

Justify

Scat Daddy died as an 11-year-old in December 2015 and he left seven Gr.1-winning sons, the eldest of which is No Nay Never, the 2018 Champion first-crop sire in Britain and Ireland. This bodes extremely well for Justify, who rapidly established himself as Scat Daddy's most outstanding son with a sequence of six victories which saw him develop into only the 13th Triple Crown winner. He also won the Gr.1 Santa Anita Derby. In winning from seven furlongs to a mile and a half, Justify displayed an exceptional blend of speed and stamina, and he is also an exceptional physical specimen. There is every reason to expect Justify's ability and versatility will extend to his stallion career.

Scat Daddy owed his total of 46 Graded/Group winners that were bred or raced in the northern hemisphere to no fewer than 44 different broodmare sires. This suggests that Justify will also work with a wide range of bloodlines. An additional advantage he enjoys is that most of the important stallions in his pedigree, such as Storm Cat, Deputy Minister, A.P. Indy and Nijinsky, will be no closer than the fifth generation in his progeny's pedigrees.

The exception is Mr Prospector, with the nearest of Justify's three lines being in the fourth generation of his foals. There is still ample scope to add extra lines. Scat Daddy sired the very successful No Nay Never from an **ELUSIVE QUALITY** mare. Much of Scat Daddy's success in Chile was based on mares by Gone West's son **SEEKER'S REWARD**, with the U.S. Gr.1 winner Dacita being an excellent example. A granddaughter of Forty Niner, by **END SWEEP**, produced Scat Daddy's very fast daughter Acapulco.

Scat Daddy sired Graded winners from mares by **SMART STRIKE** and his son **CURLIN**. Scat Daddy's son No Nay Never has a 2yo Gr.2 winner and a Stakes winner out of a mare by Smart Strike's son **ENGLISH CHANNEL**. Two other grandsons of **MR PROSPECTOR** which have done well with Scat Daddy are **STREET CRY** (broodmare sire of 2yo Gr.1 winner Skitter Scatter) and **THUNDER GULCH**. Justify is a half-brother to a Gr.3 winner by **STREET SENSE**, a son of **STREET CRY**.

Scat Daddy has sired Graded winners from mares by **UNBRIDLED'S** sons **EMPIRE MAKER** and **UNBRIDLED'S SONG**. **EMPIRE MAKER** mares have 20% black-type winners with Scat Daddy. Scat Daddy also had Graded winners from mares by **UNBRIDLED'S SONG'S** sons **BUDDHA** (2019 Gr.1 winner Valid Point), **SONGANDAPRAYER** and **ROCKPORT HARBOR**. **BODEMEISTER** mares create 5x4 to Storm Cat and 5x5 to A.P. Indy.

Scat Daddy enjoyed Graded success with several mares from the **SEATTLE SLEW** line, siring Gr.1 winners from mares by both **HOUSTON** and **SKY MESA**. **TAPIT** daughters have made an encouraging start with Scat Daddy, producing two black-type winners among their six foals. **TAPIT** mares create 4x3 to **PULPIT** and 4x5 to **MR PROSPECTOR**, while mares by **MINESHAFT**, **MALIBU MOON**, **CONGRATS** and **FLATTER** create 5x3 to A.P. INDY and 4x4 to **MR PROSPECTOR**.

Scat Daddy owes several of his Stakes winners, including a Gr.1 winner, to **DANZIG** line mares. Options include daughters of **WAR FRONT**, **HARD SPUN**, **WAR CHANT**, **BELONG TO ME**, **BOUNDARY**, **EXCHANGE RATE** and **HONOR GRADES**. European breeders should consider using him on their **DANEHILL** line mares, especially when the Danehill line has been the foundation of much of No Nay Never's early success, including his two-time Gr.1 winner Ten Sovereigns.

Scat Daddy's exceptionally fast daughter Lady Aurelia is inbred 4x3 to **STORM CAT**, as she has a dam by **FOREST WILDCAT**. Gr.2 winner Pretty N Cool and Gr.3 winner So Perfect are others by him that are also inbred to **STORM CAT**. Storm Cat will be back in the fifth generation of Justify's foals, so there is plenty of scope for more **STORM CAT** blood through his sons and grandsons. Scat Daddy's Gr.1-winning 2yo son Sioux Nation is inbred 5x4 to Storm Cat's sire **STORM BIRD**.

The **EL PRADO** branch of the Sadler's Wells line is also attractive. Scat Daddy sired the Gr.1 winner Nickname from a grand-daughter of **EL PRADO**, so daughters of **MEDAGLIA D'ORO** and **KITTEN'S JOY** should be considered for Justify.

HOLY BULL mares did very well with Scat Daddy, notably producing the top sprinter Caravaggio.