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**STALLION SYNOPSIS:
CURLIN'S HONOR**

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“A record-breaking \$1,500,000 two-year-old in training purchase, Curlin’s Honor was a multiple stakes winner who scored on dirt, turf and all-weather surfaces, running six furlongs in 1:08 and change on five separate occasions. By Horse of the Year, Curlin, outstanding sire, and now a sire of sires, he has 11 grade one sires under his first five dams, including Fappiano and Quiet American”

Smart Strike, the sire of Curlin, had a tremendous success rate with mares from the **Danzig** branch of **Northern Dancer**. Curlin has followed that trend, and there are already 18 stakes winners by he and his sons out of **Danzig** line mares. They include Champion Good Magic out of a mare by **Hard Spun**; Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Mage out of a mare by **Big Brown** (by **Boundary**) grade one winner Bright Future out of a mare by **Bellamy Road**; a quartet of stakes winners out of daughters of **Polish Numbers**; and stakes winners out of mares by **Foxhound**, **Pine Bluff** and **Ascot Knight**. This would also make it worth considering daughters of **War Front** (sire of **Declaration of War**, **The Factor**, **Summer Front**, **Hit it a Bomb**, **Jack Milton** and **Soldat**), **Langfuhr** (sire of **Lawyer Ron**) and **Belong to Me**.

Curlin is out of a **Deputy Minister** mare and has enjoyed exceptional success with inbreeding to that strain. On this cross, Curlin sired grade one winner Keen Ice out of a mare by **Awesome Again** (sire of **Ghostzapper**, **Daheer**, **Tocchet**, **Awesome of Course** and **Awesome Patriot**), **Dehere** (whose son, **Graeme Hall**, is broodmare sire of Curlin grade one winner Curalina), **Silver Deputy** (sire of **Archers Bay**, **Badge of Silver**, **Spring at Last** and **Posse**), **Forest Camp** and **French Deputy**.

There is a Curlin stakes winner out of a mare by **Dixieland Band** and another out of a mare by that horse’s son, **Dixie Union** (sire of **Union Rags**). This line could also be sourced through **High Cotton**, **Hook and Ladder** and **Overanalyze**. Out of mares from the **Nureyev** branch of **Northern Dancer**, Curlin has a classic winner out of a mare by **Royal Anthem** and a stakes winner out of a mare by that horse’s sire, **Theatrical**, and a graded stakes winner out of a mare by **Great Commotion**. This also suggests trying daughters of such as **Atticus**, **Fasliyev**, **Spinning World** and **Unusual Heat**. Nureyev is a three-quarters brother to **Sadler’s Wells**, and from the **El Prado** branch of that line comes **Medaglia d’Oro**, the sire of a stakes winner out of the dam of Curlin’s Honor. Medaglia d’Oro is sire of **Warrior’s Reward** and **Violence**, and El Prado is also sire of **Kitten’s Joy** and **Artie Schiller**.

Curlin has developed a particularly strong affinity for mares from the **Storm Cat** line, and Curlin’s Honor is out of a mare by a son of Storm Cat. He should, however, cross well back over **Storm Cat** line mares. Curlin has stakes winners out of mares by **Storm Cat** sons **Giant’s**

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Causeway (sire of **Not This Time**, **Creative Cause**, **Eskendereya**, **First Samurai**, **Carpe Diem**, **Creative Cause** and **Frost Giant**), **Hennessy** (sire of **Johannesburg** – who gives inbreeding to the third dam of Curlin's Honor – **Henny Hughes** and **Cactus Ridge**; grandsire of **Scat Daddy**), **Tale of the Cat** (sire of **Lion Heart**, **Tale of Ekati** and **Gio Ponti**, and grandsire of **Kantharos**, **Girvin** and **Uncaptured**), and **Stormy Atlantic** (three-quarters related to the broodmare sire of Curlin's Honor). Daughters of **Bernstein**, **Bluegrass Cat**, **Cat Thief**, **Discreet Cat**, **Forest Wildcat** (sire of **Wildcat Heir** and **D'Wildcat**), **Forestry** (sire of **Discreet Cat** and **Shackleford**), **Freud** (brother to **Giant's Causeway**), **Harlan** (sire of **Harlan's Holiday** and **Menifee**; grandsire of **Into Mischief**, **Shanghai Bobby** and **Majesticperfection**), **Pure Prize**, **With Distinction** and **Yankee Gentleman** are among other **Storm Cat** sources that could be considered.

Curlin's champion, **Stellar Wind**, is out of a mare by **Malibu Moon**, a son of **A.P. Indy**. Curlin also has three stakes winners out of mares by **A.P. Indy** himself, and a graded stakes winner out of a mare by that horse's son **Bernardini** (sire of **Stay Thirsty** and **To Honor and Serve**). There is also a grade one winner by a son of Curlin out of a mare by **Flatter** (sire of **Upstart**). Curlin has a grade two winner out of a mare by **Tapit** (sire of **Constitution**, **Cupid**, **Frosted**, **Tonalist**, **Tapiture**, **Concord Point**, **Tapizar**, **Hansen** – a reverse cross to the broodmare sire of Curlin's Honor – and **Trappe Shot**). Tapit is by A.P. Indy son, **Pulpit** (also sire of **Sky Mesa** – another reverse cross to the broodmare sire of Curlin's Honor – **Stroll**, **Constitution**, **Mr. Speaker**, **Power Broker**, **Sightseeing** and **Parading**), and it could also be worth considering mares by **Congrats** (a brother to **Flatter**) and **Mineshaft** (sire of **Dialed In** – a reverse cross to the broodmare sire of Curlin's Honor – and **Discreetly Mine**), **Jump Start**, **Majestic Warrior** and **Stephen Got Even** (sire of **First Dude**).

A.P. Indy is by **Seattle Slew**, and Curlin also has classic winner **Exaggerator** out of a mare by **Seattle Slew** son, **Vindication**, and there is also a grade one winner out of a mare by **Boston Harbor** (by **Capote**). Curlin also has two graded stakes out of mares by **Yes It's True**, whose grandsire **Raja Baba** is from the same sire line and family as A.P. Indy.

Curlin's Honor is from the family of **Fappiano**, and Curlin and sons are beginning to enjoy success over the **Unbridled's Song** branch of that line, with grade one winner **Idiomatic** out of a mare by **First Defence**, graded winners out of mares by **Unbridled's Song** himself and **Rockport Harbor**, and stakes winners out of mares by **Unbridled Express**, **Old Fashioned**, **Even the Score** and **Eurosilver**, with other representatives including **Songandaprayer**, **Liam's Map**, **Arrogate**, **Midshipman**, **Cross Traffic**, **Half Ours** and **Will Take Charge**.

Curlin already has two stakes winners, including grade one winner **Collect**, out of mares by **Holy Bull**, and he is sire of **Macho Uno**, **Flashy Bull**, **Woke Up Dreamin** and **Giacomo**. The

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cross with mares from the **Roberto** line has provided Curlin with graded winners out of mares by **Dynaformer** (sire of **Temple City**, **Point of Entry** and **Purim**) and **Red Ransom**. There is a grade one winner on the Curlin cross with a mare by **More Than Ready** (sire of **Ready's Image**, **Verrazano** and **Daredevil**). There is also Curlin graded stakes winner out of a mare by **Indian Charlie** and two graded stakes winners, including grade one winner Muth, out of mares by that horse's son, **Uncle Mo**. Indian Charlie is also sire of **Adios Charlie**, **Liaison** and **Cindago**, and **Uncle Mo** is sire of **Nyquist**, **Laoban** and **Outwork**.

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