



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Grade 1 winner Einstein represents interesting breeding pattern

By Rommy Faversham

Turf specialist Einstein (Brz) unleashed a brilliant turn of foot through the stretch on Saturday at Fair Grounds to record a half-length victory in the \$500,000 Mervin H. Muniz Jr. Memorial Handicap (G2).



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The lightly raced five-year-old Spend a Buck horse entered off a fast-closing third in the Gulstream Park Breeders' Cup Turf Stakes (G1), an event Einstein won by a neck last year in course-record time.

His lifetime record stands at five wins from 11 starts with wins of \$513,472.

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Bred in Brazil by Fazenda Monde-sir, Einstein is the tenth foal and first winner from the Ghadeer mare Gay Charm, a Group 2 winner at age three and a multiple Group 1 winner as a four-year-old in Brazil.

Einstein's unraced half sister, Charm Us, is the dam of two Brazilian group winners. His grandam, Virga, won the 1981 Grande Premio de Diana (Brz-G1) (Brazilian Oaks).

Einstein's sire, 1985 Horse of the Year and Kentucky Derby (G1) winner Spend a Buck, never lived up to expectations over the course of his 16 years at stud in the United States. After nine seasons at Lane's End in Versailles, Kentucky, he was transferred in 1994, first to Texas for four years, followed by three seasons in Louisiana. The best of his American-bred progeny was 1996 Santa Anita Oaks (G1) and Del Mar Invitational Oaks (G1) winner Antespend.

Spend a Buck's best service at stud came in 1997 and '98 when he was shuttled to Brazil. Remarkably, those two crops included Brazilian champions Investor's Dream (Brz), Irish Lover (Brz), and Pico Central (Brz), a three-time Grade 1 winner in the U.S. This group also included Hard Buck (Brz), winner of the 2004 Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup Handicap (G1).

By 2002, Spend a Buck had developed a reputation as a productive sire in Brazil and was imported permanently to stand at Haras Bage do Sul, in Sao Paulo. In November of that year, he died of anaphylactic shock, a reaction to penicillin.

As noted in the accompanying table, a disproportionate amount of Spend a Buck's success at stud in Brazil was the result of his limited

Einstein (Brz), dk. b. or br. h., 2002					
Spend a Buck 82 724 fls, 37 SWs SI 1.38 DI=3.80	Buckaroo 75 5 wins, \$138,604, SW 523 fls, 29 SWs SI 2.03 DI=1.33	Buckpasser 63 313 fls, 35 SWs SI 4.32 DI=1.34	Tom Fool 49	Menow 35 Gaga 42	
		Stepping High 69 17 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.93	Busanda 47	War Admiral 34 Businesslike 39	
	Belle de Jour 73 1 win 14 fls, 1 SW DI=3.40	Speak John 58 349 fls, 24 SWs SI 1.64 DI=0.76	No Robbery 60	Swaps 52 Bimlette 44	*Prince Bio (Fr) 41 =Cappellina (Fr) 40
		Battle Dress 66 11 fls, 1 SW DI=3.25	Prince John 53	*Bebop II 57	*Princequillo 40 Not Afraid 48
=Gay Charm (Brz) 85 10 fls, 1 SW DI=1.53	=Ghadeer (Fr) 78 3 wins, \$68,935, SW 1006 fls, 81 SWs SI 1.26 DI=2.57	Lyphard 69 830 fls, 115 SWs SI 3.69 DI=4.33	*Nuit de Folies 47	=Tornado (Fr) 39 =Folle Nuit (Fr) 40	
		=Swanilda (Fr) 71 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.71	Jaipur 59	*Nasrullah 40 Rare Perfume 47	
	=Virga (Brz) 77 1 win, SW 1 fi, 1 SW DI=0.29	=Waldmeister (GB) 61 218 fls, 32 SWs DI=0.38	Armorial 55	Battlefield 48 *Tellaris 47	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		=Merry Sunshine (GB) 68 9 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.69	Northern Dancer 61	Goofed 60	*Court Martial 42 *Barra II 50
			Habitat 66	Sir Gaylord 59 Little Hut 52	
			=Wild Risk (Fr) 40	=Tanerko (Fr) 53 =Liya (Fr) 55	
			=Santa Isabel (GB) 56	=Rialto (Fr) 23 =Wild Violet (Fr) 35	
			=Santa Claus (GB) 61	=Dante (GB) 42 *Shamsheer (GB) 50	
			=Los Angeles (GB) 59	=Chamossaire (GB) 42 =Aunt Clara (GB) 53 =Supreme Court (GB) 48 =Minstrel's Gallery (GB) 52	

matings with mares by French-bred Ghadeer, an Italian group-winning son of Lyphard who, when sent to Brazil, became one of that nation's most influential stallions, collecting at least eight sire titles during his lifetime. That pattern of affinity has already yielded five Grade / Group 1 winners from only 26 foals.

You might say the Spend a Buck-Ghadeer cross helps to explain Einstein's theory of relativity.

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Spend a Buck as a sire

	foals	wrns (%)	SWs (%)	GSWs (%)	G1 (%)
Spend a Buck's total progeny	731	434 (59%)	37 (5%)	21 (3%)	11 (2%)
Progeny out of Ghadeer mares	26	19 (73%)	7 (27%)	7 (27%)	5 (19%)