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[Blueskiesnrainbows](#) has a new home!

He will be standing at Midwest Equine & Veterinary Hospital for the 2018 breeding season. His fee is \$2,500 live foal.

His 5-cross pedigree exemplifies soundness and class:

- **117** Graded stakes wins or places under the first four dams (**36** G1 wins or places).
- 94% starters averaging 23 starts in the 5 cross pedigree.
- Multiple graded stakes winner, Grade 1 stakes placed earner of over \$670,000.

Cecil Seaman & Co. purchased [Blueskiesnrainbows](#) at the Keeneland yearling sale based on his biomechanical measurements and consistent family tree. He has all the characteristics that make a great stallion, and we are pleased to recommend him to you.

We have been evaluating horses biomechanically for over 40 years. Our database has over **113,000** horses, including over **2,200** Grade 1 winners, plus hundreds of champions and millionaires from around the world. We use a unique Five-Step mating system to match mares to stallions, and identify mares that have the highest probability of producing graded stakes horses.

Indiana has a very enticing breeding program. If you breed back to an Indiana stallion, the foal your mare is currently carrying will be Indiana bred and eligible for all Indiana incentives, including Out-of-State Breeder's Awards for racing out of state when racing is not available in Indiana. There is a 40% supplement to Indiana Breds in Open races, as well as a lucrative stakes program, and Breeder's Awards. The resident requirements for mares is very short, so mares can return to Kentucky or other states within 30 days of foaling once bred back.

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BLUESKIESNRAINBOWS 5-CROSS PEDIGREE STALLIONS

STALLION	FOALS	SW	%SW
ENGLISH CHANNEL *	518	31	6.0%
SMART STRIKE *	1,590	125	7.9%
DEPUTY MINISTER	1,162	90	7.7%
MR. PROSPECTOR	1,195	182	15.2%
THEATRICAL (IRE)	1,052	81	7.7%
VICE REGENT	685	103	15.0%
PLEASANT COLONY	640	70	10.9%
RAISE A NATIVE	863	77	8.9%
SMARTEN	623	47	7.5%
NUREYEV	806	135	16.7%
HAGLEY	377	30	8.0%
NORTHERN DANCER (3X)	646	147	22.8%
BUNTY'S FLIGHT	104	3	2.9%
HIS MAJESTY	655	56	8.5%
NATIVE DANCER	306	43	14.1%
NASHUA	649	77	11.9%
CYANE	424	47	11.1%
NODOUBLE	644	88	13.7%
SASSAFRAS (FR)	608	55	9.0%
OLDEN TIMES	692	64	9.2%
BOLDNESIAN	253	27	10.7%
NEARCTIC (2X)	345	49	14.2%
MENETRIER	139	19	13.7%
BUNTY LAWLESS	198	26	13.1%
JABNEH	73	0	0.0%
RIBOT	428	64	15.0%
SUNRISE FLIGHT	73	8	11.0%
REVIEWER	182	19	10.4%
	15,930	1,763	11.1%

* INCLUDES 2YOS OF 2017

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BREEDERS' NOTES BY DOUG WALL

Blueskiesnrainbows will stand for \$2,500 at Midwest Equine in Trafalgar, Indiana for his 3rd year at stud 2018. This announcement is far more significant than one might expect concerning a new stallion retiring to stud anywhere outside of the major racing states of Kentucky, New York, California or Florida. This significance applies to breeders seeking to capitalize on state-bred or regional breeding programs. Most breeders have nice horses to choose for smaller market state-bred matings. That said, the common denominator for all of these breeders is that their stallions arrive in their states after having previously stood in a larger market without overwhelming success, or that they retire to any respective state, but lack the credentials to have retired to a major market.

In Blueskiesnrainbows, however, Indiana breeders have a new stallion that literally could have started his career anywhere and been well received in his fee range. The fact that his owner, Kelly Mitchell of Bad Boy Racing, LLC, choose Indiana for Blueskiesnrainbows speaks volumes about the state of Indiana racing. Kelly knows horses, and business. Three of his first four race horses were graded stakes horses. He chose Indiana for good reason despite having multiple nationwide and even international options for standing his fine stallion. A simple review of the innovative purse incentives offered to Indiana breeders explains this choice, especially when considering the profit opportunities arising from participating in such a program with runners by a stallion who is seemingly preeminent by comparison to other state stallions. With due respect to these other Indian stallions, it appears that the Indiana purses and incentives have escalated to attractive points but that the stallion breeding options available to take advantage of this have lagged behind. Enter Blueskiesnrainbows to fill the vacuum and to likely give breeders who support him a competitive advantage in their Indiana racing efforts.

These assertions, especially appearing in an advertising context, would ring hollow if not able to be supported in fact. Read on and I think you will agree that there is truth in advertising, so much so that Blueskiesnrainbows actually deserves solid consideration even by breeders outside of Indiana.

