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Pedigree analysis
on **Rainbow View**

WHEN a stallion has had as many as 15 crops at the races, we can generally reckon to know what to expect – and what not to expect – from his progeny. In the case of Dynaformer, there has been an abundance of evidence to indicate that he does not get speedy juveniles, capable of winning a Pattern or Graded race at less than 1m.

But where the thoroughbred is concerned it sometimes pays to expect the unexpected, and the impressive runaway victory of Rainbow View in last Saturday's Group 3 Sweet Solera Stakes (7f) at Newmarket provides a case in point.

As she confounded all the evidence from her sire's first 15 crops, the filly from crop 16 set a new standard for those of her age and sex in 2008 and galloped to the head of the market for the 1,000 Guineas of 2009.

Dynaformer has been at stud since 1990, spending his first five seasons in the company of undistinguished mares at a fee of \$5,000 before progressing by dint of the proven merits of his stock to reach \$150,000, his price in each of his last two seasons at Three Chimneys Farm in Kentucky.

Along the way it became clear that his progeny were not precocious, as only Old Chapel (at 1m in the 1995 Generous Stakes at Hollywood Park), Voyagers Quest (1m1f in the 1996 Prix Saint-Roman at Evry) and Barbaro (at 1m110y in the 2005 Laurel Futurity) were notable juvenile scorers, each recording his Grade/Group 3 win in late November.

The first of the female Dynaformers to score at Pattern level as a two-year-old is an exception to more than one rule by achieving her success in the second week of August; Rainbow View was a late foal, born on May 21, and easily the youngest in the Sweet Solera field.

If all goes well with her, she will line up for the Guineas almost three weeks short of her actual third birthday, but that need be no reason to decry her chance. In 1978 Enstone Spark won the Classic on May 4, and did not turn three until June 6.

But of course, there are sterner tests still to come this season, with the Group 2 May Hill Stakes and Group 1 Fillies' Mile pencilled in as her next targets. Wins in a maiden and a Group 3 earn no championships, even when both are won by six lengths in emphatic style, and while the fact that Rainbow View seems to be indifferent to underfoot conditions is encouraging, there can be no doubt that other legitimate contenders will emerge over the next couple of months.

Few would have nominated Dynaformer as the likeliest of Roberto's sons to represent him best at stud in the western hemisphere, but he probably warrants that accolade, above Kris S., who headed the North American sires' list in 1993, but featured among the top 20 on only three other occasions. Dynaformer, by contrast, has been regularly among the leaders, filling second place behind Thunder Gulch in 2001, and behind A.P. Indy in both 2003 and 2006.

The best stallion son of Roberto anywhere in the world was probably Brian's Time, who would have won several titles in Japan if there had been no Sunday Silence among his competition. Brian's Time and Dynaformer were both foals of 1985, and bred on similar lines; their respective broodmare sires were the brothers Graustark and His Majesty,



Dynaformer: sire of the ante-post 1,000 Guineas favourite Rainbow View is in his 16th season at stud

Rainbow View bucks the trends of her sire

Precocious filly will stay a mile and probably further

SIRE DYNAFORMER

Bred by Joseph Allen. Won 7 (7f-1m4f) of 30 starts in 3 seasons, viz. 1 out of 5 at 2 years, 4 (inc Jersey Derby-Gr2, Discovery Handicap-Gr2) out of 14 at 3 years, 2 out of 11 at 4 years. Also 2nd in Gallant Fox Handicap-Gr2 at 3, 3rd in Dixie Handicap-Gr2 at 4. Daily Racing Form Handicap: 116 (11lb below champion Risen Star) at 3. Earned \$671,207.

Plain individual, short on quality and lacking strength behind the saddle. Stands 17 hands, but simply high-withered; not a massive horse. A good performer, lacking the speed to excel in top Stateside company, but smart in his class on both dirt and turf. Well suited by 1m4f.

Well-bred. Half-brother to a minor stakes-winner, and to dam of 2-y-o Gr2 winner Supremo. By a Derby winner and major sire out of a Gr1 winner who was half-sister to Darby Creek Road (by Roberto; high-class performer on dirt and turf, also a useful sire).

To stud at 5. Stands at Three Chimneys Farm, Midway, Kentucky at a fee of \$150,000 (live foal). Sire of 16 crops of racing age, inc. notable winners Voyagers Quest (Gr3T), Vergennes (Hollywood Derby-Gr1T), Collect the Cash (Queen Elizabeth Challenge Cup-Gr1T), Critical Eye (Gazelle H.-Gr1D, Hempstead H.-Gr1D), Mystery Giver (Gr2T), Starrer (Santa Maria H.-Gr1D, Santa Margarita Invitational H.-Gr1D), Perfect Drift (Stephen Foster H.-Gr1D), Riskaverse (Queen Elizabeth Challenge Cup-Gr1T, Flower Bowl Invitational H. (twice)-Gr1T), Film Maker (Queen Elizabeth Challenge Cup-Gr1T), Sand Springs (Diana H.-Gr1T), Purim (Keeneland Turf Mile S.-Gr1, also Gr3D), Barbaro (Florida Derby-Gr1D, Kentucky Derby-Gr1D, also Gr3T), Lucarno St Leger S.-Gr1T), Michita (Gr2T), Tajaaweed (Gr3T), Rainbow View (Gr3T).

