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Her aptitude for racing well at longer distances marked La Ville Rouge as somewhat atypical for her sire, Carson City, a sprinter and sire of many horses who excelled in sprints.

Furthermore, La Ville Rouge is a full sister to just such a filly, Lucky Lavender Gal. But their dam, the King's Bishop mare La Reine Rouge, was a stakes winner at 2 from only two starts. That doesn't tell us a great deal about La Reine Rouge's own distance capacity, but two of her full sisters showed stakes form up to nine furlongs, and their sire, the Round Table stallion King's Bishop, was an admirable performer from six to nine furlongs, with his best victory coming in the Carter Handicap.

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Although a daughter of the Mr. Prospector stallion Carson City, La Ville Rouge is not a blocky or heavy-bodied mare. Instead, she is "an average-sized mare," Jackson said, "and she doesn't look much like the sprinter type."

When mated with Dynaformer, a 21-year-old son of English Derby winner Roberto who stands at Three Chimneys Farm for a stud fee of \$100,000, the result was Barbaro. He is typical of the offspring of Dynaformer, who gets scopey, good-sized horses who run and win and stay sound.

As evidence of their sturdiness and longevity, Dynaformer's numbers are among the highest, with 85 percent starters from foals and 64 percent winners.

The statistics on La Ville Rouge are even better. Both of her first two foals are not only runners and winners, but both are stakes winners. Barbaro's 4-year-old half-brother is stakes winner Holy Ground (by Saint Ballado).

From the evidence of his racing style and bloodlines, Barbaro will be adequately equipped to race 10 furlongs in the Derby, and the greatest challenge there, as ever in 3-year-olds' first experience with 1 1/4 miles, will be his opponents' aptitudes to racing the extended distance.

He might even find added competition within his owners' own stable.

The Jacksons also race the highly regarded Showing Up, a colt who is unbeaten in two starts and was scheduled to run in the Wood Memorial until a bruised foot removed him from contention. The Jacksons also bred and sold George Washington, one of the favorites for the 2000 Guineas.

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