

MATING ANALYSIS

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LIAM'S MAP

Unbridled's Song - Miss Macy Sue, by Trippi
2011 Gray/roan | 16.1 1/2 Hands

The survival of the Unbridled's Song male line mostly came down to two important Grade 1-winning stallions, Liam's Map and Arrogate, but after the untimely death of Arrogate, the weight of that responsibility now rests solely on the gray shoulders of Liam's Map. Fortunately for the breed at large, Liam's Map has risen to the challenge and is succeeding at an exceptional clip, and he appears to have plenty of opportunities to build on his fine start at stud.

With four crops racing through 2022 (including 2-year-olds), Liam's Map is the sire of four Grade 1 winners: first-crop son Colonel Liam (dam by Bernardini), still racing in 2022 as a 5-year-old, has won seven of 11 starts and earned \$1.8 million as a turf horse; first-crop daughter Wicked Whisper (Bernardini) won the Frizette at two on dirt; first-crop son Basin (Johannesburg) won the Hopeful on dirt at two; and third-crop daughter Juju's Map (Flatter) won the Alcibiades at two on dirt and was the second-best 2-year-old filly of her year.

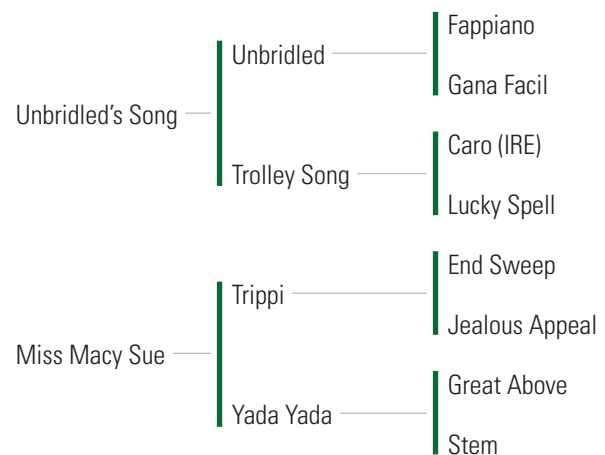
Two things are evident right away in these four top-level winners: one, Liam's Map is a versatile stallion, getting anything from early maturing dirt juveniles to older horses who can win on turf. Two, he has a pronounced affinity for mares by A.P. Indy-line stallions, with three of his four Grade 1 winners by either Bernardini or Flatter.

Unbridled's Song, an influential leading sire, had three black-type winners (10%) from 30 foals out of A.P. Indy mares, but none of the three was of the same caliber of those by Liam's Map. The best of them was the Grade 3 winner Prime Attraction. In fact, no son of Unbridled's Song outside of Liam's Map has sired a Grade 1 winner with mares by A.P. Indy or any of his sons, which makes Liam's Map's success with the A.P. Indy line unique as well as opportunistic. Mares by A.P. Indy and sons and grandsons are commonplace in commercial pedigrees, particularly through Tapit, who already happens to have a successful relationship with Unbridled's Song, and Liam's Map will have plenty of opportunity to continue this successful relationship.

Grade 1 winner Basin, as noted above, is Liam's Map's only top-level winner so far whose dam is not from the A.P. Indy line. Basin's dam is by Johannesburg – the sire of Scat Daddy and from the extended line of Storm Cat. In contrast to A.P. Indy, Unbridled's Song and his sons have had a fruitful relationship with Storm Cat-line mares, with even the exported Unbridled's Song stallion First Defence getting Grade 1 winner and champion Close Hatches on the cross.

Note that Grade 1 winner Wicked Whisper's second dam is by Tabasco Cat (Storm Cat), while two other black-type winners by Liam's Map also have Storm Cat within their pedigrees: Oceans Map is from a Stormy Atlantic (Storm Cat) mare, and Liam's Pride is from an A.P. Indy mare whose dam is by Storm Cat.

Mares by Scat Daddy should particularly match well with Liam's Map, whose second dam is inbred 2x3 to the outstanding sprinter Ta Wee – Dr. Fager's half-sister. Ta Wee produced the stallion Great Above (the sire of Liam's Map's second dam, Yada Yada), who appears in the pedigrees of two of Scat Daddy's best sprinters, Lady Aurelia and Caravaggio.



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There are other avenues to approach Liam's Map as well. A multiple Grade 1 winner of six of eight starts, Liam's Map and champion Arrogate were bred similarly, both from Forty Niner-line mares. So far, Arrogate has sired three Grade 1 winners, and two of them, And Tell Me Nolies and Cave Rock, are out of Danzig-line mares. And Tell Me Nolies is out of a mare by Bellamy Road (Concerto/Chief's Crown/Danzig) and Cave Rock is from a mare by Exchange Rate (Danzig).

Unbridled's Song himself sired at least six black-type winners on the Danzig cross, and his sons Midshipman, Rockport Harbor, Zensational, Buddha, Songandaprayer, and First Defence all have black-type winners bred this way as well. First Defence is represented by Irish Classic winner Siskin, who is from a mare by Oasis Dream (Green Desert/Danzig). With the Danzig horses War Front and Hard Spun well represented in the North American broodmare population, their daughters are viable candidates for Liam's Map, who is already the sire of black-type winner Moonlite Strike from a mare by War Chant (Danzig). War Chant also is the sire of the second dam of the Liam's Map black-type winner Everett's Song, while Grade 1 winner Colonel Liam's third dam is by Danzig himself.

Other possibilities for Liam's Map are mares by Indian Charlie, the broodmare sire of Liam's Map's black-type winners Crazy Beautiful, a Grade 2 winner, and the aforementioned Everett's Song; and Uncle Mo, Indian Charlie's best son. Uncle Mo, on the reverse cross, is the sire of Grade 1 winner Golden Pal, who is from a Midshipman mare.

Also to consider are Tiznow-line mares, with Tiznow's son Colonel John already the broodmare sire of Grade 2 winner Rushie.

~ Sid Fernando