Clearly, any factual analysis of a freshman sire must be based on the categories of pedigree, performance, soundness, physical appearance and value. Blueskiesnrainbows passes the test in all of these categories (with name appropriate flying colors) as is highlighted by the following:

Pedigree

Sire – English Channel - one of the most underrated sires in the world. He was a monster racehorse who won 13 of 23 races against the best of the best and made \$5,300,000. He is a 6 time Gr.1 winner, set 2 track records and achieved a stunning 126 career best Espeed figure. His pedigree is world class too in being by leading sire Smart Strike and out of a dam who is a full sister to a millionaire. The second dam of English Channel is the great Committed, a champion sprinter, miler and older female with 17 wins in 30 starts. He is also a beautiful horse whose stallion registry

picture does him no justice. Go to his Calumet or Bloodhorse pages for confirmation videos and it becomes more apparent where Blueskiesrainbows gets his physique. (It is also worth viewing his utter destruction of the field in 2007 Breeders Cup Turf.) More importantly, English Channel is showing preeminence as a sire of the sort that indicates he will be a sire of sires. For example, the 2015 leading general sire list is full of stallions who are very good sires but also are clearly listed in large part as a function of breeding huge books and having a corresponding huge number of runners. This fact skews the stats against sires with smaller books. However, dig deeper into the final 2015 general sire list and some of the true class can be sorted from the numbers game. This can best be illustrated by the following list:

Leading 2015 North American
Active Sires with Less Than 200 Runners
(from BloodHorse 2015 General Sire List)

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>Runners</u>	<u>Stud Fee</u>
1. Pioneer of the Nile	120	\$125,000.00
2. Ghostzapper	172	\$60,000.00
3. War Front	148	\$200,000.00
4. Mineshaft	172	\$25,000.00
5. English Channel	157	\$25,000.00

In this context, English Channel's modest position as the 34th leading NA sire overall is much more flattering, and telling of his quality judging by the above-named company he keeps.

Given his small number of runners, the fact that English Channel is also both the 6th leading overall NA based turf sire and one of the only 4 active NA sires to sire a current turf millionaire (along with Kitten's Joy, Arch and Speightstown) further affirms his lofty, but still underrated, status. Other facts in this vein are that he has sired both turf and dirt Grade 1 winners of premier races such as the Travers and Arlington Million, has had 2 Canadian champions and is one of only 16 sires to have multiple Grade 1 winners in 2015, only 3 of which stand for \$25,000.00 or less (along with Afleet Alex and Include). What's more, as of this January 10th, 2016 writing, English Channel already has a 2016 Grade 2 winner at Gulfstream in Heart to Heart.

Dam - Cho Cho San – an elite mare being by Deputy Minister and out of Multiple Graded Strikes winner Dance Colony. It is possible that Deputy Minister is the finest North American broodmare sire of this era. This assertion is borne out by the yet another telling list:

Leading N/A Based Broodmare Sires by
Cumulative Stakes Winners
(From BloodHorse 2015 Broodmare Sire List)

<u>Stallion</u>	<u>SWs</u>	<u>Number of Dams</u>
1. Storm Cat	226	381
2. Deputy Minister	220	228
3. Woodman	203	319
4. Dixieland Band	186	228
5. Rahy	144	241
6. A.P. Indy	137	337

The fact that Deputy Minister is the broodmare sire of Curlin who, like Blueskiesrainbows, is from the Smart Strike sire line only enhances the powerful influence of Deputy Minister in this new sire's pedigree. Clearly, any breeder who is a fan of Curlin (and who isn't) should strongly consider Blueskiesrainbows if Curlin's \$100,000 stud fee is beyond reach. On that note, a review of Curlin's 2015 numbers clearly shows that he now must be considered as one of the 10 best sires in the world. This, coupled with his \$10,000,000 in earnings on the track, speaks well indeed of Curlin's similarly bred fellow imposing heavily muscled chestnut phenotype sire of approximately 16.2h, that being Blueskiesrainbows.

So what we have here in Cho Cho San is a mare of great pedigree (99 graded stakes horses in first for dams) who herself is a multiple stakes producer by perhaps the best possible broodmare sire and who is also out of a multiple graded stakes winner and stakes producer in Dance Colony (who had 28 starts just like Blueskiesrainbows - a direct correlation showing a strong theme of soundness and stakes performance throughout in the pedigree of Blueskiesrainbows).

Dance Colony can not only claim multiple graded stakes wins, but can also boast of once winning a smaller stake by 18 lengths. Pedigree students can also easily see the strength of Dance Colony in this pedigree with her being by Pleasant Colony and thus an all too rare representative of the great Ribot line. Dance Colony is out of a mare by Northern Dancer himself, with this contributing to the 5 x 4 x 4 Northern Dancer influence upon Blueskiesrainbows. For good note, the remaining broodmare sire in the direct female family of Blueskiesrainbows is Reviewer, a 1966 son of Bold Ruler bred by Ogden Phipps whose career record from 13 starts was 9 times first, 3 times second and once 3rd in elite races that are now graded in their modern renewals.

