



## MATING ANALYSIS

### BRIGAND

Brigand is a multiple stakes winning sprinter/miler by A.P. Indy's outstanding sire son, Flatter, and is bred on the same cross as champion racehorse and outstanding sire, **Bernardini**, and a similar cross to record-breaking Champion Sire **Tapit**.

A brother to Champion Freshman Sire, Congrats, Flatter has established himself among the leading sons of A.P. Indy at stud today. His 30 stakes winners are led by Flat Out, a multiple grade one winner with earnings over \$3,600,000. Flat Out is out of a mare by **Cresta Ride**, so representing the successful cross of Flatter with mares by **Northern Dancer** line stallions. Flatter has done particularly well with mares from the **Danzig** branch of **Northern Dancer** including siring graded stakes winners from daughters of **Langfuhr** and **Honor Grades** (a half-brother to A.P. Indy), and stakes winners out of mares by **Danzig Connection**, **Military** and **Ghazi**, and there are also stakes winners bred on an A.P. Indy/Danzig cross out of mares by **Belong to Me**, **Boundary** (sire of **Big Brown**), **Chief's Crown** (sire of **Grand Lodge**, **Be My Chief**, **Beautiful Crown**, **Istidaad** and **Key of Luck**), **Lost Soldier**, **Orpen**, **Polish Bluff**, **Polish Numbers** and **Pine Bluff**, and daughters of **Exchange Rate**, **Hard Spun**, **War Front** (who looks a particularly good fit) and **War Chant** are also worthy of consideration. We can also note a grade one winner for Bernardini – bred like Brigand – out of a mare by **Danehill**, who is available through many sources, among them **Dansili**, **Flying Spur** (who looks very good here and is sire of **Magnus**, **Casino Prince** and **Jet Spur**), **Redoute's Choice** (sire of **Snitzel**, **Stratum**, **Bradbury's Luck**, **Al Samer** and **Not A Single Doubt**), **Danehill Dancer** (sire of **Choisir**), **Commands**, **Danetime**, **Danzero**, **Exceed and Excel** and **Rock of Gibraltar**.

Flatter's brother Congrats has particularly flourished with mares descending from **Northern Dancer** via **Storm Cat**, with grade one winners from daughters of **Forestry** (very promising here) and **Tactical Cat**, and stakes winners from daughters of **Catienus** and **Harlan's Holiday**, and Bernardini has also crossed well over this line. Among other **Storm Cat** line horses who could be tried under Brigand are **Tale of the Cat** (sire of **Lion Heart**, **Falkirk**, **Purrealist** and **Real Saga**), **Storm Boot**, **Storm Creek**, **Sea of Secrets** and **Forest Wildcat** (sire of **D'Wildcat** and **Wildcat Heir**), **Giant's Causeway** (sire of **First Samurai** and **Shamardal**), **Stormy Atlantic**, **Hennessy** and his son **Johannesburg**, **Bernstein**, **Mountain Cat**, **Tabasco Cat**, **Sir Cat**, **Freud**, **High Yield**, **Tactical Cat** and **Tabasco Cat**. Storm Cat's close relative **Summer Squall**, is a half-brother to A.P. Indy, and inbreeding to their dam, **Weekend Surprise**, is already found in a graded stakes winner by Flatter. It may also pay to try mares from the **Deputy Minister** branch of **Northern Dancer**, including daughters of **Touch Gold** (broodmare sire of Flatter's millionaire, **Upstart**), as well as **Awesome Again** (sire of **Ghostzapper**), **Dehere** and **Silver Deputy** (broodmare sire of Flatter's New York Derby winner **Force**, and sire of **Posse** and **Spring At Last**), all of whom are broodmare sires of A.P. Indy stakes winners, as well as **Salt Lake**, **French Deputy**, **Service Stripe** and **Deputy Commander**. The cross of A.P. Indy and sons over mares descending from **Sadler's Wells** has outperformed opportunity, including a stakes winner out of a mare by **El Prado** (sire of **Medaglia d'Oro**, **Kitten's Joy** and **Artie Schiller**). It might also be possible to bring in **Sadler's Wells** through **Horse Chestnut** and his sire **Fort Wood**, **Powerscourt**, **Galileo**, **Montjeu**, **High Chaparral**, **Singspiel**, **Authorized**, **Barathea**, **Carnegie**, **Scenic** and **Blevic**. From the male-line of **Nureyev** – a three-quarters-brother to **Sadler's Wells** – Flatter is sire of the brilliantly speedy multiple graded stakes winner **Taris** out of a daughter of **Theatrical**, and **Nureyev** could also be brought in through **Fasliyev**, **Spinning World** (sire of **Thorn Park**), **Peintre Celebre**, **Soviet Star** (sire of **Starcraft**), **Peintre Celebre** and **Pivotal** (sire of **Captain Rio**).

