



If one of your favorite runnings of the Kentucky Derby (G1) is the Street Sense-Hard Spun finish in 2007, you'll love the pedigree of 2021 hopeful Capo Kane. Sired by Street Sense and out of a daughter of Hard Spun, Capo Kane grafts their bloodlines onto a fine family.

Street Sense has had a couple of major Derby contenders in recent years unfortunately miss their chance due to injury. McKinzie was sidelined in the spring of 2018, as stablemate Justify was coming to the fore. Last year, unbeaten Maxfield made his comeback on the pandemic-prolonged trail, only to be shelved again before the Run for the Roses.

While Maxfield is a Godolphin homebred, Capo Kane could have been one. Godolphin sold his dam, Twirl Me, when she was carrying him at Keeneland November 2017. Bringing \$30,000, she made her way to California where Capo Kane was born.

Twirl Me is bred on the cross of a Northern Dancer-line stallion over a Mr. Prospector-line mare. That's a mirror image of Street Sense's cross, since he's a Mr. Prospector-line stallion from a Northern Dancer-line mare. Thus Capo Kane's pedigree sports 4x4 inbreeding to both supersires, each a grandson of the great Native Dancer (Mr. Prospector on his sire's side and Northern Dancer via his dam, Natalma).

Capo Kane b, c Foaled February 9, 2018 in California	Street Sense, 2004	Street Cry (IRE), 1998	Machiavellian, 1987	Mr. Prospector, 1970	Raise a Native, 1961
					Gold Digger, 1962
			Coup De Folie, 1982	Halo, 1969	
				Raise the Standard, 1978	
		Helen Street (GB), 1982	=Troy (GB), 1976	=Petingo (GB), 1965	
				=La Milo (GB), 1963	
		=Waterway (FR), 1976	Riverman, 1969		
			=Boulevard (IRE), 1968		
		Bedazzle, 1997	Dixieland Band, 1980	Northern Dancer, 1961	Nearctic, 1954
					Natalma, 1957
	Mississippi Mud, 1973		Delta Judge, 1960		
			Sand Buggy, 1963		
	Majestic Legend, 1985		His Majesty, 1968	*Ribot, 1952	
				Flower Bowl, 1952	
	Long Legend, 1978	Reviewer, 1966			
		Lianga, 1971			
	Twirl Me, 2013	Hard Spun, 2004	Danzig, 1977	Northern Dancer, 1961	Nearctic, 1954
					Natalma, 1957
			Pas De Nom, 1968	Admiral's Voyage, 1959	
				*Petitioner, 1952	
Turkish Tryst, 1991		Turkoman, 1982	Alydar, 1975		
			Taba (ARG), 1973		
Darbyvail, 1984		Roberto, 1969			
		Luiana, 1963			
Mambo Princess, 2002		Kingmambo, 1990	Mr. Prospector, 1970	Raise a Native, 1961	
				Gold Digger, 1962	
	Miesque, 1984	Nureyev, 1977			
		Pasadoble, 1979			
	Tuzla (FR), 1994	Panoramic (GB), 1987	Rainbow Quest, 1981		
			Immense, 1979		
=Turkeina (FR), 1982	=Kautokeino (FR), 1967				
	=Turquoise Bleue (IRE), 1973				

Twirl Me's sire, Hard Spun, is also making an impact on the 2021 Derby scene through grandson Brooklyn Strong. The current Remsen (G2) winner, Brooklyn Strong is by the Hard Spun stallion Wicked Strong. Hard Spun continues to exert influence as a broodmare sire, with his daughters producing 2017 Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1) champion Good Magic, runner-up to Justify in the 2018 Derby, and 2020 Louisiana Derby (G2) hero Wells Bayou among others.

Twirl Me's dam, Mambo Princess, is a daughter of two prominent turf milers in Kingmambo and Tuzla. Kingmambo, by Mr. Prospector and out of two-time Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) legend Miesque, won a trio of marquee events in Europe including the 1993 French 2000 Guineas (G1) and St James's Palace (G1) at Royal Ascot.

Tuzla missed by just a neck in the 1999 Breeders' Cup Mile to Silic, who ironically was her former stablemate. Both had started out with trainer Pascal Bary in France before joining Julio Canani in Southern California. A multiple Grade 2 winner when acquired by Stonerside Stable, Tuzla was transferred to Bob Baffert and narrowly won the Ramona (G1). But Canani beat her in the Breeders' Cup as his Silic held on at Gulfstream Park.

An intriguing feature of Tuzla's pedigree is her dam's inbreeding to Relko, a champion in both England and France in 1963-64. Winner of the Epsom Derby and Coronation Cup, Relko also took the French 2000 Guineas, Prix Royal-Oak, Prix Ganay, and Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in his illustrious career.

Tuzla hails from the same female line as French champion *Grey Dawn II, the only horse ever to beat the great *Sea Bird when they ran one-two in the 1964 Grand Criterium.

Going further in the maternal ancestry, Capo Kane traces to the family labeled 16-c, which is responsible for 1991 Kentucky Derby winner Strike the Gold. Their ancestress in common is from a century ago, French import *Agnes Sard (foaled 1917). Capo Kane descends from a more prolific side of the family, via the Man o' War mare Judy O'Grady, who placed in such major races as the Jockey Club Gold Cup, Manhattan, and Alabama in 1935 before becoming an influential matron.