This is the female family of Lyphard, Grade 1 millionaire Urbane and Grade 1 winning Nobility among many other standouts. And, just for good measure as to Cho Cho San, her Keeneland yearling in 2015 was the highest seller by English Channel in bringing over 10 times his stud fee by selling for \$260,000. Clearly Blueskiesrainbows little sister must be a nice individual, as would be expected from such a pedigree.

Performance

Blueskiesnrainbows won graded stakes at ages 3,4 and 5. He was also second in the Breeders Cup Marathon in a visually impressive race where it appeared he could have ran all day. In fact, his effort looked good enough to win but after gamily putting away all challengers he was finally bested by a horse so far to his outside that Blueskiesnrainbows appeared to have not seen him in time to fight off his one final challenger. Remarkably, the BC Marathon effort occurred despite Blueskiesnrainbows having been known on the California circuit as a front running speed horse who was first or second at the first quarter call in 20 of his 28 starts and who often won in dominating wire-to-wire fashion. This speed and stamina combination showed brilliantly in the star-studded 2005 running of the Grade 1 Santa Anita Derby when Blueskiesnrainbows set all fractions only to be caught in deep stretch by the tandem of Kentucky Derby winner I'll Have Another and Grade 1 winning millionaire Creative Cause, neither of which were over a half length better than Blueskiesnrainbows after he gamely dug back in to finish a courageous third that was many lengths ahead of Grade 1 winners and current sires Paynter and Liason.

Soundness

There is no bigger heartbreak to the horseperson than to bred, foal, raise and train a promising runner only to have soundness issues derail any hopes of racing success. The best way to avoid this emotional and financial pain is to breed your mares to sound stallions from sound families. As mentioned, Blueskiesnrainbows started 28 times, including a stretch of 18 starts in 22 months that defines his durability. Blueskiesnrainbows stakes winning half brother by Tale of the Cat made 23 starts and an overview of his first 5 generations of family shows an average of 21.3 starts. These numbers are, of course, especially impressive for a stakes horse with the such impressive size, scope and speed as these traits often don't lend themselves to durability. Blueskiesnrainbows is big, fast and sound. These are inherited traits of the sort that make for success and profit for breeders and, just as importantly, minimize the chance of experiencing the futility and heartache of raising an unsound racehorse.

Physical Appearance

As stated above, Blueskiesnrainbows is 16.2 ½ hands tall. He shows to have a great top-line and balance, with tremendous bone and short cannons for a horse of his height. He is heavily muscled but not "bullish" in that he maintains a racy and aerodynamic appearance. Blueskiesnrainbows was biomechanically measured as a yearling and fell into the most elite of categories indicative of his Grade 1 level ability. Of note is the fact that his current confirmation photo was taken within hours of him coming off a van ride from California to Indiana during which he was tranquilized. The photo is not bad, but more becoming ones will follow and he looks much better in person than in this photo. Of course, the looks ultimately sought from a stallion may be a year or so away as full maturity is reached. This known fact is the reason why virtually all freshman sires use racing photos for promotion rather than actual conformation shots. On that

note, the racing photos of Blueskiesnrainbows are amazing. So much so that they speak for themselves and make further discussion in this category unnecessary.

Value

At \$2,500 it is clear that Blueskiesnrainbows is priced to attract mares and should get a great chance as a stud. He literally is a half-length away from being a Grade 1 Derby winner and possess all the ingredients to be successful as a sire. He is a solid value at a fee that is the absolute baseline for a multiple graded stakes winner of his caliber. Another plus relating to value is the versatility Blueskiesnrainbows is likely to possess as sire. He appears to be of the sort that can get any kind of runner. This trait certainly helps in establishing a young sire as being narrowly successful in turf, sprint or distance only limits opportunities for runners and stifles a stallion's future breeding options thus limiting success. Anyone breeding to a freshman rightfully thinks that the residual value of their resulting foal, especially fillies, will escalate if they are by a sire who hits and becomes a "name" sire. This is most likely to be achieved by versatile sires. Reasons to think Blueskiesnrainbows will meet this standard are many, including the following slightly rehased, but worth reiterating, points: he was early maturing enough to win at 2 but also won in graded stakes until 5; had both speed and stamina; descends from Dance Colony who was most accomplished at 2 but is by Pleasant Colony who was very large and known for siring late maturing animals; is a son of English Channel, a turf runner and absolute premier turf sire who has also sired a Travers winner and a great dirt runner such as Blueskiesnrainbows. Of course, English Channel is by Smart Strike who twice lead, and was once second, the general sire list. This clearly indicates versatility in the sire line, not to mention the obviously relevant fact of Smart Strike having sired one of the all-time greats on both dirt and turf in Curlin and English Channel respectively. Versatility indeed exists throughout the pedigree of Blueskiesnrainbows and can be expected from his offspring.

Hopefully these comments will help in your breeding selections. If you are considering breeding to Blueskiesnrainbows, the author, Doug Wall a multiple stakes winning owner/breeder, is available as part of your breeders' consultation team at dwassociate1@gmail.com along with breeder/consultant for over 112 Grade 1 winners, Cecil Seaman at cseamon@cecilseam.com and Dr. Roger Beam, rogerbeamdvm@aol.com.