

NAPOLEON SOLO

Gray or roan colt by Liam's Map – Atomic Blonde by Scat Daddy

Breeder: John D. Gunther & Eurowest Bloodstock (Kentucky)

Birth date: Feb. 17, 2023

Private purchase in Mid-May. Originally sold for \$40,000 at the Keeneland 2024 September yearling sale

Owner: ESPOIR USA

Trainer: Chad Summers

Jockey: Paco Lopez

Lifetime Record: 5 3-0-0

Lifetime Earnings: \$1,560,520

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- Won the Preakness (Grade 1) in his previous start.
- Passed on the Belmont Stakes to train up to the Haskell.
- Skipped the Kentucky Derby to focus on the second leg of the Triple Crown.
- Grade 1 winner at ages 2 and 3.
- Won the 2025 Champagne (Grade 1) by 6½ lengths in his second start for a perfect juvenile season.
- Passed on the 2025 Breeders' Cup Juvenile to concentrate on his sophomore season.
- Named by original owner Al Gold for the protagonist in the 1960s hit TV series "The Man from U.N.C.L.E."

BREEDING

- Sired by multiple Grade 1 winner Liam's Map, who won the 2015 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile at Keeneland in track record time
- Napoleon Solo is Liam Map's seventh Grade 1 winner, on both dirt and turf, as of July 7.
- He is Liam's Map's first Classic winner.
- Liam's Map, by Unbridled's Song, is one of the most successful sons of his sire at stud.
- Liam's Map is by multiple stakes winner Miss Macy Sue, making him a half-brother to superior sire Not This Time.
- Napoleon Solo's dam is the stakes-winning Atomic Blonde, who is by Scat Daddy.
- Scat Daddy is the sire of 2018 Triple Crown winner Justify.
- Napoleon Solo is her second foal.
- She has a yearling colt by Authentic, the 2020 Haskell and Kentucky Derby winner and Horse of the Year.
- She lost her foal by Stage Raider for 2026 but is due to deliver a foal by 2022 Horse of the Year and undefeated Flightline in 2027.
- Upon retirement from racing Napoleon Solo will join Liam's Map on the Lane's End Farm stallion roster.

ESPOIR USA

- The ownership remains private along with the sales price for Napoleon Solo.
- Reportedly, Napoleon Solo is the owner's sole America-based horse.

CHAD SUMMERS

- Haskell record: first starter
- Born Oct. 9, 1964 in New York City, N. Y.
- Has trained Napoleon Solo for his entire career.
- Picked the colt out of the sale for \$40,000 for previous owner Al Gold.
- Also trains Gold's multiple stakes winning Dry Powder. She won the Lady's Secret (Listed) at Monmouth on June 21.
- In college, he was the backup placekicker for the University of Kentucky football team during the 2002 and 2003 seasons.
- Became a trainer in February 2017 and in his early days shared a barn at Palm Meadows with John and Tyler Servis.

- When he became the trainer of Mind Your Biscuits, whom he co-owned with his father, and was suddenly thrust into the limelight he relied upon them to show him the ropes and remains grateful to them for their help and guidance.
- Summers and his father bought a 25 percent share of Mind Your Biscuits after the colt failed to reach his reserve price at 2014 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Preferred New York-bred yearling sale.
- Mind Your Biscuits, made back-to-back-to-back appearances in the Breeders' Cup in 2016 through 2018. He was initially second in the 2016 Breeders' Cup Sprint (Grade 1) when trained by Robert Falcone Jr. He was third for Summers in the Breeders' Cup Sprint in 2017 and the following year was 11th in the Breeders' Cup Classic.
- Mind Your Biscuits won back-to-back editions (2017 and 2018) of the Dubai Golden Shaheen (Grade 1), becoming the richest New York-bred in history with earnings of \$4,279,566 before his retirement to stud at Shadai Farms in Japan.
- Mind Your Biscuits passed away June 10 at the farm in Japan.
- Napoleon Solo, Clapton, and Mind Your Biscuits, who also took the 2017 Belmont Sprint Championship Stakes (Grade 2), are responsible for all the trainer's domestic graded stakes wins.
- Summers has been involved in bloodstock.
- He selected Grade 1 winners Full Count Felicia, the 2024 Canadian Female Turf Champion, and Howard Wolowitz, and Grade 3 stakes winner Instant Coffee for Gold.
- While with J Stables, he was involved the purchase and subsequent sale of Grade 1 stakes winner Off the Tracks and Grade 3 winners Tommy Macho and Arella Rockstar.
- The first horse Summers bought was in 2005 for a mere \$1. Named Sir Alec, he made one start for trainer Michael Dickinson, but never raced for Summers' stable. Sir Alec eventually became a champion show jumper.
- In his early years at the racetrack, Summers also worked for Paraneck Stables, Bernie Flint, and Chuck Simon, among others
- Summers started his professional career writing for several publications, including the now defunct *Thoroughbred Times*, and worked for the Horse Racing Radio Network. He also spent two summers working as a host of the Breakfast at Saratoga program, detailing morning workouts, and worked for a media company from 2011-13 before returning to the racing industry.

- Summers has been a fan of the sport since childhood when he would attend the races in New York with his father, M. Scott Summers.

PACO LOPEZ

- Haskell record: 11 0-1-1
- Born Oct. 13, 1985 in in Tierra Blanca, Mexico.
- This will be his 12th time contesting the Haskell: Howgreatisnate (6th, 2023); One Time Willard (8th, 2022); Midnight Bourbon (DNF, 2021); Ny Traffic (2nd in 2020); Spun to Run (3rd in 2019); Hence (7th in 2017); Awesome Slew (6th in 2016); Mr. Jordan (7th in 2015); Encryption (8th in 2014); Vyjack (6th in 2013) and JJ's Lucky Train (7th in 2011).
- Scored his 1st Triple Crown victory aboard Napoleon Solo in the Preakness.
- It was his 10th Grade 1 win.
- The others are: 2025 Forego, Book'em Danno; 2019 Ashland, Out for a Spin; 2019 United Nations, Hunter O'Riley; 2019 Hollywood Derby, Mo Forza; 2018 Breeders' Cup Sprint, Roy H; 2018 Santa Anita Sprint Championship, Roy H; 2017 Jenny Wiley, Dickinson; 2016 Gulfstream Park Turf Championship. Lukes Alley; 2014 Woodward, Itsmyluckyday.
- Seeking his 13th Monmouth Park riding title and eighth straight. Only Joe Bravo, with 13 titles, has won more at Monmouth Park.
- Eclipse Award winner as Outstanding Apprentice Jockey in 2008.
- Began riding quarter horses in his native Mexico before coming to the United States at age 21.
- When he rode Itsmyluckyday to victory in the Woodward Stakes (Grade 1) at Saratoga for now retired trainer Eddie Plesa, Jr., it was his first career Grade 1 score.
- In 2014 Lopez bested a Monmouth Park mark established back in 1961 when he piloted seven winners on a single card on May 17.
- He equaled that record a month later on June 7 and tied the mark yet again on Aug. 28, 2021.

