

## COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: LEMIEUX

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A juvenile stakes winner, Lemieux is by a young Champion Two-Year-Old and Kentucky Derby winner from the immediate family of the sensational Life Is Good.

A four length maiden special weight winner at Saratoga, Lemieux gained blacktype with a dominating 6½ length triumph in the Brethren Juvenile Fillies Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

Lemieux is from the second crop of Nyquist. Champion at two and Leading Freshman Sire, Nyquist is only the second horse to capture both the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) and Kentucky Derby (G1). He is already sire of 29 black-type horses in his first two crops, 10 stakes winners, including Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Vequist, grade one winner Gretzky The Great, and graded stakes winners Slow Down Andy, Turnerloose, and Scalding.

Lemieux is the second foal of her dam, Polish a Diamond, the first being the La Brea Stakes (G1) second, Brilliant Cut, who was sold earlier this year for \$750,000 as a broodmare prospect. Polish a Diamond is also dam of a two-year-old filly by More Than Ready, a \$150,000 September yearling; a yearling colt by Street Sense; and is bred to Champion Essential Quality.

Polish a Diamond is half-sister to Diamondrella, heroine of the Just a Game Stakes (G1) and First Lady Stakes (G1), and dam of the graded stakes winner Spectroscope. Polish Diamond is also half-sister to stakes winning and graded placed Highest Honors, and to stakes winning and multiple grade one placed Bonnie Blue Flag. In turn, Bonnie Blue Flag is granddam of the brilliant Life Is Good, a winner of eight of his nine starts in North America to date, including the Pegasus World Cup Invitational (G1), in which he defeated reigning Horse of the Year Knicks Go, the Breeders' Cup Dirt (G1) and the Whitney Stakes (G1). Note that Lemieux is open to cross with Life Is Good's sire, Into Mischief, to produce a close relative to that horse.

Polish a Diamond is also half-sister to the dam of the graded stakes winning Nikkis Smartypants. The second dam, stakes winner Tap Your Feet, is out of

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stakes winner Exotic Move. The dam of Exotic Move, Syrian Dancer, is a sister to graded winners Honorable Miss, Bailjumper and Syrianna, and to mares from whom descend nearly 40 stakes winners, including other grade one winners Fourstar Crook, Tallon, and Mr. Fritz.

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