

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: ABSCOND

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An exceptionally versatile grade one winner, Abscond has a pedigree to match her talent. She's not only by a champion racehorse and classic sire, she is also very closely related to a brilliant champion and grade one winner, who is herself a grade one producer.

After making a winning two-year-old debut, sprinting 5½ furlongs in a sharp 1:02.24, Abscond took second in the Bolton Landing Stakes at Saratoga over the same trip behind the brilliant Kimari. Abscond then proved that she was more than a sprinter in the one mile Natalma Stakes (G1), courageously outpointing stakes winner Walk in Marrakesh to gain a victory at the highest level on just her third outing.

Abscond subsequently earned black-type in seven other stakes events, four graded. The Nassau Stakes (G2) saw her close fast to come within three-quarters of a length of the winner Jolie Olimpica, beating graded winners Our Secret Agent and Abby Hatcher, and stakes winners Merveilleux and Honey Cake. She missed by just three-quarters of a length in the Herecomesthebride Stakes (G3) and fell only a half-length shy of catching the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly Turf (G1) victress, Sharing, in the Tepin Stakes at Churchill Downs, with graded scorers Alms and Outburst, and stakes winners Dominga, Walk in Marrakesh, Jezebel's Kitten and Queen of God among those behind.

Abscond was beaten just a half-length for the win in the Kentucky Downs Ladies Turf Stakes (G3) behind Princess Grace and Dalika, ahead of graded stakes winners Shifty She and Summer in Saratoga, and stakes winner She'sonthewarpath. Abscond was also third in the Ginger Brew Stakes, beaten just three-quarters of a length after stumbling at the start, and beating multiple graded scorer Cheermeister and stakes winners Bredenbury, Hear My Prayer, Queen of God, American Giant and High On Gin. She also took third in the Sand Springs Stakes and Albert M. Stall Memorial Stakes.

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Abscond is a daughter of Eclipse Award winning Champion and Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) victor, Blame. He is already sire of 40 stakes winners, with Abscond being joined as a group/grade one winner by Senga, heroine of the Prix de Diane-French Oaks (G1), Nadal, Fault and Marley's Freedom. He is also showing promise as a broodmare sire, with seven stakes winner out of his daughters, all but one foaled in in 2018 or later. By Arch, himself a sought-after broodmare sire, Blame is a grandson of the mare, Bound, a three-quarters sister to Sadler's Wells and Nureyev, making daughters of Blame very attractive prospects to cross with stallions from those sire lines.

Solitary Life, the dam of Abscond, is a winner and dam of two winners with her first two foals. She is also dam of a 2020 two-year-old filly by Not This Time.

Solitary Life is half-sister to Overarching, a three-time sprint champion by Arch, the grandsire of Abscond. In addition to her deeds as a runner, Overarching is dam of the grade one winning Lady of the House (sired by a grandson of Sadler's Wells). Solitary Life is also a half-sister to another important Arch offspring in Temeraine, a winner from 5½ to 12 furlongs, including the Kentucky Turf Cup (G3), as well as to stakes winners Dead Red and Alone at Last. She is also half-sister to the dam of Cambodia, a five-time graded stakes winner who also took third in the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1).

The dam of Solitary Life, Lonely Fact, was twice a stakes winner, and is half-sister to stakes winner Victory Mount and Miss North Beach, and to Boogie Beach Blues, the dam of stakes winning and grade one placed Storm Treasure and granddam of grade one winner Varda. Lonely Fact is out of the multiple stakes winning Lonely Beach, who in turn is a granddaughter of stakes winner Shore, the ancestress of more than 50 stakes winners. This is a fabled family, as Shore is out of Broodmare of the Year Delta, and half-sister to Levee, Broodmare of the Year and dam of the great runner Shuvee, and to Champion Three-Year-old Filly Bayou.

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