

MATING ANALYSIS

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LANE'S END

HONOR A. P.

Honor Code – Hollywood Story, by Wild Rush
2017 Dkb/br | 16.3 Hands

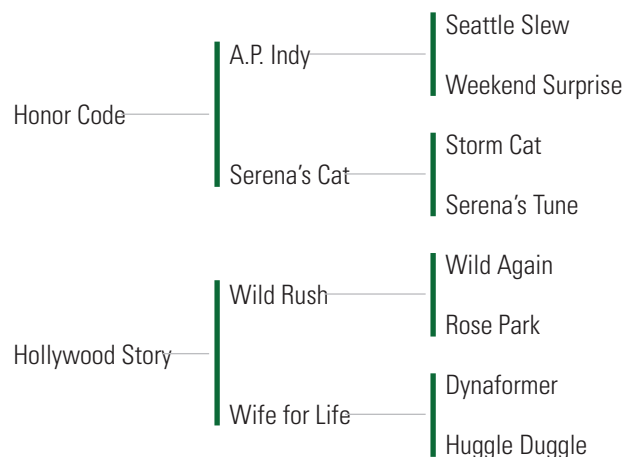
Clearly one of the best of his generation, Honor A. P. brings the best pedigree among the top 3-year-olds of 2020 to Lane's End to extend the Lane's End dynasty of A.P. Indy. Honor A. P. defeated Kentucky Derby winner Authentic decisively in the G1 Santa Anita Derby, and would doubtless have been a major factor in the Derby itself but for losing all chance with a slow start before closing about 15 lengths on the leaders to finish a charging fourth in what proved to be his final start.

Honor A. P. is from the first crop of A.P. Indy's last champion son Honor Code, who earned an Eclipse Award as champion older male in 2015 with his victories in the G1 Metropolitan Handicap and Whitney Stakes. His dam, Hollywood Story, by another Met Mile winner Wild Rush, captured both the G1 Starlet Stakes at two and the G1 Vanity Handicap at five. Hollywood Story has also produced stakes winner Miss Hollywood, by Malibu Moon, and stakes-placed Hoorayforhollywood, by Storm Cat, and Hollywood Star, by Malibu Moon. Hollywood Story traces in tail-female line to the immortal Foundation Mare champion Myrtlewood, whose prolific family also includes the great sires Mr. Prospector and Seattle Slew, as well as Lane's End's current star stallion Quality Road. Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector appear in the third and fourth generations of Honor A. P.'s pedigree, respectively, giving Honor A. P. three lines to the influential Myrtlewood.

In choosing mates for a new stallion it is always wise to try to emulate patterns that were successful with his sire, but since Honor A. P. is from Honor Code's first crop there is not enough evidence to determine exactly what patterns work best with him. Since Honor Code's sire, A.P. Indy, however, worked famously well with Mr. Prospector, it is all but certain that inbreeding to Mr. Prospector, who appears as the sire of Honor Code's second dam, will be a major factor, especially since Honor A. P.'s dam does not carry Mr. Prospector. That assumption is borne out by the fact that Honor Code's graded stakes-winning son Max Player (out of Fools in Love, by Not For Love) carries another cross of Mr. Prospector, as do Honor Code's stakes horses Roadrunner's Honor (Wild Idle, by Seeking the Gold) and Fashion Code (Holiday Fashion, by Harlan's Holiday). Since Honor A. P. carries only one cross of Mr. Prospector through his sire, Honor Code, he will be an ideal mate for the many mares in the American Stud Book with multiple crosses of that two-time leading sire.

Honor Code's early results, though, also show the potential for benefiting from another, more rare duplication that has, nevertheless, shown spectacular results. In recent years, inbreeding to A.P. Indy's dam Weekend Surprise, who is also dam of Preakness winner Summer Squall and good sire Honor Grades, and second dam of G1 Breeders' Cup Mile winner and top Canadian sire Court Vision, has produced more than 20 stakes winners worldwide, headed by 2019 champion 2-year-old filly British Idiom, by Flashback, and recent G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup winner Happy Saver. The latter's sire, Super Saver, is out of the A.P. Indy mare Supercharger, while Weekend Surprise is also Happy Saver's third dam. Roadrunner's Honor is also inbred 3x4 to Weekend Surprise, while Honor Code's stakes-placed Bama Breeze is inbred 4x4 to Weekend Surprise's second dam Gay Missile.

Honor A. P. is a relative outcross for the majority of mares in the breeding population, with the closest duplications in his pedigree in the fifth and sixth generations, which makes him an ideal pedigree cross for the many, many mares in the breeding population with multiple crosses of Northern Dancer as well as Mr. Prospector. His grandsire A.P. Indy did particularly well with Deputy Minister line mares, with four G1 winners, including classic winner and champion Rags to Riches, and mares by a horse like Curlin, who is by Mr. Prospector's great son Smart Strike out of a Deputy Minister mare, figure to be effective mates for Honor A. P. Northern Dancer line mares by speed influences like War Front and Into Mischief should be especially effective with Honor A. P., since speed and precocity are always well-received in the marketplace. Into Mischief in particular would produce inbreeding to



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3-time leading sire Storm Cat, who is his great-grandsire, and appears in Honor A. P.'s pedigree through Honor Code's dam Serena's Cat. Other useful speed influences to consider would include Kantharos from the Storm Cat line, Speightstown, who is by Mr. Prospector's son Gone West out of a Storm Cat mare, and City Zip, another grandson of Mr. Prospector who is a strong influence for speed and whose daughters have already established an affinity with the A.P. Indy line with four stakes winners.

In addition to providing important elements missing from a new sire's pedigree, it is always also important to reinforce some of the strongest elements in their pedigrees. Reinforcing Mr. Prospector, Storm Cat, and Weekend Surprise are likely to be relatively common, but it could also be beneficial to find mares with the powerful but less common Wild Again, Dynaformer, the latter's sire Roberto, and Never Bend who appear in the first three generations on the bottom side of Honor A. P.'s pedigree.

Wild Again, Honor A. P.'s broodmare sire, has not established his own sire line, but he appears frequently in pedigrees through his sons Wild Rush, Milwaukee Brew, and Offlee Wild, and his daughters appear close up in the pedigrees of Tapizar (who is also from the A.P. Indy line), sire of champion Monomoy Girl, and Honor A. P.'s rival Authentic.

Like his sire Honor Code, Honor A. P. has such an elite pedigree that he would also be an excellent choice for high-class racemares with less polished and fashionable pedigrees.

The cross that continues to drive the A.P. Indy line forward, though, is the reliable combination with Mr. Prospector, which automatically doubles up on their mutual ancestress Myrtlewood. Both A.P. Indy's son Pulpit and Pulpit's great son Tapit are exemplars of that cross, as are leading sires Malibu Moon, Bernardini, Flatter, and Congrats. Mating Honor A. P. with mares by those sires or with those sires in their pedigree would strongly reinforce one of the most important and productive crosses of the 21st century without producing inbreeding that is unduly close.