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Unusually good Sham winner

## **AUTHENTIC DEEPLY IMPRESSIVE 20-1 for the Kentucky Derby is way too big**

**No new names** entered the Notebook list after last week's racing. The impressive Sham winner **Authentic** could be put on the list of course, but the Notebook list is not meant for the most obvious of the obvious horses, runners that will offer no value in upcoming races. I was most impressed by Authentic though, and the **20-1** offered for the Kentucky Derby after his wide margin win is way too big. The son of Into Mischief took the one-mile event by almost eight lengths, despite running very green coming down the lane (spooked by the crowd, ducken in) and being eased in the closing stages.

It is very early to back a horse for the Kentucky Derby, but I wonder if Authentic is a bit of a freak. A rather tall, very attractive sort, with plenty of scope, he was making only his second start here, and he was stepping up both in class and distance. His maiden win was gained over 5.5 furlongs at Del Mar in November. Authentic was a May foal. He was never going to make a two-year-old and Baffert gave him plenty of time to develop. That process is still ongoing. His next start may not come until in the San Felipe Stakes on March 7, a natural stepping stone to a more serious Derby prep. That said, Baffert often changes his plans when spreading his Kentucky Derby hopefuls out in the spring. Whereas many trainers map out a plan for such horses, aiming at specific races, and stick to it, Baffert takes a different approach. He runs the one (or the ones) in a prep that have been doing best in recent works leading up to it. This also has a lot to do with Baffert's barn normally housing a handful of talented three-year-olds every spring.

Authentic could have won the Sham Stakes by ten lengths, possibly more. Unless those chasing him home are lower end allowance horses, this was an exceptional performance – both for this particular event, and for a young colt with so little experience. It is hard to rate the race but my provisional figure is GF 116p, markedly better than what we have seen from any Sham winner in recent years (see below). His runner-up, Azul Coast (also trained by Baffert), was coming off a visually impressive debut win at Los Alamitos, where he won for fun by 4 lengths despite a tardy start and a very wide trip. Third home in the Sham, Zimba Warrior, was a longshot who had finished third to High Velocity in the Bob Hope Stakes on his most recent start. High Velocity may not be a G1 horse but he did run third, 5 lengths behind another Baffert trainee, Thousand Words, in the Los Alamitos Futurity on his next start (failed to stay, was eased, could have finished closer). Taishan filled fourth in the Sham. This colt was making his third start, having beaten Tizamagian (solid winner since) over this course and distance back in early November.

How badly could these three runners have performed? I think they are all useful and it is worth noting that Azul Coast and Taishan both took a lot of money in the betting and went off as 2-1 shots. Yes, the Baffert camp knew that Authentic was the best of their two Sham runners, but he was not odds-on and perhaps even those closest to him were somewhat surprised by his run. There should be a lot more to come from this \$350,000 Keeneland yearling, whose dam, Flawless, was a talented filly restricted to just two runs. She won a 7-furlong maiden and finished second an an 8-furlong allowance race as a three-year-old (both at Belmont Park). She has produced two ordinary sprint winners (by Speightstown and Bodemeister), so the main question is whether Authentic will stay 10 furlongs. He wasn't stopping at the end of the mile at Santa Anita though, and his prospects of stretching out successfully seem good. *Geir Stabell*

### **SHAM STAKES WINNERS**

2020	Authentic	GF 116p
2019	Gunmetal Gray	GF 107+
2018	McKinzie	GF 110+
2017	Gormley	GF 108p
2016	Collected	GF 103p

**KEENELAND CATALOGUE PAGE, AUTHENTIC**

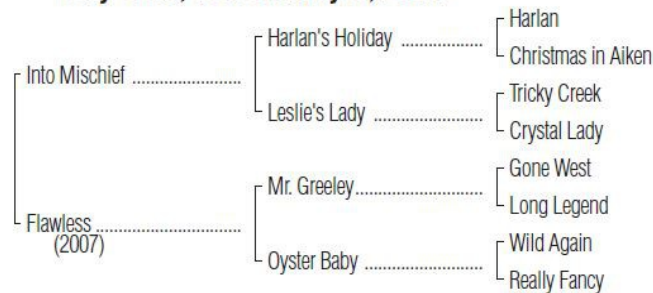
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### Bay Colt; foaled May 5, 2017

