



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Ramonti caps banner season with Hong Kong Cup glory

by Rommy Faversham

Multiple Group 1-winning miler Ramonti proved he could stretch out to almost 1¼ miles in top international company when the five-year-old bay horse tenaciously held off local star Viva Pataca by a half-length to capture the \$2,566,000 Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup (HK-G1) on Sunday at Sha Tin Racecourse.

Ramonti was acquired privately in late 2006 by the Maktoum family's Godolphin operation and carried the royal blue silks this season to four wins and two seconds in six Group 1 events.

Three of those victories came at one mile, including the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Eng-G1), BGC Sussex Stakes (Eng-G1), and Queen Anne Stakes (Eng-G1).

Previously based in Italy with brothers Alduino and Giuseppe Botti, Ramonti scored six stakes wins for his previous connections, including the 2006 Premio Vittorio di Capua (Ity-G1) and the '05 Premio Parioli (Ity-G2) (Italian Two Thousand Guineas).

Ramonti's career mark stands at 12 wins from 19 starts and earnings of \$3,609,726. He is expected to continue racing at age six and is currently being considered for the 2008 Emirates Airline Dubai World Cup (UAE-G1).

Bred in France by Scuderia Siba S.P.A., Ramonti is one of three winners from as many starters out of the El Gran Senor mare Fosca, who was unplaced in two starts in Italy at age two.

Daughters of 1984 Joe McGrath Irish Sweeps Derby (Ire-G1) winner El Gran Senor have combined to produce a number of Grade 1 or Group 1 winners, including the United States winners Chester House, Chiselling, Empire Maker, Grand Slam, Honest Lady, and Vicar.

Ramonti's second dam, La Locandiera, was a modest Italian stakes winner. His third dam, Moon Ingraver (Ire), was a group-placed multiple stakes winner and second highweighted filly at age two on the Italian Free Handicap. Most of the immediate family have been runners in Italy or South America where they were generally workmanlike without much distinction.

Ramonti's remarkable sixth dam, Meld, swept the 1955 Fillies' Triple



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RAMONTI

Ramonti, b. h., 2002				
=Martino Alonso (Ire) 94 37 fls, 2 SWs SI 3.67 DI=0.87	=Marju (Ire) 88 3 wins, \$480,591, SW 758 fls, 46 SWs SI 1.39 DI=0.83	Last Tycoon (Ire) 83 1506 fls, 87 SWs SI 1.44 DI=1.77	Try My Best 75	Northern Dancer 61 Sex Appeal 70 Mill Reef 68 *Irish Lass II 62
	=Cheerful Note (Ire) 87 Unplaced 3 fls, 1 SW DI=1.89	Flame of Tara (Ire) 80 13 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.00	=Mill Princess (Ire) 77	Artaius 74 Round Table 54 Stylish Pattern 61 =Welsh Pageant (Fr) 66 =Electric Flash (GB) 62
Fosca 95 5 fls, 1 SW DI=1.80	El Gran Senor 81 7 wins, \$502,819 Champion 398 fls, 55 SWs SI 3.18 DI=2.43	Cure the Blues 78 843 fls, 84 SWs SI 1.86 DI=4.43	=Welsh Flame (GB) 73	Stop the Music 70 Hail to Reason 58 Bebopper 62 Dr. Fager 64 Speedwell 60
	La Locandiera 86 1 win, \$23,100, SW 6 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.06	=Strident Note (GB) 81 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.07	Quick Cure 71	Northern Dancer 61 Fleur 64 *Ballymoss 54 =Violetta III (Ity) 58
		Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	The Minstrel 74	Nearctic 54 =Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
		Sex Appeal 70 16 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.15	Furioso (GB) 71	Natalma 57 Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47 Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47
	Alleged 74 949 fls, 100 SWs SI 2.91 DI=1.37	Moon Ingraver (Ire) 77 3 fls, 1 SW DI=0.46	Best in Show 65	Traffic Judge 52 Stolen Hour 53 Tom Rolfe 62 Way Navy 54 Prince John 53 Determined Lady 59
			Hoist the Flag 68	=Zeddaan (GB) 65 =Khairunissa (GB) 60 =Crepello (GB) 54 =Intaglio (GB) 60
			Princess Pout 66	
			=Kalamoun (GB) 70	
			=Engraving (Fr) 66	

Crown in England by virtue of her victories in the One Thousand Guineas, Epsom Oaks, and St. Leger.

Ramonti hails from the first crop of the Marju stallion Martino Alonso, who stood in 2007 at Azienda Agricola Antezzate in Northern Italy.

Godolphin-bred Martino Alonso was a Group 1-placed stakes winner in Italy. Ramonti is his lone superior runner from 37 foals in four crops of racing age.

Ramonti sports an unusual but clever cross of the Group 1-winning full brothers Try My Best and El Gran Senor—4x2. The duplication of the family's strains was previously demonstrated in the pedigree of 2003 Dwyer Stakes (G2) winner Strong Hope who is inbred 4x3 to Sex Appeal.

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