



## BOBBY'S WICKED ONE

Speed is the name of the game in much of Louisiana racing, and few offer more of that than 2004 champion sprinter Speightstown, whose sons include the established success Munnings and grade 1 sires Jersey Town, Lord Shanakill, and Poseidon's Warrior. In Bobby's Wicked One, who just completed his first stud season at Acadiana Equine at Copper Crowne, Louisiana breeders have access to a young graded stakes-winning stallion who combines Speightstown's speed with a female family that has already enjoyed stud success and traces back to another champion sprinter.

As a racer, Bobby's Wicked One showed consistent speed while keeping some very good company. He scored his maiden win by over five lengths at the Fair Grounds as a juvenile, beating a maiden special weight field that included future 2019 champion sprinter Mitole and 2021 stakes winner Drena's Star. While he did not win a stakes at 3, he outfinished grade 2 winner Still Having Fun and multiple stakes winners Wyatt's Town and Double Star while collecting two stakes placings. He also turned in a sneaky good performance in the Malibu Stakes (G1) in December, finishing fifth but in a four-way blanket finish for second.

Bobby's Wicked One had his best year as a 4-year-old. After two early-season allowance wins, he put it all together when put into the seven-furlong Commonwealth Stakes (G3) at Keeneland's April meeting. Running on the lead throughout, the colt had enough in the tank to stand off the previous year's Commonwealth winner, Warrior's Club, by a length and a quarter. Multiple grade 2 winner Limousine Liberal was a half-length further back, and the beaten field also included grade 2 winner Still Having Fun and grade 3 winners Recruiting Ready, New York Central, Majestic Dunhill, Uncontested, and Runaway Ghost.

Bobby's Wicked One came back four weeks later to face Mitole in the Churchill Downs Stakes Presented by Twinspires.com (G1) and proved that his effort in the Commonwealth had been no fluke. He got caught up in an early speed duel and could not withstand the

	Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
Gone West		Gold Digger
	Secrettame	Secretariat
Speightstown '98		Tamerett
	Storm Cat	Storm Bird
Silken Cat		Terlingua
	Silken Doll	Chieftain
BOBBY'S WICKED ONE 2015		Insilca
	Awesome Again	Deputy Minister
Ghostzapper		Primal Force
	Baby Zip	Relaunch
Wicked Charm '07		Thirty Zip
	Theatrical (IRE)	Nureyev
Belva		Tree of Knowledge (IRE)
	Committed	Hagley
		Minstingnette

champion's closing run but still continued on gamely to finish second, a half length ahead of grade 1 winner Promises Fulfilled with 2020 champion sprinter Whitmore and graded stakes winners Still Having Fun, Do Share, Warrior's Club, Majestic Dunhill, Uncontested, and Wild Shot all further back. Later in the year, Bobby's Wicked One added a three-length win in the six-furlong Thanksgiving Classic Stakes at the Fair Grounds, spinning the distance in a smart 1:08.68.

Unfortunately, Bobby's Wicked One was able to make only four starts at 5, but he collected one more stakes win in the Duncan F. Kenner Stakes on January 18, 2020. Only three came out for the six-furlong race at the Fair Grounds, but Bobby's Wicked One ran the six furlongs in 1:08.55 and defeated grade 1 winner Hog Creek Hustle by four and a quarter lengths, with Do Share another three-quarters of a length further back.

On pedigree, Bobby's Wicked One was entitled to be a fast horse. Through his sire Speightstown and paternal grandsire Gone West—both first-rate stallions—he traces back to the brilliantly fast Mr. Prospector, whose accomplishments include a

Gulfstream Park track record for six furlongs that stood unequalled for 26 years. Speightstown's pedigree also pulls in the blood of grade 1-winning juvenile and seven-time champion juvenile sire Storm Cat as the sire of his dam Silken Cat, the Canadian champion 2-year-old filly of 1995, and Speightstown's second dam is by the speedy Bold Ruler horse Chieftain, a track record setter over seven furlongs at Arlington Park.

On the dam's side, Bobby's Wicked One is out of the winner Wicked Charm, whose sire Ghostzapper may have had more raw speed than any horse seen on American tracks since the days of the great Dr. Fager. A grade 1 winner at 6.5, 8, 9, and 10 furlongs, Ghostzapper was rated as the best horse in the world on the 2004 World Thoroughbred Racehorse Rankings. He has been as versatile as a sire as he was as a racehorse, getting runners ranging from champion sprinters to Classic winners in Canada, and his presence in the pedigree of Bobby's Wicked One suggests the possibility that the young stallion may be able to get horses able to carry their speed around two turns if matched with the right mares.

Wicked Charm provides a connection to another good stallion, for she is a half sister to English Channel (by Smart Strike), one of the best turf sires in the country. Their dam, Belva, never raced but is a full sister to grade 1 winner Pharma and multiple grade 2 winner Hap, and was sired by 1987 champion turf male Theatrical out of Committed. The last-named mare, a daughter of the speed influence Hagley was a crack speedster who won five championship titles in Europe, including titles as champion sprinter in England, France, and Ireland. All told, Bobby's Wicked One has a pedigree that promises both consistent transmission



of speed and the potential for versatility with regard to both distance and surface, and his combination of performance and bloodlines was offered in 2021 for the reasonable fee of \$3,500.

In conformation, Bobby's Wicked One is built along the lines of his beautifully balanced sire, combining a handsome, muscular package with a lot of power but without the blocky build that might preclude his fitting well with mares of a rangier type. He is an outcross to the male line of A.P. Indy, a horse who would complement the Storm Cat strain in his pedigree, and may be particularly suited to mares sired by Tapit or his sons. Mr. Prospector and Storm Cat are both far enough back in his bloodlines that crossing to mares tracing back to those stallions should not be problematic provided that the conformation match is suitable, and mares returning the good Mr. Prospector son Carson City may be an especially good pairing.