner Bonapaw.

Lost in the Fog hails from the fourth crop of the Danzig stallion Lost Soldier, a G3 winner at age six who found his best distance between one mile and 1½ miles. A half-brother to Grade 1 winners Al Mamoon and the filly La Gueriere, Lost Soldier is also the sire of Grade 3 winners Lost At Sea and Lush Soldier. He stands at Buck Pond Farm in Versailles, Kentucky, for \$7,500.

Perhaps, the most interesting pattern in the pedigree of Lost in the Fog is his 4X4 cross of the half sisters, Natalma and Cosmah—

creating a duplication of their dam, the great matriarch Almahmoud.

No colt in American history has earned three-year-old championship honors by running his entire classic season in sprint races, but unless some of Lost in the Fog's injury-prone peers can add some luster to their résumés in the months ahead, it is possible that another stirring victory by the ultra-quick colt, this time against his elders in the Breeders' Cup Sprint (G1) at Belmont Park on October 29, could ultimately tilt the scales in his favor.

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