

## RACE RECORD

\$230,000 yearling at Keeneland.  
In Ire, unbeaten at 2 from 3 starts, won 3 races, 1400m.  
2nd fav for Gr1 2000 Guineas (behind Frankel), unplaced.  
**Champion Irish 2yo and Highest Rated 2yo in Ireland 2010.**  
**Rated Timeform 119+ at 2.**  
At 2 **WON** Gr1 National S. (1400m)  
**WON** Gr2 Futurity S. (1400m)

## SIRE LINE

**DISTORTED HUMOR** – multiple G2 & G3 winner in USA, G1 placed, to 1800m (rated 117); sire of G1 winners of both sexes; Champion Freshman Sire USA; Champion Sire USA (twice); #2 NA Sire by lifetime % of BTW (2017); Leading Broodmare Sire (5 consecutive years); Sire-of-sires;

Notable progeny incl **Funny Cide** (02c – Slewacide, Little Current); **Drosselmeyer** (07c – Moscow Ballet, Slew O'Gold); **Flower Alley** (02c – Lycius, Sadler's Wells; *sire*); **Hystericalady** (03f – Northair, El Oriental); **Commentator** (01c – Storm Bird, Woodman); **Regal Ransom** (06c – Red Ransom, Deputy Minister); **A Shin Cool D** (06f – Storm Cat, Caro); **Boisterous** (07c – Cox's Ridge, Majestic Light); **Ironicus** (11c – AP Indy, Spectacular Bid); **Any Given Saturday** (04c – A.P. Indy, Spectacular Bid; *sire*); **Awesome Humor** (00f – Pass The Tab, Cox's Ridge); **Pathfork** (08c – Sadler's Wells, Riverman; *sire*); **Aesop Fables** (09c – Sadler's Wells, Blushing Groom); **Jimmy Creed** (09c – Citidancer, Allen's Prospect); **Fourty Niners Son** (01c – Alleged, Conquistador Cielo); **Bit Of Whimsy** (04f – El Prado, Pia Star); **Sharp Humor** (03c – Hansel, Believe It; *sire*); **Alternation** (08c – Seattle Slew, Green Dancer); **Distorted Legacy** (07f – Private Account, Hoist The Flag); **Shumoo** (09f – Storm Cat, Cryptoclearance); **Hello Pretty** (01c – Blazing Sword, Raami); **Justenuffumor** (05c – Broad Brush, Lear Fan); **Slow Pace** (08c – Seattle Slew, El Gran Senor); **Do It All** (07c – Dynaformer, Caerleon); **Quip** (15c – Indian Charlie, Boston Harbor); **Restless Rider** (16f – Unbridled's Song, Deputy Minister); **Honorable Duty** (12c – AP Indy, El Gran Senor); **Varda** (18f – Sky Mesa, Cure The Blues); etc.

**KIN-BREEDING:** Distorted Humor is kinbred bottom female-line 4x4 Courtesy x Gay Rig, involving duplications of mares Mumtaz Begum, Selene (Canterbury Pilgrim), Maid Of The Mist. Conventional wisdom has it that Distorted Humor's best offspring have La Troienne in the female line (Distorted Humor himself is free of La Troienne).

Forty Niner lines sires in South Africa:

Flower Alley, Pathfork (**Distorted Humor**); Trippi (**End Sweep**); Chimichuri Run, Gold Standard (**Trippi**);

## PEDIGREE

This is a major sire-producing female line, originating with Pathfork's fifth dam Best In Show. Her daughter Sex Appeal is dam of El Gran Senor, Try My Best, Northern Guest (all by Northern Dancer). Another daughter Show Lady is 3rd dam of Redoute's Choice (Daneshill). Another daughter Monroe got Xaar and Modus Vivendi (both Zafonic). Then there's Blush With Pride, granddam of US Classic winners Jazil (Seeking The Gold) and Rags To Riches (A.P. Indy). And then Pathfork's dam, who is 3-part sister to Gr1 producing sire Spinning World (by Nureyev).

