

## STALLION SYNOPSIS: TYSON

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## **TYSON**

Champion, multiple graded stakes winner and grade one performer, Tyson is an outstanding son of Leading Sire, and now sire of sires, Tapit. His dam, by Smart Strike, is a sister to a grade one winner, from the phenomenal family of Best in Show, ancestress of more than 30 individual grade one sires.

The cross of Tapit and sons with mares from the Storm Cat branch of Northern Dancer has been a prolific one with more than 80 stakes winners, 41 graded. The granddam of Tyson is by Storm Cat, but this would not prevent him being bred back to mares from this line. Products of the Tapit/Storm Cat include Champion Monomoy Girl, by a son of Tapit out of a mare by Henny Hughes, who is by Hennessy, himself the broodmare sire of a Tapit grade one winner, and the sire of Johannesburg (sire of Scat Daddy), also broodmare sire of a Tapit line grade one winner. Crosses with mares carrying Johannesburg and Scat Daddy are particularly interesting giving inbreeding to the sisters Preach and Yarn, as found in Triple Crown winner Justify. Two other Tapit line Champions, Hansen and British Idiom, are out of mares by Storm Cat sons Sir Cat, and Mr. Sekiguchi respectively. Overall there are 15 grade one winners bred on a Tapit/Storm Cat cross, also including from daughters of Forestry (sire of Discreet Cat and Shackleford), Giant's Causeway (sire of Not This Time, First Samurai, Eskendereya, Creative Cause, Fed Biz, Carpe Diem, Brody's Cause, Fairbanks and Giant Gizmo), Tabasco Cat, Bluegrass Cat, Yankee Gentleman and Seeking the Dia. There are three graded stakes winners out of mares by Harlan's Holiday (sire of Into Mischief – himself already broodmare sire of Tapit line grade one winner White Abarrio - Majesticperfection and Shanghai Bobby). There is also a graded winner out of a mare by Menifee, who like Harlan's Holiday is by Harlan. We can also note Tapit graded winners out of mares by Storm Cat line stallions Forest Wildcat (sire of Wildcat Heir) and Catienus, and stakes winners out of mares other Storm Cat sons, Stormy Atlantic, Stormin Fever, Bernstein and Pure Prize, and one out of a mare by Forty Tales, a son of Tale of the Cat (sire of Tale of Ekati and Lion Heart, and grandsire of Girvin, Kantharos and Uncaptured).

Another branch of Northern Dancer that has done well under Tapit is that of **Deputy Minister**. On this cross, grade one winner American Gal is one of four stakes winners by Tapit and sons out of mares by **Ghostzapper** (by **Awesome Again**, also sire of **Paynter**, **Oxbow** and **Awesome of Course**). Tapit and his sons also have also sired graded winners out of mares by **Graeme Hall**, a son of the Deputy Minister stallion, **Dehere** (also broodmare sire of a Tapit line stakes winner) and **French Deputy**, and stakes winners out of mares by **Touch Gold** and **Posse** (by **Silver Deputy**).

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Sadler's Wells is another branch of Northern Dancer, and on the Tapit cross with that line there are grade one winners out of mares by Galileo (sire of Capo Blanco, Magician and Treasure Beach) and out mares by El Prado and his son, Kitten's Joy. There are also three graded winners out of mares by El Prado son, Medaglia d'Oro (and a stakes winner out of a mare by Medaglia d'Oro son, Warrior's Reward, with Medaglia d'Oro also sire of Violence and Bolt d'Oro). From the Dixieland Band branch of Northern Dancer, Tapit has a graded stakes winner out of a mare by Dixieland Band himself, and there are four graded stakes winners, one grade one, out of mares by that horse's son, Dixie Union (sire of Union Rags).

Out of a Smart Strike mare, Tyson is an example of the cross of Tapit with Mr. Prospector line mares. On other versions of this cross, his classic winner and two-time champion Essential Quality is out of a mare by Elusive Quality (sire of Quality Road as well as Great Notion and Omega Code, also both broodmare sires of Tapit line stakes winners, and Smarty Jones), a son of Gone West. From other version of that cross with Gone West line mares, we find Tapit grade one winners out of mares by Mr. Greeley and Proud Citizen, and graded stakes winners out of mares Grand Slam (and his son, Limestone), Speightstown (sire of Munnings) and Muqtarib.

There also seems to be Tapit line an affinity for the **Forty Niner** branch of Mr. Prospector, with grade one winner Constitution out of a daughter of **Distorted Humor** (sire of **Maclean's Music** and **Jimmy Creed**); grade one winner Dance Card out of a mare by **Editor's Note**; and two stakes winners out of mares by **Coronado's Quest**.

From a mare by Mr. Prospector son, **Carson City**, Tapit sired grade one winner Pretty City Dancer, and two other graded stakes winners, suggesting daughters of **City Zip**. From other From other branches of Mr. Prospector there is a Tapit graded winner out of a mare **Smoke Glacken**; Tapit line graded winners out of mares by **Cape Town** and his sire, **Seeking the Gold** (also sire of **Petitionville** and **Mutakddim**); two stakes winners out of mares by **Roman Ruler**, a son of **Fusaichi Pegasus**; two stakes winners, including 2024 graded stakes winning two-year-old Non Compliant, out of mares by **Street Sense**; and a stakes winner out of a mare by **Lemon Drop Kid** (giving inbreeding to A.P. Indy and a three-quarters sister).

Tapit is out of a mare by **Unbridled**, from the Fappiano branch of Mr. Prospector and there has been some success with the cross back over Fappiano line mares. Tapit is sire of grade one winner Ring Weekend out of a mare by Fappiano line stallion, **Cryptoclearance**, and a stakes winner by out of a mare by a son of Cryptoclearance, inviting daughters of Cryptoclearance son, **Victory Gallop**, and grandson **Candy Ride** (sire of **Twirling Candy** and **Gun Runner**).

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Crossed back over the Unbridled branch Tapit and sons have sired Champion Unique Bella and five other stakes winners out of mares by **Unbridled's Song**, and crossed over mares by sons of Unbridled's Song has a grade one winner from a daughter of **Dunkirk**, four stakes winners out of mares by **First Defence**; and stakes winners out of mares by **Eurosilver** and **Half Ours**. Other sons of Unbridled's Song include **Songandaprayer**, **Even The Score**, **Rockport Harbor**, **Old Fashioned**, **Zensational**, **Arrogate** and **Midshipman**.

There are eight stakes winners, one grade one, by Tapit and sons out of mares by Unbridled son, **Empire Maker**. There are two stakes winner Tapit sons out of a mare by Empire Maker's son, **Pioneerof the Nile**, and Empire Maker is also sire of **Bodemeister**, and grandsire of **American Pharoah** and **Cairo Prince**. Another Unbridled son to appear as broodmare sire of Tapit stakes winners is **Broken Vow**, and there is also a Tapit line stakes winner out of a mare by Unbridled grandson **Birdstone**. It could also pay to consider introducing Fappiano through **Rubiano** – a three-quarters brother to the dam of Tapit – and **Quiet American** (grandsire of **Midnight Lute**).

From the In Reality line, Tapit line stallions have four stakes winners, including classic winner Tapwrit from the **Valid Appeal** branch through **Successful Appeal**. The cross of Tapit and sons over mares from the Relaunch branch has produced eight stakes winners, including classic winner Tiz The Law, out of a mares by **Tiznow** (sire of **Gemologist**, **Colonel John** and **Tiz Wonderful**), and two stakes winners, one graded out of mares by **Honour and Glory** (sire of **Put it Back**).

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