

SCAT DADDY

Penultimate crop among his best

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Scat Daddy had seven juvenile stakes winners in 2017

THE LATE SCAT DADDY was a rare individual, a brilliant runner at 2 who was able to carry forward into his 3-year-old season. He proved rarer still in the breeding shed, leading the first-crop sires list in 2011 and adding a posthumous title as the leading sire of juveniles in 2017. His precociousness came from both his sire, Johannesburg (multiple champion at 2), and his dam, the unraced Love Style, a Mr. Prospector daughter of grade 1 sprinter Likeable Style.

Scat Daddy's departure at 11 in late 2015 left breeders grasping for his final foals at last year's yearling sales.

Scat Daddy, winner of the Champagne Stakes (G1) as a juvenile and the Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2) and Florida Derby (G1) at 3, stood his entire career at the Coolmore group's Ashford Stud near Versailles, Ky. He also shuttled one season to Coolmore Australia and three seasons to Haras Paso Nevado in Chile, where he was the leading sire four years running (2013-16).

Scat Daddy's stud fee dipped in North America—from an entry fee of \$30,000 to a recession-reduced \$10,000 for 2011, but it rose to \$17,500, then \$30,000, and \$35,000 before an advertised six-figure fee was announced for 2016. However, he

JOHANNESBURG, b, 1999	Hennessy, 1993 9s, SW, \$580,400 1,346 f, 76 SW, 1.56 AEI	Storm Cat, 1983 8s, SW, \$570,610 1,414 f, 181 SW, 2.95 AEI	Storm Bird Terlingua
		Island Kitty, 1976 23s, wnr, \$104,236 13 f, 12 r, 9 w, 4 SW	Hawaii T. C. Kitten
SCAT DADDY dkb/br, h May 11, 2004	Myth, 1993 16s, wnr, \$25,110 10 f, 10 r, 6 w, 1 SW	Ogygian, 1983 10s, SW, \$455,520 816 f, 24 SW, 1.19 AEI	Damascus Gonfalon
		Yarn, 1987 6s, wnr, \$19,108 6 f, 5 r, 5 w, 3 SW	Mr. Prospector Narrate
LOVE STYLE, ch, 1999	Mr. Prospector, 1970 14s, SW, \$112,171 1,178 f, 181 SW, 3.91 AEI	Raise a Native, 1961 4s, SW, \$45,955 838 f, 78 SW, 2.35 AEI	Native Dancer Raise You
		Gold Digger, 1962 35s, SW, \$127,255 12 f, 7 r, 7 w, 3 SW	Nashua Sequence
	Likeable Style, 1990 11s, SW, \$322,326 6 f, 5 r, 4 w, 1 SW	Nijinsky II, 1967 13s, SW, \$667,220 851 f, 155 SW, 4.49 AEI	Northern Dancer Flaming Page
	Personable Lady, 1981 18s, SW, \$227,971 7 f, 6 r, 5 w, 1 SW	No Robbery Porthole	

passed before he covered a mare that season.

His penultimate crop, headed by Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (G1T) winner Mendelssohn, earned \$3,318,789 and produced a list-topping 39 winners from 83 runners.

Mendelssohn, out of 2017 Kentucky Broodmare of the Year Leslie's Lady, was the highest-priced North American yearling of 2016, bringing a \$3 million bid from M.V. Magnier at the Keeneland September sale. Mendelssohn ran second in

Newmarket's Darley Dewhurst Stakes (G1) prior to shipping to Del Mar for the Breeders' Cup. He's being pointed toward the American classics by trainer Aidan O'Brien.

Scat Daddy had seven 2-year-old stakes winners in 2017, headed by Mendelssohn, but he was also represented by Sioux Nation, a group 2 winner in June of Royal Ascot's Norfolk Stakes and a group 1 victor in the Keeneland Phoenix Stakes in Ireland in August. In September, Seahenge won Doncaster's group 2 Howcraft Industrial Supplies Champagne Stakes (Mendelssohn was seventh) and in back-to-back weekends in the U.S., Seabhac won the Sept. 30 Pilgrim Stakes (G3T) while Flameaway won Keeneland's off-the-turf Dixiana Bourbon Stakes (G3) Oct. 8.

Of note, Scat Daddy is from the Storm Cat line out of a mare by Mr. Prospector. Seahenge, Flameaway, and Seabhac all have Mr. Prospector in their female lines as does Exacta Systems Juvenile Fillies Stakes winner Ultima D.

While honored as the leading sire of juveniles, Scat Daddy was best seen during the Royal Ascot meet in England in June where he was represented by four wins from 15 starts and major victories by Lady Aurelia in the King's Stand Stakes (G1) and Caravaggio in the group 1 Commonwealth Cup.

Beyond leading the juvenile list, Scat Daddy ranks sixth on the 2017 general sires list and is second with six grade/group 1 winners behind the seven posted by Medaglia d'Oro. Scat Daddy's chief earner, Daddys Lil Darling, won the American Oaks (G1T) at Santa Anita Dec. 30. Scat Daddy's 27 black-type stakes winners on the year were tops in North America.

With his final crop of yearlings making their way through the sale ring in 2017, Scat Daddy was a popular play. He had 71 yearlings sell last year for an average



Mendelssohn captures the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf

LEADING TWO-YEAR-OLD SIRE

Year	Sire	Earnings
2017	SCAT DADDY	\$3,318,789
2016	Into Mischief	\$3,104,999
2015	Uncle Mo	\$3,675,388
2014	Giant's Causeway	\$2,974,366
2013	Rockport Harbor	\$2,520,548
2012	Harlan's Holiday	\$2,954,556
2011	Kitten's Joy	\$1,766,633
2010	More Than Ready	\$1,970,306
2009	Offlee Wild	\$1,951,283
2008	Tapit	\$2,811,337
2007	Cherokee Run	\$2,161,101
2006	Stormy Atlantic	\$2,075,268
2005	Giant's Causeway	\$1,609,426
2004	Storm Cat	\$1,927,589
2003	Tale of the Cat	\$1,967,893
2002	Storm Cat	\$2,320,185
2001	Hennessy	\$1,752,466

2017 JUVENILE STAKES WINNERS FOR SCAT DADDY

Daddy Is a Legend	Seabhac
Flameaway	Seahenge
Mendelssohn	Ultima D
Sioux Nation	

of \$314,296 and a median of \$250,000—both figures placing him in the top 10. In 2016, 75 yearlings averaged \$234,487, which included Mendelssohn.

Scat Daddy has 10 sons standing in



Seabhac winning the grade 3 Pilgrim Stakes at Belmont Park

SONS OF SCAT DADDY AT STUD

Stallion	Location
Caravaggio	Coolmore Stud (Ireland)
Daddy Long Legs	Haras Cordillera (Chile)
Daddy Nose Best	BG Thoroughbred Farm (CA)
El Kabeir	Yeomanstown Stud (Ireland)
Finale	Hunter Creek Farms (NM)
Frac Daddy	Park Stud (Ontario)
Handsome Mike	Pleasant Acres Stallions (FL)
No Nay Never	Coolmore Stud (Ireland)
Scatman	Foggy Bottom Farm (NY)
Tu Brutus	Crestwood (KY)

2018. No Nay Never, who stands at Coolmore Ireland, was his first 2-year-old grade/group 1 winner in 2013. Nickname followed in 2015, with Lady Aurelia and Caravaggio in 2016. BH