Pathfork's dam Visions Of Clarity is inbred 3x3 to half brothers Bold Reason and Never Bend (together in Sadler's Wells successful cross with Mill Reef/Shirley Heights).

The granddam of Pathfork's sire Distorted Humor, Sweetest Chant, is very close kin to Bold Reason and Never Bend. A large proportion of Distorted Humor's G1 winners have Sadler's Wells (as sire of dam, granddam, or damsire). Sadler's Wells' line of Bold Reason appears significant in his best offspring. Lalun, the dam of Bold Reason and Never Bend, is a noted La Troienne carrier. La Troienne is invariably present in multiples in Distorted Humor's best offspring.

**SUITABLE LINES** for Pathfork should include those from his own female line, pointing in the South African context especially at champion broodmare sire Northern Guest, and by extension female lines which have produced big winners by Northern Guest.

The La Troienne angle should remain of interest, notably through Buckpasser, who is well represented in the SA mare population – notably through Al Mufti & sons, Northern Guest, National Assembly, etc. Background elements of Bull Lea (Bull Page; Nijinsky, Real Delight) should further enhance this mix.

## STUD ANALYSIS

**Colts:** SSI 1.4 (stamina 1413m) 5% SW; 13% BType; **Fillies:** SSI 1.05 (stamina 1383m) 4% SW; 9% BType.

To stud in South Africa in 2012.

colt										filly															
born	foals	rns	wrns	w/r%	SW	SW/r%	BT	BT/r%	wins	SSI	AR	stamina	born	foals	rns	wrns	w/r%	SW	SW/r%	BT	BT/r%	wins	SSI	AR	stamina
'13	26	22	18	82%	1	5%	2	9%	55	1.06	83	1414m	'13	30	25	13	52%	1	4%	1	4%	48	1.16	70	1438m
'14	24	22	16	73%	0	0%	1	5%	36	0.59	77	1413m	'14	32	28	19	68%	2	7%	4	14%	56	1.15	76	1372m
'15	26	25	16	64%	2	8%	5	20%	59	0.97	76	1535m	'15	27	20	14	70%	2	10%	2	10%	43	1.78	74	1493m
'16	29	23	15	65%	2	9%	3	13%	35	0.96	74	1367m	'16	29	21	13	62%	1	5%	3	14%	38	0.77	72	1489m
'17	29	27	15	56%	1	4%	2	7%	40	1.05	70	1414m	'17	20	16	11	69%	0	0%	1	6%	22	0.87	71	1360m
'18	17	14	12	86%	1	7%	1	7%	28	0.92	78	1467m	'18	10	10	7	70%	1	10%	2	20%	17	1.09	71	1336m
'19	18	18	11	61%	2	11%	3	17%	19	1.32	74	1395m	'19	22	17	8	47%	0	0%	0	0%	12	0.86	61	1175m
'20	7	4	3	75%	0	0%	1	25%	5	4.31	87	1283m	'20	7	4	1	25%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0.70	58	1400m

Distorted Humor (USA) 1993	Forty Niner 1985	Mr Prospector	Raise A Native - <b>NATIVE DANCER</b>
		File	Gold Digger - Nashua
	Danzigs Beauty 1987	Danzig	Tom Rolfe - Ribot
		Sweetest Chant	Continue - Double Jay
Visions Of Clarity (IRE) 2000	Sadler's Wells 1981	<b>NORTHERN DANCER</b>	<b>NORTHERN DANCER</b> - Nearctic
		Fairy Bridge	Pas De Nom - Admiral's Voyage
	Imperfect Circle 1988	<b>NORTHERN DANCER</b>	Mr Leader - <b>HAIL TO REASON</b>
		Riverman	Gay Sonnet - Sailor
	Aviance	<b>NORTHERN DANCER</b>	Nearctic - Nearco
			Natalma - <b>NATIVE DANCER</b>
		<b>Bold Reason - HAIL TO REASON</b>	
		Special - Forli	
		Never Bend - Nasrullah	
		River Lady - Prince John	
		<b>Northfields - NORTHERN DANCER</b>	
		Minnie Hauk - Sir Ivor	

Inbreeding to Sadler's Wells (Fort Wood) must be an option, as is adding members of the same female line, notably Nureyev and Golden Thatch. Sadler's Wells damsire Bold Reason leads to Mill Reef, Shirley Heights, Riverman. Sir Ivor belongs in the same camp. The close resemblance of performance at stud of Distorted Humor and Trippi makes the latter's daughters interesting options for Pathfork.

