

## COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: BELLA SOFIA

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Bella Sofia has become a byword for brilliant speed during a career that has seen her win four graded stakes, all with triple digit Beyer Speedfigures.

Bella Sofia made a scintillating start to her career, storming home 11½ lengths clear in a Belmont Park maiden special weight. She came back two starts later with an equally dominant score in a Belmont Park allowance test, scoring by 6½ lengths from multiple graded stakes winner Glass Ceiling and stakes winner Fierce Lady.

Bella Sofia's graded stakes debut came in the Test Stakes (G1) and there she brushed aside the opposition to win by 4½ lengths over grade one winners Search Results and Obligatory, graded winners Souper Sensational and Zaajel, and stakes winner Make Mischief, while running a 101 Beyer Speedfigure.

Facing older mares in the Gallant Bloom Handicap (G2), Bella Sofia was no less impressive, scoring by 3½ lengths from graded stakes winners Lady Rocket and Lake Avenue and earning a 102 Beyer Speedfigure.

An Eclipse Award Finalist for 2021 at three, Bella Sofia opened her 2022 campaign with two more triple digit Beyer-earning victories. In the Vagrancy Handicap (G3) she defeated Frank's Rockette, with the rest of the field, including stakes winners Kept Waiting and Miss Brazil, nearly 10 lengths in arrears. She followed up in the Bed o' Roses Stakes (G2), accounting for grade one winner Obligatory and multiple graded stakes winner Glass Ceiling.

Bella Sofia is by Awesome Patriot. A son of Awesome Again out of a sister to Tiznow, and a brother to classic winner and grade one sire Oxbow, Awesome Patriot is sire of grade one winners Bella Sofia and Cariblanco and graded winner El Animador.

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On her dam's side, Bella Sofia stems from a famous Phipps family. Her dam, multiple black-type placed Love Contract, is dam of three winners with her first three foals, and is currently bred to Uncle Mo. Love Contract is half-sister to Shake the Dice, a stakes winner of over \$500,000, and to the dam of 2022 stakes winner Yankee Seven.

The second dam, Option Contract, a three-time winning daughter of Forty Niner, is half-sister to stakes winner Polish Treaty, graded stakes placed Sailaway, and to Long Term, the granddam of grade one winner Hot Cha Cha. Option Contract is out of the stakes winning and graded placed Infinite, a sister to group winner Stratospheric, the second highweighted filly on the Free Handicap in England at two, and to How High the Moon, granddam of Champion Sprinter Kona Gold.

Infinite is also a half-sister to Quick as Lightning, heroine of the English 1,000 Guineas (G1), and to Pure Profit, dam of Champion Inside Information; multiple grade one winner Educated Risk, and stakes winner Diamond; and granddam of Champion Three-Year-Old Filly Smuggler. Infinite's dam, Clear Ceiling, is by Bold Ruler out of the legendary mare Grey Flight and is a sister to two-time Leading Sire What a Pleasure, and three-quarters sister to Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Bold Lad, and Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Successor.