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## INTERPRETING A NICKS CHART

The sire line of the stallion, when arranged vertically, crossed with the sire line of the dam, arranged horizontally, would look like the chart below. There are 16 possible matches through four generations. This is the beauty of the CompuSire nicking program: it gives an idea of which sires crossed well in the pedigree and where. This is especially helpful for young stallions which have had no runners at the track yet.

\*The software program itself designates a number rather than a letter for this value and calls the nick a "Sire Affinity Index" (SAI). Numbers at 1.25 and higher are considered "A" nicks, the higher the number the better.

Above each number is the number of unrestricted stakes winners on the cross.

### EXAMPLE: BARBARO

BARBARO's sire is Dynaformer by Roberto. His dam's sire is Carson City by Mr. Prospector.

the dam's sires → Carson City Mr. Prospector Raise a Native Native Dancer

the sire's sires  
(below) –

Block positions 1-16 below for placement of nicks:

Dynaformer	16	15	14	13
Roberto	12	11	10	9
Hail to Reason	8	7	6	5
Turn-To	4	3	2	1

Generation 1 nicks are those matings of the stallion's sire on line 1: blocks 16,15,14,13

(example Dynaformer – Raise a Native, block 14)

Generation 2 nicks are those of the stallion's grandsire on line 2: 12,11,10,9

(example Roberto – Native Dancer, block 9)

*Prime spots* are the most direct crosses: the sire or his sire to the sire or grandsire of the dam. They appear in red on the chart above. These are the desired locations of "A" nicks, matings which have produced unrestricted stakes winners and thus great racing success in the past.

- The "A" nicks will be circled for the mare and stallion matched for you on the nicks chart for that cross.
- The bottom number in the block is the nick number – note that all circled blocks will have numbers of 1.25 and up.
- The top number is the # of unrestricted stakes winners on that cross for the last decade or so through November, 2008.