



Successful Bloodlines from Ontario Breeders at the 2021 CTHS Canadian Premier Yearling Sale

This year's CTHS Canadian Premier Yearling Sale on September 1 offers an impressive catalogue of over 240 yearlings, featuring some of the most potent pedigrees and bloodlines that have produced hundreds of top runners which have graduated from the annual sale.

Sire Lines

Pedigrees on the top side of 240 yearlings entered in the 2021 sale represent some of the most successful bloodlines in racing today.

Canadian and American stallions represented in the catalogue have sire lines from some of North America's current leaders including Into Mischief, Ghostzapper, Speightstown, Tapit, Curlin, Uncle Mo and Hard Spun. Others boast potent sire-of-sires breeding such as that of Giant's Causeway, Halo and Sadler's Wells.

With 40 offspring, Souper Speedy has sired the largest number of yearlings in this year's sale. He's the son of Indian Charlie, who is also the sire of one of America's leaders, Uncle Mo. In fact, a yearling colt by Uncle Mo topped the first session of the 100th Fasig-Tipton Saratoga sale on Aug. 9 at \$1.6 million. Uncle Mo is also getting good sons at stud including Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Nyquist. Indian Charlie brought speed and stamina to his offspring as well as an outcross, being by In Excess (Ire) and from European breeding. Souper Speedy's dam Speed Succeeds is by Gone West, a son of the great stallion Mr. Prospector.

Canada's leading first-crop sire of 2020, Reload, presents the strong pedigree cross of Mr. Prospector and Northern Dancer. With 19 yearlings consigned to the auction, Reload is by successful American stallion Hard Spun, a son of Danzig, from the Mr. Prospector mare Hidden Reserve. Reload comes by his stallion success honestly as his half-brother Philanthropist, by the Roberto sire Kris S., was a leading sire in Ontario.

A son of Smart Strike, Seattle Serenade has 14 yearlings in the sale and is from a superb Canadian female family. Out of the Canadian Champion Older Mare Serenading, a daughter of Daijin and one of the world's leading stallions, A.P. Indy, the sire of 156 black-type winners.



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Seattle Serenade's sire is Canadian-bred Smart Strike, another world class stallion and sire of sires. Sam-Son Farms's Grade 1 winning Smart Strike, by Mr. Prospector, is the sire of leading stallion Curlin, currently number five on the North American sire list. Curlin has several sons with yearlings in this year's sale including Connect, Conquest Curlinate and Exaggerator. Smart Strike is a confirmed sire of sires and other sons who have done well at stud are Lookin and Lucky and English Channel.

Of course, you can't talk about successful sire lines available at the CTHS sale without underlining the influence of Northern Dancer. Crossing sons and grandsons of E.P. Taylor's remarkable stud with almost any pedigree can be a recipe for stallion success.

Five-time leading Canadian/Ontario sire Old Forester is by Forestry a son of Storm Cat and great grandson of Northern Dancer. Old Forester is bred on the 'Dancer'

and Halo nick through his Irish River (Fr) dam Halo River. One of the most decorated of any horse sold at the CTHS sale, Pink Lloyd is a son of Old Forester from a Great Gladiator mare whose female family traces to the Dancer through Danzig and another top Ontario stallion, Ascot Knight.

Halo, a Windfields Farm stud and son of Hail to Reason, was not only a great sire, but his breeding has produced top sires. His best son, Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner Sunday Silence, was one of Japan's all-time leading sires and his son Silent Name (Jpn) has topped the Canadian list several times.

Northern Dancer breeding has also spawned top sires such as Ghostzapper, sire of Ontario sire Shaman Ghost, Society's Chairman, a grandson of Sadler's Wells, Giant Gizmo (through Giant's Causeway) and young stallions Amis Gizmo and Ami's Holiday. The latter is a son of sire of sires Harlan's Holiday, whose son Into Mischief has ruled all North American sires in the last three years.

