



# PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

## Stacelita enjoys both the class and trip to capture Beverly D.

Stalking the early pace, French multiple Group 1 winner Stacelita (Fr) charged through an opening along the rail in upper stretch, the winning move in a decisive 1¼-length victory in the \$750,000 Beverly D. Stakes (G1) on August 13 at Arlington Park.

The victory in the 1⅜-mile turf race was Stacelita's first in the U.S. and earned the five-year-old Monsun mare an automatic berth in the Emirates Airline Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1) on November 4 at Churchill Downs.



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Dashing Blade broodmares have done well with Monsun, with four stakes winners from 14 foals of racing age, including Noble Stella (Ger), a four-time graded stakes winner in North America.

Monsun already had clicked with Stacelita's immediate family, the combination yielding three previous local stakes winners, including multiple German Group 2 winner Simoun out of Stacelita's grandam, Suivez.

Further back, Stacelita's fourth dam, the Jim French mare Southern Seas (GB), produced 1989 champion turf male Steinlen (GB) and is the second dam of 1996 Budweiser Irish Derby (Ire-G1) winner Zagreb.

Her sire's best and richest daughter, Stacelita hails from the tenth crop of four-time German champion sire Monsun, who stands at historic Gestut Schlenderhan, one of Germany's oldest and most successful Thoroughbred farms.

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### Stacelita, blk. m., 2006

=Monsun (Ger) 90 600 fis, 95 SWs SI 3.43 DI=0.50	=Königsstuhl (Ger) 76 9 wins, \$21,322 Champion 382 fis, 34 SWs SI 2.15 DI=0.85	=Dschingis Khan (Ger) 61 266 fis, 30 SWs SI 1.78 DI=0.76	=Tamerlane (GB) 52	=Persian Gulf (GB) 40 =Eastern Empress (GB) 44
		=Königskrone (Ger) 65 8 fis, 1 SW DI=0.43	=Donna Diana (Ger) 56	=Neckar (Ger) 48 =Donatella (Ger) 50
	=Mosella (Ger) 85 1 win, SW 10 fis, 1 SW DI=0.56	=Surumu (Ger) 74 517 fis, 60 SWs SI 1.64 DI=0.29	=Kronung (Ger) 57	=Trepoleto (Fr) 56
Soignee (Ger) 02 4 fis, 1 SW DI=0.88	=Dashing Blade (GB) 87 6 wins, \$550,075 Champion 867 fis, 66 SWs SI 1.17 DI=0.81	=Monasia (Ger) 79 6 fis, 3 SWs DI=1.11	=Literat (Ger) 65	=Kaiserkrone (Ger) 52
		=Elegant Air (GB) 81 163 fis, 7 SWs SI 1.23 DI=0.53	=Surama (Ger) 70	=Birkhahn (Ger) 45 =Lis (Ger) 60
	=Suivez (Fr) 90 2 wins, \$9,760, Spl 12 fis, 4 SWs DI=2.56	=Sharp Castan (GB) 77 11 fis, 2 SWs DI=3.62	=Monacensia (Ger) 69	=Reliance II (Fr) 62 =Suncourt (GB) 52
	=Fioravanti 83 8 fis, 2 SWs SI 5.46 DI=3.80	=Shirley Heights (GB) 75	Elegant Tern 71	Mill Reef 68 =Hardiemma (GB) 69
	=Sea Symphony (GB) 80 7 fis, 0 SWs DI=1.11	Sharpen Up (GB) 69	=Sultry One (GB) 61	*Sea Bird 62 Prides Profile 63
		Northern Dancer 61	Pitasia (Ire) 76	Atan 61 =Rochetta (GB) 61
		Faraway Son 67	Southern Seas (GB) 75	=Tropique II (Fr) 52 =Sweet Heart V (GB) 52
				Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
				=Pitiskelly (Ire) 70 =Asian Princess (GB) 69
				Ambiopoise 58 Locust Time 55
				Jim French 68 =Schonbrunn (Ger) 66

Stacelita, in fact, is the second daughter of Monsun to win the Beverly D., following Royal Highness (Ger), in 2007. Monsun's richest son, 2004 BMW 135 Deutsches Derby (Ger-G1) (German Derby) winner Shirocco (Ger), won the 2005 John Deere Breeders' Cup Turf (G1) at Belmont Park.

It is interesting to note, Monsun and his sireng sons represent the only viable strain of the other wise extinct male line of Swynford, a foundation stallion whose tail-male descendants (see accompanying chart) spread out to claim widespread international success for a good part of the 20th century, eventually replaced by 'the Phalaris Revolution.'

Expect to see more of these stout, well-preserved, and drug-free German lines appearing in the pedigrees of major American winners in years to come.

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### THE MALE LINE OF SWYNFORD

- Swynford (GB; 1907) leading sire Eng/Ire 1923
- Blandford (Ire; 1919) leading sire Eng/Ire 1935, 1938
  - \*Bahram (GB; 1932) English Triple Crown winner
  - Persian Gulf (GB; 1940)
  - Tamerlane (GB; 1952)
  - Dschingis Khan (Ger; 1961) 2X leading sire in Ger.
  - Königsstuhl (Ger; 1976) 3X leading sire in Ger.
  - Monsun (Ger; 1990) 4X leading sire in Ger.
- \*St. Germans (GB; 1921) leading U.S. sire, 1931
- \*Challenger II (GB; 1927) leading U.S. sire, 1939
- \*Blenheim II (GB; 1927) leading U.S. sire, 1941
- \*Mahmoud (Fr; 1933) leading U.S. sire, 1946