

# MATING ANALYSIS

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## FLIGHTLINE

Tapit – Feathered, by Indian Charlie  
2018 Bay | 16.2 Hands

Undefeated and unchallenged, Flightline has earned a place among the great runners of North American racing history. That rare talent is complemented by an impressive pedigree: a son of three-time leading sire Tapit, Flightline is out Feathered, a graded stakes winning and multiple Grade 1 placed Indian Charlie mare from a great Phipps family.

The cross of Tapit and sons with mares from the Storm Cat branch of Northern Dancer has been a prolific one with more than 50 stakes winners. This includes 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 1 winner, and the sire of Johannesburg (sire of Scat Daddy), himself also broodmare sire of a Tapit stakes 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. Tapit line Champions Hansen and British Idiom are out of mares by Storm Cat sons Sir Cat, and Mr. Sekiguchi respectively.

There are eight other Grade 1 winners bred on a Tapit/Storm Cat cross, including from daughters of Forestry (sire of Discreet Cat and Shackleford), Giant's Causeway, Tabasco Cat, Bluegrass Cat and Yankee Gentleman. There are three graded stakes winners out of mares by Harlan's Holiday (sire of Into Mischief – himself already broodmare sire of a Tapit-line Grade 1 winner). 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 by four other Storm Cat sons, including Stormin Fever and Pure Prize.

Another branch of Northern Dancer that has done well under Tapit is that of Deputy Minister. On this cross, Grade 1 winner American Gal is one of four stakes winners by Tapit and sons out of mares by Ghostzapper (by Awesome Again). Tapit and his sons 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).

Sadler's Wells is another branch of Northern Dancer, and on the Tapit cross with that line there are Grade 1 winners out of mares by Galileo 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 two stakes winners out of a mare by Medaglia d'Oro son, Warrior's Reward).

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 1, out of mares by that horse's son, Dixie Union.

Tapit has enjoyed success with select branches of Mr. Prospector. His champion and classic winner Essential Quality is out of a mare by Elusive Quality (sire of Quality Road), a son of Gone West. From other sons of that stallion on the cross with Gone West line mares, we find Tapit Grade 1 winners out of mares by Mr. Greeley and Proud Citizen, and five other graded stakes winners, including one out of a mare by Grand Slam. This also suggests trying mares by Speightstown and his son, Munnings.

There also seems to be Tapit line affinity for the Forty Niner branch of Mr. Prospector, with Grade 1 winner Constitution out of a daughter of Distorted Humor (sire of Maclean's Music); Grade 1 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 1 winner Pretty City Dancer, and two other graded stakes winners, suggesting daughters of City Zip. From other



Tapit	Pulpit	A.P. Indy
	Preach	
	Unbridled	
	Ruby Slippers	
	In Excess (IRE)	
Feathered	Indian Charlie	Soviet Sojourn
	Receipt	Dynaformer
		Finder's Fee

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branches of Mr. Prospector there is a Tapit graded winner out of a mare by Smoke Glacken; Tapit-line graded winners out of mares by Cape Town and his sire, Seeking the Gold (also sire of Petionville and Mutakddim); a Tapit-line graded stakes winner out of a mare by Curlin, a son of Smart Strike; two stakes winners out of mares by Roman Ruler, a son of Fusaichi Pegasus; 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 the sire of Grade 1 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).

Crossed back over the Unbridled branch, Tapit has sired Champion Unique Bella out of a mare by Unbridled's Song and Grade 1 winner Valiance out of a mare by Empire Maker. Unbridled's Song is the sire of the likes of Songandaprayer, Rockport Harbor, Liam's Map and Arrogate, and Empire Maker is the sire of Pioneerof the Nile and Bodemeister, and grandsire of American Pharaoh and Cairo Prince. Another Unbridled son to appear as broodmare sire of Tapit stakes winners is Broken Vow, and 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 three 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 classic winner Tiz The Law, out of a mare by Tiznow (sire of Gemologist, Colonel John and Tiz Wonderful), and two stakes winners, one graded, out of mares by Honour and Glory.