



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Hello Lucky is first graded winner for sire Lucky Lionel

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It was an exciting time for Hello Lucky and her relatively small band of supporters on Saturday as the 33.30-to-1 longshot collected her first graded stakes victory in the six-furlong Las Flores Handicap (G3) at Santa Anita Park.

The win was the five-year-old bay mare's fifth from 19 career starts over four seasons. She has earned \$314,480.

As a juvenile in 2004, Hello Lucky captured the Anoakia Stakes during the Oak Tree meeting at Santa Anita and was third to eventual champion two-year-old filly Sweet Catomine in the Del Mar Debutante Stakes (G1). Her previous victory prior to the Las Flores score came at age three in the Lakeway Stakes at Retama Park.

Bred in Florida by Adena Springs, Hello Lucky sold for \$4,000 at the 2003 Ocala Breeders' Sales Co.'s January mixed sale. She later was consigned to the 2004 OBSC April two-year-olds in training sale but her reserve was not attained at a final bid of \$27,000.

Hello Lucky hails from the third crop of the Mt. Livermore stallion Lucky Lionel, a group stakes winner in both England and France as a juvenile. At age four, Lucky Lionel set a track record for 6½ furlongs at Santa Anita.

Sire of nine stakes winners, Lucky Lionel stands for \$2,500 at Diamond G Ranch in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he was the state's leading stallion by 2006 progeny earnings.

Hello Lucky represents the first graded stakes winner for her sire

and broodmare sire, Secret Hello, as well as the first six generations of her extended female family.

She is the first foal and second winner out of the stakes-placed Secret Hello mare Mystery Number. Her granddam, Best Number, was third in the 1987 Tempted Stakes (G3).

Hello Lucky is the first stakes winner in her tail-female line since her seventh dam, Homely, won the 1919 Schuylerville Stakes. Similarly, Hello Lucky is the richest and most celebrated runner from her extended tribe since Homely produced Saxon, by Broomstick, winner of the 1927 Wood Memorial Stakes.

A five-generation outcross, Hello Lucky's pedigree features no clever inbreeding patterns nor well established blood affinities to help explain her success.

Maybe she's just lucky.

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HELLO LUCKY

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