2010

AUTHENTIC



**By INTO MISCHIEF** (2005). Black-type winner of \$597,080, CashCall Futurity [G1] (HOL, \$403,000), etc. Sire of 7 crops of racing age, 632 foals, 397 starters, 37 black-type winners, 276 winners of 804 races and earning \$35,247,035, 3 champions, including Conquest Enforcer (\$549,938, Mathis Brothers Mile S. [G2] (SA, \$120,000), etc.), Miss Mischief (\$522,-980, Bessarabian S. [G2] (WO, \$120,000(CAN))), etc.), and of Golden-cents [G1] (\$3,044,000), Practical Joke [G1] (\$1,795,800), Audible [G1].

#### 1st dam

**FLAWLESS**, by Mr. Greeley. Winner in 2 starts at 3, \$40,600. Dam of 3 other registered foals, 3 of racing age, 2 to race, 2 winners--  
Expectations (g. by Speightstown). 3 wins at 4, placed at 5, 2018, \$44,470.  
Gitgo (g. by Bodemeister). Winner at 3, 2018, \$14,580.

#### 2nd dam

**OYSTER BABY**, by Wild Again. Unraced. Dam of 2 other foals, including--  
Knoxville Gin. Placed at 4, \$6,011.

#### 3rd dam

**REALLY FANCY**, by In Reality. 2 wins at 2, \$81,900, Anoakia S. [G3]. Half-sister to **BLUSHING HEIRESS** [G2]. Dam of 12 winners, including--

**Real Fancy Runner**. Winner at 2, \$55,000, in Canada; placed, 2 to 4, || \$44,160, in N.A./U.S., 3rd La Habra S. [G3] (SA, \$12,000). (Total: \$92,684).

**Stately Warrior**. 8 wins, 3 to 8, \$373,391, 2nd Cardmania S. [L] (SA, \$13,- || 000), 3rd Cardmania S.-R (SA, \$8,400).

**Saints Go Marching**. 3 wins to 4, \$63,449, 3rd Shenandoah S. (CT, \$4,054).

**Dixie Holiday**. 4 wins, 3 to 5, \$101,781. Dam of 13 winners, including--

**HOLIDAY RUNNER**. 4 wins at 2 and 3, \$232,073, Three Chimneys Juvenile S. [L] (CD, \$75,268), etc. Dam of **SEVENTH STREET** (\$716,000, Apple Blossom H. [G1] (OP, \$300,000), etc., dam of **Marking** [G1], Total: \$426,200), **REYNALDOWHEWIZARD** (Total: \$2,210,790, Gulf News Dubai Golden Shaheen [G1], etc.), **American Story** [G2] (\$189,-200, dam of **AMERICAN GAL**, to 4, 2018, \$904,980, Longines Test S. [G1] (SAR, \$300,000), etc.; **AMERICANIZE**, 3wins, \$325,045).

**Smash**. 4 wins, 2 to 5, \$193,117, 2nd Carry Back S. [G2] (CRC, \$40,000). Stormy Playmate. Winner at 2, 3, and 4, \$55,120. Dam of 6 winners, incl.--

**Quid Non**. 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$143,032, 2nd CTBA Marian S.-R (FPX, \$11,700). Proper Code. Winner at 2, \$32,710. Dam of 1 foal--

**Fantasy Gal**. 4 wins, 2 to 4, \$67,918, 2nd Sierra Starlet H.-R (RUI, \$12,-100), 3rd Chief Narbona New Mexico Bred S.-R (ALB, \$4,350).

**Social Style**. Placed at 3, \$5,625. Producer. Granddam of **SUGARINTHE-MORNING** (5 wins, \$560,554, Fleet Treat S.-R (DMR, \$60,000), etc.).

**Engagements: Breeders' Cup.**