



GATORS N BEARS

Gators n Bears is a multiple graded stakes winning and grade one placed sprinter with earnings of over \$800,000. He is by one of Storm Cat's most exciting young sons, and is out of a half-sister to multiple graded stakes winning millionaire, Friendly Lover.

Gators n Bears is free to cross with virtually any of the strains which have excelled with Storm Cat and his sons. The most prolific cross for Storm Cat and his sons has been with mares descending from **Mr. Prospector**, this cross having already produced more than 60 stakes winners. In Maryland, Mr. Prospector could be brought in through such stallions as **Allen's Prospect**, **Two Punch**, **Not For Love**, **Norquestor** and **Press Card**. The **Fappiano** branch of Mr. Prospector's line should do particularly well as Fappiano is out of a mare by Dr. Fager, whose half-sister, Champion Ta Wee, appears in Gators n Bears through Dr. Fager's relative, Great Above. Storm Cat has also done well with mares descending from Mr. Prospector's sire, Raise a Native, via **Alydar** and **Exclusive Native** (particularly through **Affirmed**).

Gators n Bears' sire, Stormy Atlantic is one of at least 14 stakes winners bred on the cross of Storm Cat over a **Seattle Slew** line mare. Stormy Atlantic is actually out of Seattle Slew mare and he has already sired graded stakes winner Atlantic Ocean, and Sunshine Millions Oaks winner Hot Storm out of mares giving inbreeding to Seattle Slew. He also has a stakes winner descending from Seattle Slew's grandsire, Boldnesian, via **Bold Ruckus**.

Evidence for trying Gators n Bears with mares descending from Ribot through the brothers **His Majesty** and **Graustark** is strong. There are at least 18 stakes winners bred on this cross, including Forestry and Tabasco Cat. Stormy Atlantic himself has three stakes winners, one graded, and a grade one placed horse on this cross. Mares descending from His Majesty and Graustark look particularly good here, as Gators n Bears has a double of Majestic Prince, who is from the same family as those horses. Gators n Bears broodmare sire, Notebook, is out of a mare by the Ribot stallion, **Tom Rolfe**, and duplicating him through a son, such as **Hoist the Flag**, could be interesting.

The Storm Cat cross with **Blushing Groom** line mares has already produced six group or grade one winners including Giant's Causeway, and Stormy Atlantic already has a stakes winner out of a mare by Blushing Groom's son, **Rahy**. **Mt. Livermore** and **Cherokee Run** are other Blushing Groom sources which particularly appeal here. Rahy is out of a mare by **Halo**, and Stormy Atlantic also already has a graded stakes winner out of a mare by Halo, and one out of a mare by **Diablo**, a son of the Halo horse, **Devil's Bag** (a brother to the dam of Rahy). This also suggests trying Gators n Bears with mares by Devil's Bag's brother, **Saint Ballado**.

Stormy Atlantic has a 2005 two-year-old stakes winner by **Marsayas**, a son of **Damascus**. In general, the Storm Cat/Damascus cross has been a highly-effective one with more than 20 stakes winners. The **Private Account** branch, which was represented in Maryland by **Valley Crossing**, has been particularly successful, and **Time For a Change**, **Cutlass** (sire of Friendly Lover out of the granddam of Gators n Bears), **Ogygian** and **Eastern Echo** are other likely sources.

There are at least 14 stakes winners bred on the cross of Storm Cat with **In Reality** line mares, and In Reality particularly appeals here, as he is bred on a reverse cross to Great Above, the sire of Gators n Bears second dam. Particularly good sources of In Reality are **Valid Appeal** and **Relaunch**, sire of Maryland stalwart **Waquoit**.