## STAMINA

highest distance of individual winners, 3yo & up  
800/1399m 14/1600m 16/1999m 20/2399m 2400m+  
43% 45% 4% 6% 3%

## SALES ANALYSIS

BORN	colt	avg	sold	SI	filly	avg	sold	SI
'13	209,783	23	1.08	162,174	23	1.01		
'14	205,263	19	1.08	213,261	23	1.07		
'15	166,667	24	0.89	139,783	23	0.79		
'16	125,278	18	0.77	151,429	14	1.11		
'17	109,118	17	0.70	111,111	9	0.49		
'18	80,500	10	0.44	57,917	6	0.40		
'19	142,500	8	0.84	164,000	5	1.17		
'20	189,167	6	0.82	136,000	5	0.88		
'21	390,000	2	1.08	330,000	2	1.82		

## NOTABLE PROGENY (\*SW)

### Gr1 winners

\* **PEARL OF ASIA** (16c – Tiger Ridge, Jallad; MR 121) – won Gr1 Mercury Sprint  
\* **MIGHTY HIGH** (15f – Shamardal, Nijinsky; MR 112) – won Gr1 Allan Robertson Fillies; 2nd Gr2 Senor Santa S., Gr2 Camellia S., Swallow S. (L)

### Gr1 placed

\* **JIMMY DON** (19c – Joshua Dancer, Russian Fox; MR 116) – won Secretariat S. (L); 2nd Gr1 SA Classic; 3rd Gr3 Beyerley Turk  
\* **MARCHING TOGETHER** (15c – Montjeu, Darshaan; MR 116) – won Gr3 Lonsdale Sirrup Cup, Gr3 K2N Derby, Racing Association Hcp (L); 3rd Gr1 SA Derby, Michael Roberts H (L), Java S (L)

**Main Defender** (20c – Judpot, Caesour; MR 113) – 2nd Gr1 Premiers Champion S.

\* **ROYAL VICTORY** (19c – Kahal, Coastal; MR 112) – won Gr3 Tony Ruffel S.; 2nd Gr1 Premiers Champion S., Gr2 Gauteng Guineas, Gr2 Golden Horseshoe; 3rd Gr3 Graham Beck S.

### Gr2/Gr3 winners

\* **MR FLOOD** (15c – Jallad, Russian Fox; MR 124) – won Gr3 Tommy Hotspur S., Gr3 Lebelo Sprint; 2nd Gr2 Senor Santa S., Spring Spree S (L)  
\* **BINGWA** (17c – Century Stand, Safawan; MR 123) – won Gr2 November Hcp; 2nd Gr2 Spring Challenge; 3rd Gr2 Dingaans, Gr3 Jubilee Hcp  
\* **JET START** (14f – Jet Master, Maroof; MR 110) – won Gr3 London News S.; 3rd Jacaranda H (L)  
\* **RED CHESTNUT ROAD** (13c – Fort Wood, Bel Yeu; MR 108) – won Gr3 Godolphin Barb S.; 2nd Michael Roberts Hcp (L); 3rd East Cape Guineas (L)  
\* **MY FRIEND LEE** (13f – West Man, Northern Jove; MR 97) – won Gr3 Magnolia Hcp

### Gr2/Gr3 placed

**Look For Hounds** (17c – Kahal, Northern Guest; MR 105) – 2nd Racing Association S. (L); 3rd Gr3 Matchem S.  
\* **CHOLLIMA** (18c – Silvano, Mr Greeley; MR 102) – won E-Cape Derby (L); 2nd Racing Association S. (L); 3rd Gr3 Variety Club Mile  
**Desolate Road** (15c – Black Minnaloushe, Rakeen; MR 101) – 2nd Gr3 Umkhomazi S.

