

Competitive Edge

Competitive Edge has the distinction of being one of three Gr.1 winners from the first crop by Kentucky Derby winner Super Saver. With the Champion 2YO Maria's Mon as his grandsire, Competitive Edge was precocious enough - and fast enough - to score by more than ten lengths over six furlongs at Saratoga in July. He was again impressive when upped to seven furlongs in the Gr.1 Hopeful, scoring by nearly six lengths. These efforts earned him 121 on the Experimental Free Handicap. He went on to extend his unbeaten record to four as a 3yo, taking the seven-furlong Tamarac Stakes and the Gr.3 Pat Day Mile on Derby day in record time. These four wins were gained by a total of nearly 29 lengths.

In addition to winning at the top level, Competitive Edge has a potent pedigree. Both of his parents have Seattle Slew and Mr Prospector in the third generation, so Competitive Edge is inbred 4x4 to both of these champion sires.

Combining Seattle Slew with Mr Prospector yielded some rich dividends. For example, Super Saver's dam Supercharger is a sister to three of the 16 Graded winners sired by A.P. Indy from Mr Prospector mares. Another of these 16 is Pulpit, sire of champion sire Tapit, who is inbred 3x4 to Mr Prospector, with one line of Seattle Slew.

Competitive Edge's bloodlines helped him make an eye-catching start at stud with four black-type winners by the end of October.

Competitive Edge's two lines of **SEATTLE SLEW** are back in his foals' fifth generation. As Super Saver's Gr.2 2yo winner I Spent It is inbred 3x4 to **A.P. INDY**, it was possible that mares with another line of **SEATTLE SLEW**, or even **A.P. INDY**, would succeed with Competitive Edge. This has proved correct, with three of Competitive Edge's black-type winners having a second line of **A.P. INDY**. They are inbred 4x3, with dams by **PULPIT** and **GOLDEN MISSILE**, and the other is inbred 4x4, with a dam by **TAPIT**. Others bred along these patterns include the smart sprinter Coal Front who is inbred 3x3 to A.P. Indy and 4x4x4 to Seattle Slew.

Scat Daddy, another stallion inbred to Mr Prospector, has several Graded winners with a third line and his excellent daughters Acapulco and Harmonize have four. More Mr Prospector blood is therefore a promising avenue to explore with Competitive Edge, who has already sired his first black-type winner - Fierce Lady - from a Mr Prospector line mare. As Competitive Edge's Mr Prospector blood is in his foals' fifth generation, there are numerous options, including **CARSON CITY**, **CITY ZIP**, **DISTORTED HUMOR**, **FLOWER ALLEY**, **ELUSIVE QUALITY**, **SPEIGHTSTOWN**, **MR GREELEY**, **KINGMAMBO**, **STREET CRY** and **SMART STRIKE**. The **FAPPIANO** branch would help Competitive Edge's progeny shine around two turns. **UNBRIDLED**, **EMPIRE MAKER**, **UNBRIDLED'S SONG** and **PIONEER OF THE NILE** have obvious potential, and **BROKEN VOW** is the broodmare sire of Super Saver's very fast son Runhappy.

The **STORM CAT** line is another that could reinforce Competitive Edge's speed. Tapit has Graded winners out of daughters of **STORM CAT**, **HENNESSY**, **SIR CAT**, **TABASCO CAT**, **BLUEGRASS CAT**, **FOREST WILDCAT**, **FORESTRY**, **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, **CATIENUS**, **MENIFEE**, **YANKEE GENTLEMAN** and **HARLAN'S HOLIDAY**. Competitive Edge should suit most of these and could shine with **INTO MISCHIEF** mares.

Other branches of the **NORTHERN DANCER** line which should work well are those descending from **DEPUTY MINISTER**, **DIXIELAND BAND** and **EL PRADO**, including daughters of **AWESOME AGAIN**, **GHOSTZAPPER**, **MEDAGLIA D'ORO** and **KITTEN'S JOY**.