



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Caracortado and his sire make the grade in Robert B. Lewis

Caracortado, a three-year-old gelding whose name comes from the Spanish word for “scarface”, preserved his unblemished race record by rolling past the well-regarded Tiznow colts Tiz Chrome and American Lion in upper stretch en route to a sparkling 1½-length victory in the \$150,000 Robert B. Lewis Stakes (G2) at Santa Anita Park on February 13.



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The 1½-mile Lewis was Caracortado's first graded stakes triumph and his fifth overall win, all by daylight.

Caracortado entered off of a sharp 1½-length score in the California Breeders' Champion Stakes at Santa Anita on December 26. The athletic chestnut has been climbing the ladder since making his debut last September in a \$40,000 maiden claiming race at Fairplex Park.

CARACORTADO

Bred in California by his co-owner and trainer, Mike Machowsky, Caracortado's pedigree may be considered light on racing class as his sire and first two dams combined to win just a single race.

He is the first starter out of the unraced Maria's Mon mare Mons Venus, who also is the dam of a yearling filly by Southern Image.

So far, daughters of Maria's Mon have yielded a total of three graded or group stakes winners, two by sons of Storm Cat.

Hall of Famers who descend in tail-female line to *Gallopade

Horse (year inducted)

Affirmed (1980)
Chris Evert (1988)
Dance Smartly (2003)
Discovery (1969)
Domino (1955)
Hamburg (1986)
Tim Tam (1985)
Twilight Tear (1963)
Two Lea (1982)
Winning Colors (2000)
Zev (1983)

Most of the success realized by Caracortado's immediate family has come with two-year-olds. His unplaced grandam, Bid to the Mint, by Key to the Mint, produced 1992 Bay Meadows Lassie Stakes winner Jaded Pleasure, by Jade Hunter.

Prior to the Lewis, the most celebrated member of this tribe was Caracortado's third dam, Cautious Bidder, who captured four stakes as a two-year old, including the 1971 Hollywood Lassie Stakes.

Caracortado, ch. g., 2007

Cat Dreams 01 82 fls, 1 SW SI 1.10 DI=5.40	Storm Cat 83 4 wins, \$570,610, SW 1380 fls, 173 SWs SI 4.03 DI=4.00	Storm Bird 78 681 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.10 DI=3.25	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		Terlingua 76 11 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.63	South Ocean 67	New Providence 56 Shining Sun 62
	J J'sdream 93 13 wins, \$1,022,217, SW 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=7.80	Glitterman 85 695 fls, 33 SWs SI 1.28 DI=4.82	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
		Thwack 87 9 fls, 1 SW DI=4.33	Crimson Saint 69	Crimson Satan 59 Bolero Rose 58
Mons Venus 01 1 fl, 1 SW DI=1.67	Maria's Mon 93 4 wins, \$507,140 Champion 896 fls, 48 SWs SI 1.87 DI=2.33	Wavering Monarch 79 672 fls, 41 SWs SI 1.17 DI=1.95	Dewan 65	Bold Ruler 54 Sunshine Nell 48
		Carlotta Maria 84 12 fls, 1 SW DI=2.50	Moon Glitter 72	In Reality 64 Foggy Note 65
	Bid to the Mint 85 Unplaced 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.60	Key to the Mint 69 626 fls, 48 SWs SI 2.58 DI=0.59	Fight Over 81	*Grey Dawn II 62 Quarrel 73
		Cautious Bidder 69 12 fls, 1 SW DI=2.79	Royal Ties 73	Distinctive 66 *New Love 63
			Majestic Prince 66 Irradiate 66	
			Majestic Light 73	Buckpasser 63
			Uncommitted 74	Lady Be Good 56
			Caro (Ire) 67	=Fortino II (Fr) 59 =Chambord (GB) 55
			Water Malone 74	Naskra 67 Gray Matter 66
			Graustark 63	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52
			Key Bridge 59	*Princequillo 40 Blue Banner 52
			Bold Bidder 62	Bold Ruler 54 High Bid 56
			Volunteer State 59	Colonel OT 44 Wait Not 49

Caracortado's extended American family traces back to his distinguished 15th dam, *Gallopade. Imported and sent to Alabama around 1833, *Gallopade is matriarch to more inductees into the Racing Hall of Fame (11) than any other broodmare in history.

Caracortado hails from the second crop of Cat Dreams and represents his sire's first stakes and graded stakes winner.

Cat Dreams stands for \$1,500 in his first season at Still Creek Farms in Brookville, Indiana, after spending five years at stud in California. He has 16 winners from 38 starters in his first two crops.

A \$475,000 Keeneland September yearling sale purchase, star-crossed Cat Dreams scored by eight lengths at Churchill Downs in his only start at age two. He subsequently was retired with a career-ending injury.

His son Caracortado may not enjoy the luxury of a “Derby-friendly” pedigree, but as the name suggests, one would be unwise not to take him seriously.

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