

# MATING ANALYSIS

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## ENGLISH CHANNEL

Smart Strike – Belva, by Theatrical (Ire)

Eclipse Award winning Champion English Channel is a winner of six grade one events, earning over \$5,300,000. He is by two-time Leading Sire, Smart Strike, and his dam is by Champion Theatrical out of multiple Champion Sprinter Committed.

English Channel is a product of the Mr. Prospector/Northern Dancer cross, which has also produced such successful sires as Kingmambo (like English Channel, out of a Nureyev line mare), Distorted Humor, and Elusive Quality.

These stallions have done very well when crossed back over Northern Dancer line mares, and Smart Strike has sired more than 30 stakes winners out of Northern Dancer line mares. Kingmambo – bred on a similar cross to English Channel – has done particularly well with **Northern Dancer** through **Sadler's Wells** (one obvious source being **El Prado**), a three-parts-brother to **Nureyev**. Smart Strike over **Northern Dancer** through **Danzig** line mares has been particularly good with seven stakes winners, including out of mares by **Belong to Me**, **Boundary** and **Dayjur**. There are also five stakes winners by Smart Strike out of **Nijinsky II** line mares, including Grade 1 winner Fleetstreet Dancer. Smart Strike sired the magnificent Curlin out of a mare by **Deputy Minster**, and is also sire of a Champion out of a mare by **Gate Dancer** (by **Sovereign Dancer**), and a grade one winner out of a mare by **El Gran Senor**. Other branches of the Northern Dancer line which have proved successful when bred to Smart Strike include **Dixieland Band**; **Storm Cat**; **Llyphard**; **Northern Baby** and **Be My Guest**. English Channel should also work well with **Iccapade** branch of Northern Dancer's sire, **Nearctic**, through **Wild Again** (broodmare sire of two Smart Strike stakes winners).

In general, the Mr. Prospector line crosses well with **Seattle Slew**, and English Channel should be particularly interesting with that line as his as his third dam is a close relative to Seattle Slew's sire, **Bold Reasoning**. Smart Strike already has a stakes winner out of a mare by **Seattle Slew**, and stakes winners out of mares by Seattle Slew sons **Fast Play** and **Capote**, but any **Seattle Slew** line horse would be worth considering.

Smart Strike has sired a multiple graded stakes winner out of a mare by **Pleasant Colony**, who is by **His Majesty** from the **Ribot** line. He also has a stakes winner out of a mare by **Alleged** (who descends from **Ribot** through **Tom Rolfe** and **Hoist the Flag**), and a stakes winner out of a mare by **Lost Code** (by **Codex**, by **Arts and Letters**).

There is a stakes winner by Smart Strike out of a mare by **Silver Hawk**, a son of **Roberto**, and that strain would be particularly interesting through **Lear Fan**, who carries a sister to the great mare **Thong** (in English Channel through **Nureyev**). It would also be worth considering mares by **Alysheba**, whose dam is a sister to Lear Fan.

Smart Strike has begun to evolve a successful cross with **Blushing Groom** line mares, and has two 2009 stakes winners out of mares by **Rahy**, a son of **Blushing Groom**.

– Alan Porter

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## ENGLISH CHANNEL

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15.3 hands

Smart Strike

Mr. Prospector

Classy 'n Smart

Theatrical (Ire)

Belva

Committed

Raise a Native

Gold Digger

Smarten

No Class

Nureyev

Tree of Knowledge

Hagley

Minstinguette

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