### SW / SP

**Priceless Ruler** (15c – National Assembly, Averof; MR 114) – 3rd Thukela Hcp (L)  
\* **MADAME SPEAKER** (15f – National Assembly, Rakeen; MR 106) – won E-Cape Nursery (L), Lady Slipper S. (L), Champion Juvenile Cup (L); 2nd E-Cape Fillies Nursery (L), E-Cape Paddock S. (L) (twice), Lady's Bracelet (L) (twice), Dahlia Plate (L); 3rd Racing Association S. (L), E-Cape Guineas (L)

\* **AND WE DANCED** (18f – Commands, Citidancer; MR 103) – won Lady's Bracelet (L)  
\* **FOOLS GOLD** (16c – Goldmark, Wardlaw; MR 102) – won Model Man Mile (L)

**Look To The Sky** (16c – Jallad, West Man; MR 102) – 3rd Storm Bird S. (L)  
**First Street** (16f – Dynasty, Sportsworld; MR 99) – 2nd Jockey Club S. (L)

\* **MISS HONEY** (16f – Fort Wood, Smart Strike; MR 97) – won Summer Juv S.

\* **MY FRIEND LEE** (13f – West Man, Northern Jove; MR 97) – won Gr3 Magnolia H

**Step Lively** (16f – Act One, Damister; MR 94) – 3rd E-Cape Paddock S.

**Turbo** (13c – Jet Master, West Man; MR 88) – 2nd Dahlia Plate (L)

\* **PRECIOUS PANSY** (14f – Point Given, A.P. Indy; MR 85) – won E-Cape Fillies Nursery (L); 3rd Lady's Slipper S (L)

**Upper Ten** (17f – Muhtafal, Northern Guest; MR 85) – 3rd E-Cape Oaks (L)  
**Harlan County** (14c – Al Mufti, Free State; MR 89) – 2nd Secretariat S. (L)

**Holly's Vision** (14f – Fort Wood, Al Mufti; MR 83) – 3rd Devon Air S (L)

**Viking Trail** (15c – Fort Wood, Northern Guest; MR 82) – 2nd Secretariat S. (L)

**Pot Sox** (18f – Point Given, A.P. Indy) – 3rd Dahlia Plate (L)

**Superior Force** (19c – Elliodor, Golden Thatch) – 2nd Gatecrasher S (L)

## FEMALE LINE

### 1st dam

**VISIONS OF CLARITY** (00f, Sadler's Wells): 2 wins, 1600m, in France, Prix de Bagatelle-(L); dam of

**PATHFORK** (08c, Distorted Humor): **Champion 2yo colt**; subject stallion

Lotus Sutra (07f, Kingmambo): unraced; dam of **NUSIFERA** (12c, More Than Ready): 3 wins, 1400m, Prix Francois Boutin (L); 2nd Gr3 Prix la Rochette, (TFR 107)

**BUYING TROUBLE** (13f Hat Trick): 3 wins, 1200m, Cecil Frail S. (L); 2nd Hopeful S. (L), EBF S. -(L); 3rd Carnavon S -(L) (TFR 109)

Psi (05c, Hernando): won, 2400m, in France  
**TACTICUS** (11c AP Indy): 4 wins, 2400-2800m, Birdstorm S. (L), Temperance Hill S. (L) (TFR 114)

**WAR OF WILL** (16c, War Front): 5 wins, 1650-1900m, Gr1 Preakness S., Gr Makers Mark Mile, G2 Risen Star S., G3 Lecomte S.; 2nd G1 Summer S.; 3rd G1 Pennsylvannia Derby, Gr1 Woodbine Mile; **sire**

Visual Mind (09f, Kingmambo): did not win; dam of

**Mind Mapping** (15c, Medaglia d'Oro): 3 wins 1600-

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