



UP TO THE MARK

MATING ANALYSIS

Eclipse Award candidate, Up to the Mark is a winner of three consecutive G1 events in 2023, scoring at eight, nine and ten furlongs. He is by Not This Time, one of North America's most exciting young sires, and a representative of the Giant's Causeway branch of Storm Cat.

Up to the Mark is out of a Ghostzapper mare, and therefore represents the strongest cross for Not This Time, that with Deputy Minister line mares, through Awesome Again, whose son Wilko is broodmare sire of Not This Time grade one winner Princess Noor, and who himself is broodmare sire of Not This Time multiple graded stakes winner Next. It would be interesting to try mares by Paynter or Oxbow, who are bred on the same Awesome Again/Relaunch cross as Up to the Mark.

Deputy Minister is Northern Dancer line horse, and Not This Time already has two stakes winners from the Sadler's Wells branch of that line through Medaglia 'Oro (sire of Violence and Bolt d'Oro) and Paddy O'Prado, both sons of El Prado, also the sire of Artie Schiller.

Not This Time's grade one winning sprint filly, Just One Time, is out of a mare by Speightstown (sire of Munnings) from the Gone West line. From this broodmare sire line, Not This Time also has a stakes winner out of a mare by Belgravia, by Mr. Greeley (also sire of El Corredor). Giant's Causeway and sons have also succeeded with Gone West through Elusive Quality – who is from the immediate family of Up to the Mark – and is sire of Quality Road, Smarty Jones and Great Notion; through Grand Slam; and through Proud Citizen.

Not This Time has sired Champion Epicenter and grade two winner Simplification out of mares by Candy Ride, sire of Twirling Candy and Gun Runner. Candy Ride is from the Cryptoclearance branch of Fappiano. Not This Time is a half-brother to the brilliant Liam's Map, who is by a son of the Fappiano horse, Unbridled, and Not This Time has crossed very well with Fappiano line mares.

There is a grade two winner by Not This Time out of a mare by Unbridled's son, Empire Maker, and a stakes winner out of a mare by his son Pioneer of the Nile, with Empire Maker also being the sire of Bodemeister, and Pioneer of the Nile found through American Pharoah, Cairo Prince and Classic Empire. There has also been success for the Not This Time/Fappiano cross through mares by Midnight Lute and Broken Vow.



Not This Time's half-brother, Liam's Map, by Unbridled's Song, who could be introduced through First Defence (broodmare sire of a Giant's Causeway line stakes winner), Arrogate, Midshipman, Cross Traffic, Songandaprayer, Rockport Harbor, Half Ours, Graydar, Dunkirk, Even The Score and Will Take Charge. It would also be possible to experiment with mares by Liam's Map giving 3x3 inbreeding to Miss Macy Sue, the dam of Not This Time and Liam's Map.

The Fappiano line is a branch of Mr. Prospector, and Not This Time has found success over other branches of that line. His graded stakes winner, Yes This Time, is out of a mare by Smart Strike, sire of Curlin, English Channel and Lookin At Lucky. There are stakes winners out of mares by Street Sense and his fellow Street Cry son, Street Hero, which also encourages trying mares by Street Boss.

Not This Time graded stakes winner, Easy Time, is out of a mare by Cape Town, a son of Seeking the Gold, also sire of Mutakddim and Petitionville. There are also stakes winners out of mares from Mr. Prospector line sires Gold Fever (by Forty Niner, sire of Distorted Humor, who can be brought in through Maclean's Music, Jimmy Creed, Flower Alley, Drosselmeyer, Cowtown Cat and Sharp Humor); City Zip (who is particularly interesting, as he is half-brother to Ghostzapper, the broodmare sire of Up to the Mark) and Thunder Gulch (sire of Point Given).

Not This Time is already demonstrating a strong affinity for A.P. Indy line mares, including a stakes winner out of a mare by A.P. Indy himself. We can note that his grade one winner Sibelius is out of a mare by Pulpit, and multiple graded stakes winner Arzak is out of a mare by Pulpit son, Tapit. Pulpit is also sire of Sky Mesa, Stroll, Corinthian, Mr. Speaker, while Tapit can be found through Constitution, Cupid, Tapizar, Tapiture, Tonalist, Trappe Shot and Frosted. There are also Not This Time stakes winners out of mares by A.P. Indy sons, Mineshaft (sire of Discreetly Mine and Dialed In) and Friends Lake. It could also be worth trying A.P. Indy through Malibu Moon, Flatter, and Congrats – all by A.P. Indy out of Mr. Prospector mares, like Pulpit and Mineshaft – Bernardini (sire of To Honor and Serve and Stay Thirsty), Stephen Got Even, Jump Start and Majestic Warrior.

There are also Not This Time stakes winners out of of mares by Indian Charlie (sire of Uncle Mo, Adios Charlie, Bwana Charlie and Liaison); Macho Uno (a half-brother to Awesome Again, the grandsire of the dam of Up to the Mark, and himself sire of Mucho Macho Man); Arch (sire of Blame) and Alphabet Soup.

