



## Saint Afleet another standout for sire Northern Afleet

by Rommy Faversham

Saint Afleet established himself as one of the leaders in the Southern California sprint division with a three-quarter-length victory in the \$150,000 Palos Verdes Handicap (G2) on January 23 at Santa Anita Park.



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### SAINT AFLEET

It was the first graded stakes win for the lightly raced four-year-old bay son of Northern Afleet who captured last year's NATC Dash Stakes on the Sunshine Millions card at Santa Anita. Winner of five of nine career starts, Saint Afleet has earned \$317,571.

Saint Afleet is from the second crop of Northern Afleet, who stands for \$12,500 at Taylor Made Farm in Nicholasville, Kentucky. As a runner, Northern Afleet peaked at age four in 1997 when he captured a trio of Southern California graded stakes from seven furlongs to 1 1/8 miles.

Northern Afleet, who stood his first six seasons in Florida, has sired three graded stakes winners, including 2004 Hopeful Stakes (G1) hero Afleet Alex and Grade 3 winner G P Fleet. To date, three of his four richest stakes winners have been out of Hail to Reason-line mares.

Probably the most recognizable pattern in Saint Afleet's pedigree is his 4x3 cross of the close relatives Northern Dancer and Halo, who both share famed matron Almahmoud as their second dam.

### Saint Afleet, b. c., 2001

Northern Afleet 93 166 fls, 8 SWs SI 2.14 DI=2.58	Afleet 84 7 wins, \$995,235 Champion 877 fls, 53 SWs SI 1.50 DI=3.89	Mr. Prospector 70 1177 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.09 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61
		Polite Lady 77 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.33	Gold Digger 62
	Nuryette 86 Unraced 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.77	Nureyev 77 784 fls, 137 SWs SI 4.77 DI=2.83	Venetian Jester 64
		Stellarette 78 6 fls, 1 SW DI=3.44	Friendly Ways 68
Saintly Silk 97 2 fls, 1 SW DI=0.88	Saint Ballado 89 4 wins, \$302,820, SW 668 fls, 50 SWs SI 2.30 DI=1.42	Halo 69 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Northern Dancer 61
		Ballade 72 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.41	Special 69
	Creole Lady 85 Unraced 2 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.57	Fluorescent Light 74 321 fls, 11 SWs SI 0.93 DI=0.22	Tentam 69
		Mighty Kitty 75 7 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.38	Square Angel 70
			Hail to Reason 58
			Cosmah 53
			*Herbager 56
			Miss Swapsco 65
			*Herbager 56
			Irradiate 66
			Mito 57
			Kitty Balou 66

Saint Afleet could start next on February 26 at Santa Anita in the San Carlos Handicap (G2), a race his sire captured in 1997.

Bred in Florida by Ronald Waranch, Saint Afleet is the first foal from the unraced Saint Ballado mare Saintly Silk. His three-year-old full sister, A Quiet Beauty, was unplaced in one start last year as a juvenile. For well over half a century, their extended family branch has been a relatively moderate one, with Saint Afleet representing his tribe's first North American graded stakes winner.

Going back even further in matrilineal descent, one does, ultimately, hit the "mother lode." Saint Afleet's 15th dam was the immortal gray mare \*Galopade. Shipped from England to Alabama in the mid-1830s, \*Galopade (family #23-b) is the matriarchal source of more Racing Hall of Famers, 11, than any other imported broodmare in North American history.

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