



# Halo, Northern Dancer cross prominent for Saint Liam

by Rommy Faversham

The consistency Saint Liam demonstrated against top foes last season was confirmed and rewarded with his first Grade 1 victory in Saturday's \$500,000 Donn Handicap at Gulfstream Park. A winner by 3/4 lengths over Roses in May, Saint Liam surpassed the \$1-million mark in career earnings with the victory.



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## SAINT LIAM

Since joining the barn of Richard Dutrow Jr. toward the end of 2003, Saint Liam has not finished off the board in seven starts. He duelled with the front-running multiple Grade 1 winner Peace Rules in last year's New Orleans (G2) and Oaklawn (G2) Handicaps, respectively finishing second and then third to that rival.

In his next start, the Woodward Stakes (G1) on September 11, Saint Liam offered the year's best challenge to eventual Horse of the Year Ghostzapper when, at equal weights, he fell just a neck short to the son of Awesome Again in the 1 1/8-mile race. In his final start of 2004, Saint Liam secured his first stakes win by capturing the Clark Handicap (G2) on November 26 at Churchill Downs.

Saint Liam is from the seventh crop of the influential Halo stallion Saint Ballado, who was euthanized in 2002 following complications from surgery. Saint Ballado has sired 20 group or graded stakes winners, including North American Grade 1 winners Captain Bodgit, Yankee Victor, Sister Act, and 2004 champion three-year-old filly Ashado, who won last season's Coaching Club American Oaks (G1), Kentucky

## Saint Liam, b. h., 2000

Saint Ballado 89 673 fls, 50 SWs SI 2.30 DI=1.42	Halo 69 9 wins, \$259,553, SW 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Hail to Reason 58 308 fls, 43 SWs SI 4.40 DI=3.18	*Turn-to 51
		Cosmah 53 15 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.36	Nothirdchance 48
Ballade 72 2 wins, \$12,670 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.41		*Herbager 56 424 fls, 64 SWs SI 3.16 DI=0.23	Cosmic Bomb 44
		Miss Swapsco 65 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.31	Almahmoud 47
Quiet Dance 93 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.00	Quiet American 86 4 wins, \$754,650, SW 499 fls, 36 SWs SI 1.76 DI=4.40	Fappiano 77 410 fls, 48 SWs SI 4.79 DI=4.78	=Vandale (Fr) 43
		Demure 77 16 fls, 2 SWs DI=5.00	=Flagette (Fr) 51
Misty Dancer 88 Unplaced 10 fls, 1 SW DI=2.10		Lyphard 69 830 fls, 115 SWs SI 3.69 DI=4.33	Cohoes 54
		Flight Dancer 68 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.48	Soaring 60
			Mr. Prospector 70
			Killaloe 70
			Dr. Fager 64
			Quiet Charm 71
			Northern Dancer 61
			Goofed 60
			Misty Flight 55
			Courbette 57

Oaks (G1), and Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1). His final crop of juveniles will debut this year.

Probably the most recognizable pattern in Saint Liam's pedigree is his 2x4 cross of the close relatives Halo and Northern Dancer, who both share famed matron Almahmoud as their grandam.

Bred in Kentucky by Edward P. Evans, Saint Liam is one of three winners from the stakes-winning Quiet American mare Quiet Dance, who also produced 2004 Bay Meadows Derby (G3) winner Congressional honor, by Forestry. Saint Liam's grandam, Misty Dancer, is a three-quarter sister to 1986 Irish champion juvenile

filly Minstrella, by The Minstrel.

Quiet American's pedigree features the potent inbreeding pattern of the closely related mares Killaloe and Demure, who both are by Dr. Fager out of daughters of Cequillo. Killaloe is the dam of Quiet American's sire, Fappiano, and Demure is Quiet American's dam.

Saint Liam's extended family is anchored by his fifth dam, the influential matriarch Gallorette, better known as one of America's best distaffers in the mid-20th century.

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