DAM NO MATTER WHAT

Bred by Arthur B. Hancock & Stonerside Stable in Kentucky. \$425,000 Keeneland July yearling. Won 3 (1m-1m1f) of 10 starts in 3 seasons, viz. 0 out of 2 at 2 years, 3 (inc. Del Mar Oaks-Gr1) out of 5 at 3 years, 0 out of 3 at 4 years. Earned \$186,363.

Smart performer as 3-y-o. Listed winner at 1m in France before transfer to US. Well bred. By a top-class runner, notable sire and broodmare sire. Half-sister to E Dubai (by Mr Prospector; Gr2 winner, sire of Graded winners) and to lesser winners by Danzig and Coronado's Quest. Dam won 5 stakes races (3 Listed) and four times Gr3-placed, sister to Gr3 turf winner Ascutey (dam of Gr3 winners Gigawatt and Raven's Pass), half-sister to Listed-placed minor stakes-winner Word o' Ransom. To stud at 5 and dam of: Just As Well (2003 c by A.P. Indy; placed), Winter View (2004 f by Thunder Gulch; winner in France), Lejpzig (2005 c by A.P. Indy; unraced), Rainbow View (2006 f by Dynaformer; Gr3 winner). She has a colt-foal by Smart Strike.

CONCLUSION

Well-bred filly, the best of her sex seen out thus far in 2008. Will stay 1m and may well get further.

RAINBOW VIEW

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	Turn-to	Royal Charger Source Sucree
Hail To Reason	Notthirdchance	Blue Swords Galla Colors
Roberto	Nashua	Nasrullah Segula
Bramalea	Rarelea	Bull Lea Bleebok
Dynaformer br 1985	Ribot	Tenerani Romanella
His Majesty	Flower Bowl	Alibhai Flower Bed
Andover Way	Olympia	Heliopolis Miss Dolphin
On The Trail	Golden Trail	Hasty Road Sunny Vale
Northern Dancer	Nearctic	Nearco Lady Angela
Nureyev	Natalma	Native Dancer Almahmoud
Special	Forli	Aristophanes Trevisa
No Matter What ch 1997	Thong	Nantallah Rough Shod
Lord At War	General	Brigadier Gerard Mercuriale
Words Of War	Luna D(e) Miel	Con Brio Good Will
Right Word	Verbatim	Speak John Well Kept
	Oratorio	Fleet Nasrullah Classicut
	Bred by Augustin Stable in Pennsylvania	

and whereas Brian's Time was out of a daughter of Golden Trail, Dynaformer was out of that mare's granddaughter.

Both became Graded stakes-winners at three, but were outranked by a third contemporary Roberto colt in Sunshine Forever, whose dam was a sister to the dam of Brian's Time. Sunshine Forever, a superior turf runner, collected a Grade 1 hat-trick in the Man o' War Stakes, the Turf Classic and the Washington International.

Brian's Time had Grade 1 wins on dirt to his name in the Florida Derby and Pegasus Handicap, while Dynaformer, least distinguished of the trio, took Grade 2 main track honours in the Jersey Derby and Discovery Handicap before displaying a degree of versatility the following year with a third place in the Dixie Handicap on grass at 1m4f.

Dynaformer now has a career tally of 33 individual Pattern or Graded winners, of whom 25 have reached that standard only on grass. Two, Purim and the ill-starred Kentucky Derby victor Barbaro, succeeded on both dirt and turf, while five, including Grade 1 scorers Critical Eye, Starrer and Perfect Drift, were main track specialists, and one, current three-year-old Boss Lafitte, took the Transylvania Stakes at Keeneland.

Of his seven top-bracket winners on grass, all but one scored at 1m1f or beyond, and, unsurprisingly, Lucarno's St Leger is the longest race on the list. Last year's Doncaster hero was his sire's first European Pattern winner since Voyagers Quest took Sandown's Classic Trial a decade earlier, but Tajaaweed (Dee Stakes) and Michita (Ribblesdale) added to the score this term before Rainbow View's win.

THE RECORD of the Dynaformers in Europe, and on grass in the States, suggests that 1m will be well within his latest star's compass, and it cannot be long odds that she may prove just as effective over the Oaks trip. Daughters of Nureyev have produced plenty of major winners over middle distances, not least an Arc victor in Bago.

Rainbow View's dam, No Matter What, was an Oaks winner herself, albeit one of the shorter variety, the 1m1f Grade 1 version over Del Mar's turf course. She was trained initially in France, where she took a Listed 1m event at Fontainebleau for Jonathan Pease, and scored her big win ten weeks later after transfer to Neil Drysdale.

Bought as a Keeneland yearling for \$425,000, No Matter What was the first foal of her dam, Words Of War, whose second was the high-class Mr Prospector colt E Dubai, twice a Grade 2 winner in the Dwyer Stakes and Suburban Handicap, and a Grade 1 runner-up in the Travers and the Super Derby.

Words Of War was a durable racemare, racing 44 times in a five-season career, seven of her nine victories coming on turf. Three of her five stakes wins came at Listed level, and she was twice placed second in valuable Grade 3 events, the Hawthorne Derby at three, and the Keeneland Breeders' Cup Stakes at five.

Ascutey, a younger sister to Words Of War, was also a grass specialist, winning one and placing in two Grade 3 races on turf, and she has carried on the good work for Stonerside as a broodmare, delivering two prominent turf performers in Gigawatt, a son of Wild Again who won the Grade 3 Miami Mile Handicap in 2006, and Henrythenavigator's game pursuer, Raven's Pass, a Group 3 winner of Group 1 calibre.