From the **Icecapade** branch of Northern Dancer's sire, **Nearctic**, Congrats is sire of grade one winner **Emma's Encore** out a mare by **Wild Rush**, also broodmare sire of a stakes winner by Flatter. **Wild Rush** is a son of **Wild Again** (who might also be introduced through **Milwaukee Brew**, **Offlee Wild**, **Vicar** and **Whiskey Wisdom**).



Brigand is an example of the exceptionally effective cross of Flatter over mares from the **Fappiano** branch of **Mr. Prospector**. Inbreeding to **Fappiano** should work well here, and could be tried through **Unbridled**, the broodmare sire of Flatter's grade two winner Apart, as well as **Pentelicus**, and **Grindstone** (sire of **Birdstone**), both broodmare sires of Flatter stakes winners. The **Unbridled** branch of **Mr. Prospector** might also be introduced via **Unbridled's Song** (and sons such as **Songandaprayer** and **Rockport Harbor**), **Anees**, **Broken Vow**, **Empire Maker** (sire of **Pioneer of the Nile**) and **Red Bullet**. **Fappiano** should also do well through **Rubiano**. In addition Flatter and Congrats have stakes winners out of mares descending from **Mr. Prospector** via **Afleet**, **Woodman** (sire of **Timber Country**, **Hector Protector** and **Woodborough**) and his three-quarters brother **Not For Love**, **Thunder Gulch** and **Golden Gear** (both by **Gulch**), **Distinctive Pro** and **Left Banker** (by **Afleet**, sire of **Northern Afleet**). Other branches of **Mr. Prospector** that have enjoyed success under A.P. Indy include **Carson City** (who has also worked well under Bernardini, and who is sire of **City Zip**, **Lord Carson**, **Cuvee**, **Five Star Day**, **Good and Tough**), **Conquistador Cielo** (sire of **Marquetry** and **El Moxie**; grandsire of **Artax**), **Kingmambo** (sire of **Lemon Drop Kid**, who is out of a three-quarters sister to A.P. Indy, as well as **Dubai Destination** and **King's Best**), **Machiavellian** (sire of **Street Cry** and **Vettori**; grandsire of **Street Sense** and **Street Boss**), **Seeking the Gold** (sire of **Petionville**, **Mutakddim**, **Cape Town** and **Secret Savings**), **Silver Ghost** and **Smart Strike**. Brigand might also be interesting with mares by **Elusive Quality** (sire of **Elusive City**). There is also a Flatter stakes winner descending from Mr. Prospector's sire, **Raise a Native**, through **Majestic Light** (sire of **Wavering Monarch**, and grandsire of **Maria's Mon**).

Out of a mare from the **Halo** branch of the **Hail to Reason** line, Flatter is sire of multiple graded stakes winner Tar Heel Mom from a daughter of **Sunny's Halo** (sire of **Dispersal**), and a stakes winner from a daughter of **More Than Ready** (by **Southern Halo**). This also suggests trying the **Halo** strain through **Saint Ballado** (sire of **Captain Bodgit**, **Saint Liam**, **Straight Man** and **Sweetsouthernsaint**) and **Devil's Bag** (sire of **Devil His Due**, **Diablo** and **Twilight Agenda**) and **Don't Say Halo**. The **Roberto** branch of **Hail to Reason** has worked well under both Flatter and Congrats, with stakes winners out of mares by **Red Ransom** (sire of **Domesday**, **Charge Forward**, **Ekraar**, **Intikhab** and **Sri Pekan**), and **You and I**, **Prized** and **Kissin Kris**, all by **Kris S.** (also sire of **Arch**, **Brocco** and **Rock Hard Ten**). **Roberto** might also be introduced via **Dynaformer** (broodmare sire of an A.P. Indy line grade one winner). **Turn-to**, sire of **Hail to Reason**, is also represented in the male-line of the dams of Flatter and Congrats stakes winners via **Smarten**, and **Eltish** and **Sultry Song** (both by **Cox's Ridge**).

There are stakes winners for Flatter and Congrats crossed over the **In Reality** line out of mares by **Valid Appeal** (sire of **Successful Appeal**, **Valid Expectations**, **Valid Wager** and **Southern Appeal**) and **Bertrando** (by **Skywalker**, a son of **Relaunch**, a strain that can also be brought in through **Honour and Glory**, **Cee's Tizzy**, **Tiznow** and **Officer**).

**Raja Baba** comes from the female line as A.P. Indy, and there are stakes winners by Flatter and Congrats out of mares by Raja Baba's son, **Well Decorated** and grandson **Notebook**, and other sources would be **Is It True** and his son, **Yes It's True**.

The inbreeding in the dam of Brigand would make him a potentially good match for mares by **Mt. Livermore** and sons **Housebuster** (particularly good), **Orientate** and **Peaks and Valleys**. He should also like the strain of **Holy Bull**, sire of **Macho Uno**.