



## **FANTASTICAT**

Super Derby (G2) winner Fantasticat is a graded stakes winning son of Storm Cat from a superior sire family. He is out of graded stakes winning and grade one placed Lotta Dancing. His granddam is grade one winner Lotka, a sister to grade one winner and classic performer, Stephan's Odyssey, and he traces in direct female line to Almahmoud, not only ancestress of Northern Dancer and Halo, but also international super sire, Danehill.

Fantasticat's pedigree is free of **Mr. Prospector**, and he looks likely to work extremely well with Mr. Prospector line mares. The Storm Cat/Mr. Prospector cross has already produced more than 60 stakes winners, and in addition Fantasticat's dam is by Alydar, who is a genetic relative to Mr. Prospector, and who combines very well with that horse. Virtually any Mr. Prospector strain would be worth considering here, and in Maryland that sire line has been well represented through such as **Allen's Prospect**, **Two Punch**, **Not For Love**, **Norquestor** and **Press Card**. Storm Cat has also worked well with mares descending from Mr. Prospector's sire, Raise a Native through **Exclusive Native** and **Affirmed**. In addition, since inbreeding to the broodmare sire of a stallion is a pattern which can pay dividend, it may well be worth considering mares by sons of **Alydar**, especially speedier ones such as **Saratoga Six** and **Jeblar**.

Fantasticat also looks a strong choice for mares from the male line of **Seattle Slew**. The Storm Cat/Seattle Slew cross has produced eighteen stakes winners eight of them graded, and in addition to Seattle Slew himself has already worked through **A.P. Indy**, **Seattle Song**, **Slewpy**, **General Meeting** and **Gold Legend**. Seattle Slew is a Nasrullah line horse, and other Nasrullah lines have done well with Storm Cat and sons. We can note that the cross of Storm Cat with **Blushing Groom** line mares has already produced six group or grade one winners including Giant's Causeway. There are also eight stakes winners by Storm Cat and his sons out of mares from the **Caro** branch of the Nasrullah line.

Nasrullah's three-parts-brother, Royal Charger, founded his own male line through Turn-to and Hail to Reason. Mares carrying Hail to Reason's son, **Halo**, look particularly interesting here, especially as Fantasticat's fourth dam is a half-sister to Halo. Hail to Reason through **Stop the Music** and his son, **Cure the Blues**, should work well. Meanwhile from this same female line, mares featuring **Cannonade** and his son, **Caveat**, should work very well.

**Damascus** has combined well with Storm Cat and Danzig, the two Northern Dancer strains in Fantasticat's pedigree. Damascus sources which particularly appeal include **Private Account**, **Time For a Change**, **Ogygian** and **Eastern Echo**.

We would also look to Fantasticat to work well with mares descending from **Ribot** through **Graustark, His Majesty** and **Tom Rolfe** and his son, **Hoist the Flag; In Reality**, via **Relaunch** and **Valid Appeal**; and **Grey Dawn II**.