Female Families

Canadian stallions have been prominent in the bloodlines of dams of so many success stories from the Ontario sale. Ascot Knight, by Danzig (Northern Dancer) was a longtime leading broodmare sire of Canadian-bred runners and is the grandsire of Pink Lloyd's dam Gladiator Queen. Ascot Knight's influence can be found in almost a dozen yearlings in this year's auction through a variety of stakes-winning or stakes-producing mares.

The Bold Ruckus (Boldnesian) and son Bold Executive line has been wildly successful in female families of top runners. Bold Executive remains on the leading broodmare sire list – he was number two in 2020 by Canadian-bred earnings – a decade following his passing. Bold Ruckus is the grandsire of many successful Canadian broodmares including Uproar, the dam of CTHS sales graduate and millionaire Pender Harbour.

You will find Bold Ruckus, through Bold Executive, in female families of 10 yearlings. The cross of Bold Executive mares through Ontario sires such as Giant Gizmo, Souper Speedy and Old Forester has proven to be a successful nick.

Prominent Breeders

Some of the most successful female bloodlines that you will find in the 2021 sale come from Canada's top breeding farms of past and present.

Gus Schickedanz and Bill Graham bred and raced for years and their Thoroughbred bloodlines are frequently evident in Ontario sales.

Schickedanz began his impeccable breeding program through yearling filly purchases at the CTHS sales in the 1970s. His most successful pedigree lines included a nick of the great stallion Danzig (by Northern Dancer) and sturdy Ontario sire Briartic, a line that produced his Grade 1 winner and top sire Langfuhr. He then combined Langfuhr with a Mr. Prospector – Northern Dancer line mare and got Canadian Triple Crown winner Wando.

While the Schickedanz operation has dispersed, many of his mares sporting his successful bloodlines have been purchased locally. Yearlings from his former mares Sweet Crimson, Sweet Bama Breeze, and She Stands Proud are among those with yearlings offered.

Bill Graham's Windhaven produced many successful pedigree lines and made good use of the Ontario stallion scene. He bred Horse of the Year Uncaptured (Lion Heart) on a Northern Dancer cross with a mare from the Bold Ruckus line. As mentioned, the Bold Ruckus line continued through his successful son Bold Executive who has numerous broodmares with yearlings in the sale crossed with Northern Dancer.

Current sale catalogues have many yearlings from third, fourth and fifth generations of breeding by Ernie Samuel's Sam-Son Farms and Ivan Dalos's Tall Oaks Farm.

Sam-Son, currently in the midst of dispersing its horses, has created arguably the deepest and most successful bloodlines since E.P. Taylor. The most recognizable Sam-Son breeding is that of

Classy'n Smart, a Smarten mare who was a catalyst for greats such as Dance Smartly and their preeminent sire Smart Strike.

Today, Dance Smartly daughters and relatives cross well with the line of Deputy Minister (Vice Regent, by Northern Dancer) who is the sire of Canadian-bred Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Awesome Again. In addition to Smart Strike-line stallions and broodmares in the sale, there are several yearlings boasting immediate Sam-Son Farms female breeding.

Dalos started his successful bloodlines with a Mr. Prospector – Northern Dancer cross to get foundation mare Secret Ami. That same cross gave him Belmont Stakes winner Victory Gallop, which he sold at auction. His current star Avies Flatter is by Flatter (a son of A.P. Indy by Seattle Slew) from the Empire Maker mare Avie's Empire, whose dam Fly for Avie was purchased by Dalos and is a daughter of Lord Avie (Lord Gaylord). He has bred Grade 1 winners from a 4x4 cross of Northern Dancer through his late mare, In Return.

Dalos has three yearlings consigned to the sale, all by his Breeders' Stakes winner Ami's Holiday. There are also two yearlings entered from the first crop of his stallion Amis Gizmo, a son of Giant Gizmo who was the 2016 Champion Three-Year-Old in Canada.

A little research into the bloodlines offered in this fall's upcoming yearling sale can give prospective buyers a chance to possess pedigrees made famous by other Canadians, but also take a chance on a proven formula.