



# PEDIGREE PROFILE

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## Miss Match's family tree rooted in world-class affinity

Closing fast and bearing down to get a favorable head bob on 9-to-10 favorite Crisp in the 1½-mile Santa Margarita Invitational Stakes (G1), Miss Match (Arg) picked an opportune time to capture her first North American stakes victory at odds of 45.20-to-1 on March 12 at Santa Anita Park.

Winner of the 2008 Gran Premio Seleccion (Arg-1) (Argentine Oaks) in her native country, Miss Match is out of the unraced Southern Halo mare Miss Simpatia, a full sister to three Argentine group winners, including champion miler Mr. Nancho as well as Miss Linda (Arg),



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**MISS MATCH**

Argentina's champion three-year old filly who went on to compete at the top level in the U.S. at ages four and five and won the 2001 Overbrook Spinster Stakes (G1) at Keeneland Race Course.

Miss Match hails from the second Argentine crop of Indygo Shiner, an impeccably bred son of A.P. Indy whose own male line

finds itself in a current overall state of advantage and opportunity.

Sporting the pedigree of a stallion, Indygo Shiner's graded stakes-winning dam is a full sister to 2002 Broodmare of the Year Toussaud. This, then, is the immediate family of Empire Maker, Chester House, and First Defence.

A graded stakes winner in the U.S. who competed successfully on both dirt and turf, Indygo Shiner was exported in 2003 to the prominent Argentine nursery Haras La Quebrada, where the start to his stud career was, on a national level, nothing short of sensational.

Laurels were first launched in 2008, when he became the only horse in modern history to sire the winners of the Gran Premio Nacional (Arg-G1) (Argentine Derby) (Tecla Shiner) and Oaks (Miss Match) in the same year. For good measure, another son (Mi Amiguito) triumphed in the Gran Premio Polla de Potrillos (Arg-G1) (Argentine Two Thousand Guineas).

Indygo Shiner's international credibility got a big lift in early 2009, when a colt (My Indy) and filly (So Shiny) by him took a trio of important races in Dubai.

### Miss Match, dk. b. or br., m., 2005

Indygo Shiner 98 312 fls, 14 SWs SI 1.82 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1096 fls, 136 SWs SI 3.83 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63
	Navarra 88 7 wins, \$224,886, SW 9 fls, 1 SW DI=3.25	Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
=Miss Simpatia (Arg) 98 5 fls, 1 SW DI=1.86	Southern Halo 83 5 wins, \$344,875, Spl 1767 fls, 170 SWs SI 1.77 DI=2.23	El Gran Senor 81 398 fls, 55 SWs SI 3.18 DI=2.43	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
	Miss Peggy (Arg) 88 7 wins, \$27,186, SW 8 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.00	Image of Reality 76 8 fls, 3 SWs DI=4.71	Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
=Miss Bimba (Arg) 79 10 fls, 1 SW DI=2.20	Northern Sea 74 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.97	Halo 69 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
	=Fitzcarraldo (Arg) 81 726 fls, 69 SWs SI 1.96 DI=0.50	Northern Halo 63 10 fls, 1 SW DI=2.20	Sex Appeal 70	Buckpasser 63 Best in Show 65
=Miss Venecia (Arg) 64	=Stall Only (Arg) 77	Image of Reality 76 8 fls, 3 SWs DI=4.71	In Reality 64	Intentionally 56 My Dear Girl 57
	Our Talisman 72	Hail to Reason 58	Edee's Image 69	Cornish Prince 62 Ortalan 60
=Miss Venecia (Arg) 64	=Luxemburgo (Arg) 48 =Bambuca (Arg) 46	Cosmah 53	Sea Saga 68	*Turn-to 51 Nothridchance 48 Cosmic Bomb 44 Almahmoud 47
	=Lacydon (GB) 55 =Isarina (GB) 61 =Stallwood (Arg) 72 =Broadcast (GB) 69	Northern Dancer 61	=Cipayo (Arg) 74	*Sea-Bird 62 Shama 61

In 2009, he also began shuttling between La Quebrada and Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington. As such, his first crop of North American-breds now are yearlings.

Indygo Shiner has enjoyed a remarkable affinity with the daughters of Southern Halo, who was a foundation stallion at La Quebrada and collected no less than nine Argentine sire titles.

Crossing Indygo Shiner with Southern Halo mares became a popular formula with Argentine breeders, and the resultant progeny account for a significant majority of their sire's best offspring. So far, three of Indygo Shiner's four Group 1 winners have been out of Southern Halo mares.

All of these individuals have a double dose of Northern Dancer, 4x4, along with that one's close relative, Halo, one generation closer. As such, the predominant pattern of inbreeding is one involving the family of Northern Dancer and characterized by duplications of the key matriarch Almahmoud.

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