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Pedigree Analysis



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Moving Forward With Candy Ride

A lot of good horses are cherry-picked out of Argentina to race in the United States. Some do well as racehorses here, but only a rare few have also been successful in their second career as stallions in Kentucky. Forli did it, coming to race in America in 1967. Lord At War did it, as one of the best older runners in 1984 and 1985. Candy Ride has joined those ranks, brought to the U.S. in 2003 and now stands as a top sire based at Lane's End Farm.

One common thread that ties these three great Argentine-bred runners together is all three were exceptional performers in their home country and at least as good in their adopted one. All showed brilliant speed at a mile that they carried to 10 furlongs or beyond. All showed ability on dirt, which might have been the critical edge they needed to become good sires here.

Candy Ride was a champion miler at 3 in Argentina, blazing through three starts like a speed freak, breaking his maiden by a dozen lengths, and then winning two group I races at a mile, including one in which he set a world record of 1:31.01. He was

purchased by training great Ron McAnally for Sid and Jenny Craig and brought to the U.S. where he seared through three more races. His final win was a remarkable performance in the Pacific Classic (gr. I), overcoming a bad start to set a track record (1:59.11) for 10 furlongs at Del Mar while dusting Medaglia d'Oro by 3/4 lengths pulling away. He retired undefeated in six starts.

While some Argentine horses are at a disadvantage because their pedigrees are not understood by Americans, Candy Ride's background is full of familiar stuff. He's a son of Ride the Rails who was by Cryptoclearance, the durable son of Fappiano. Ride the Rails' dam was Herbalesian, an unraced daughter of the French Derby winner Herbager out of the fine race-mare Alanesian. Alanesian had already produced Princessnesian and Boldnesian, and she was from a particularly good family; in fact, being out of Alablue, she was a half sister to Mock Orange, the granddam of Cryptoclearance. This made Ride the Rails inbred 4x3 to Alablue.

A stakes winner at 2, and second in the Florida Derby (gr. I) at

3 in 1994, Ride the Rails was sold to stand at Haras Abolengo in Argentina where he proved a useful sire. His best runner from 23 stakes winners was Candy Ride, but he also got champions Inca Noble and Good Report before his death in 2010.

Candy Ride's dam is the unraced Candy Girl, who has also produced grade III winners Candy Apple (by Halo Sunshine) and Candy Singer (by Singspiel). She's a daughter of Candy Stripes, by Blushing Groom out of a mare by Lyphard. Candy Stripes placed in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French Two Thousand Guineas, Fr-I) and became a great sire in Argentina. His get includes names such as Invasor, Leroidesanimaux, and Different, all grade I winners in North America.

Candy Ride's second dam, City Girl, owned a more Argentine pedigree, being by the important sire Farnesio out of a mare by Utopico. Farnesio, though, was by Good Manners, a C.V. Whitney-bred son of Nashua while his dam was by Cardanil, a Marcel Boussac-bred French horse. Farnesio's second dam, however, was a native-bred full sister to the dam of Forli.

A well-made, powerful-looking horse, Candy Ride stood his first five seasons at Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Kentucky. His first crop, foals of 2006, included 11 stakes winners, four grade I winners: Misremembered, Capt. Candyman Can, El Brujo, and Evita Argentina. His second crop has produced grade I winners Sidney's Candy and Twirling Candy, and this year's star, Kettle Corn (gr. II). The third crop includes Home Sweet Aspen (gr. I) and Clubhouse Ride (gr. II).

Moved to Lane's End Farm in the summer of 2009, there are a lot more runners in the pipeline, which is why Candy Ride's progeny are in high demand at the sales. He's in the top 20 on the leading sires list, and has 10 stakes winners this season, led by the graded stakes winners Clubhouse Ride, Kettle Corn, and Looking Cool.

Candy Ride has worked with a variety of backgrounds, but a nick with Storm Cat-line mares has emerged, producing Sidney's Candy, Capt. Candyman Can, Evita Argentina, Looking Cool, and Candyman E. He's also working well with Mr. Prospector blood—Twirling Candy is an example, out of a Chester House mare. He's one of several who are doubled or even tripled to Mr. Prospector as Candy Ride already has a cross through his male line ancestor, Fappiano.

Candy Ride seems to favor mares with an all-American pedigree, doing well with a lot of Bold Ruler, Mr. Prospector, and Buckpasser. Although he's a long way from his Argentine birthplace, Candy Ride has found a home in Kentucky. **BH**

CANDY RIDE

RIDE THE RAILS, dkb/br, 1991	Cryptoclearance, 1984 44s, SW, \$3,376,327 1,192 f, 42 SW, 1.14 AEI	Fappiano, 1977 17s, SW, \$370,213 410 f, 48 SW, 4.40 AEI	Mr. Prospector
		Naval Orange, 1975 11s, wnr, \$9,300 8 f, 7 r, 6 w, 1 SW	Killaloe
CANDY RIDE (Arg) b, h September 27, 1999	Herbalesian, 1969 Unraced 12 f, 9 r, 8 w, 3 SW	Herbager, 1956 5s, SW 424 f, 64 SW, 3.60 AEI	Hoist the Flag
		Alanesian, 1954 25s, SW, \$136,997 14 f, 10 r, 8 w, 3 SW	Mock Orange
CANDY GIRL, ch, 1990	Candy Stripes, 1982 6s, wnr, \$47,357 1,001 f, 61 SW, 1.73 AEI	Blushing Groom, 1974 10s, SW, \$407,153 512 f, 92 SW, 3.96 AEI	Vandale
		Bubble Company, 1977 12s, wnr, \$27,027 10 f, 8 r, 6 w, 3 SW	Flagette
	City Girl, 1982 wnr 12 f, 5 r, 5 w, 2 SW	Farnesio, 1974 18s, SW, \$190,157 458 f, 25 SW, 1.18 AEI	Polynesian
		Cithara, 1975 wnr 13 f, 3 r, 5 w, 1 SW	Alablue
			Red God
			Runaway Bride
			Lyphard
			Prodice
			Good Manners
			La Farnesina
			Utopico
			Cithere

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