## **MR. MONEY**

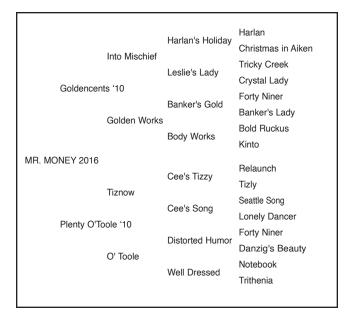
There is no questioning Chester Thomas's faith in the continued growth of the Louisiana state-bred program, or his commitment to Louisiana racing and breeding. That commitment was behind his relocation of his young stallion Mr. Money (owned in partnership with Spendthrift Farm) from Florida's Journeyman Stud to Clear Creek Stud near Folsom, Louisiana, where Mr. Money will stand the 2023 season for \$4,000 live foal.

The Spendthrift connection to Mr. Money should be no surprise, for the horse is a paternal grandson of Into Mischief, the premier sire at the historic farm. Now closing in on his fourth consecutive sire title, Into Mischief shares the Spendthrift stallion barn with his sons Authentic (the 2020 Horse of the Year), Goldencents, and Maximus Mischief, testifying to Spendthrift's confidence that Into Mischief will be a successful sire of sires.

Part of that confidence is based on Goldencents, who was among Into Mischief's earliest top sons to go to stud. A two-time winner of the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1), Goldencents also won the 2013 Santa Anita Derby (G1) and set a Del Mar track record of 1:20.99 for seven furlongs on the synthetic surface when winning the 2014 Pat O'Brien Stakes (G2). His resume also includes the 2012 Delta Downs Jackpot Stakes (G3) and the 2013 Sham Stakes (G3).

Since his retirement to stud, Goldencents has been the best sire thus far of the stallions that entered stud in 2015. As of October 19, he has 315 winners, 19 stakes winners, and over \$28.5 million in progeny earnings to his credit. In 2021 alone, he was represented by six stakes winners, headed by Rodeo Drive Stakes (G1) winner Going to Vegas.

Mr. Money is a member of Goldencents' first crop and has a most appropriate name, as he is second only to multiple grade 2 winner By My Standards as a money winner among his sire's progeny. He is out of Plenty O'Toole, a winning daughter of two-time Breeders' Cup Classic (G1) winner Tiznow and the Distorted Humor mare O'Toole. Produced from stakes



winner Well Dressed (by Notebook), O' Toole is a full sister to 2009 Railbird Stakes (G3) winner Witty (dam of 2021 Daytona Stakes, G3, winner Bombard, by War Front) and a half sister to Well Armed (by Tiznow), the runaway winner of the 2009 Dubai World Cup (G1). In its further reaches, this is the family of two-time Japanese Horse of the Year Symboli Kris S. and 2017 Maker's 46 Mile Stakes (G1) winner American Patriot.

Blessed with a mix of miler speed and classic stamina in his bloodlines. Mr. Money himself excelled in the range of eight to nine furlongs. The winner of a maiden special weight over a mile and one-sixteenth at Churchill Downs at 2, he was still learning his business when he ran seventh in the 2019 Risen Star Stakes Presented by Lamarque Ford (G2) and fifth in the Twinspires.com Louisiana Derby (G2), getting wide trips both times. His next race was the Pat Day Mile Stakes (G3) on the Kentucky Derby undercard, and this time he showed what he was made of, splitting horses and drawing off to win by 5¼ lengths over next-out Woody Stephens Stakes (G1) winner Hog Creek Hustle; grade 2 winner Instagrand, future graded stakes winners Last Judgment and Manny Wah, and

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next-out Preakness Stakes (G1) runner-up Everfast were in the beaten field.

Mr. Money stayed at Churchill Downs for his next outing, the Matt Winn Stakes (G3), and turned in another fine performance, defeating grade 2 winner Signalman by 6½ lengths in the mile and one-sixteenth race with future Horse of the Year Knicks Go among the alsorans. From there, he went to the Indiana Derby (G3) and the West Virginia Derby (G3), winning both races as an odds-on favorite.

Mr. Money's four-race win streak came to an end in the Pennsylvania Derby (G1), in which he was pressured throughout on the lead and only gave way by a neck in the closing strides; the winner, Math Wizard, had finished behind Mr. Money in both their previous

meetings. Mr. Money was hardly disgraced, however; behind him were Preakness Stakes (G1) winner War of Will, grade 1 winner and future champion older male Improbable, and grade 3 winner Spun to Run, who would later win the 2019 Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (G1) with Mr Money seventh in a much duller effort.

For a horse that had been racing steadily since February, that was probably one trip to the well too many, and Mr. Money struggled as a 4-year-old. He lost four straight before picking up his last stakes win in the 2020 Ack Ack Stakes (G3), in which he clipped off a mile in a brisk 1:34.85. After a second unplaced finish in the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile, he retired to begin his stallion career in 2021, having won six of 18 starts with earnings of \$1,360,430.

A handsome, well-balanced, correct horse with the strong body typical of Into Mischief and his progeny,



Mr. Money appears to have stamped his first crop of Florida-bred foals with his own physique. He was well supported by Thomas, who sent 24 mares to him in 2021 and 20 in 2022, and his first crop will come to the races in 2024.

On pedigree, Mr. Money should cross well with mares from the male lines of Danzig, Awesome Again, Gone West, and Storm Cat, and may also suit mares by Tapit and his sons. In addition, mares tracing to the Fappiano branch of Mr. Prospector (which includes Unbridled's Song and Quiet American) or tracing to Mr. Prospector through daughters may also be worth consideration. Like his sire and grandsire, he is an intermediate physical type that should suit a wide variety of mares, and he has the potential to sire two-turn horses with the right mates as well as speedier types—all in all, an attractive package for breeders in the Pelican State.

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