



PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

Caixa Eletronica's pedigree represents non-Phalaris lines

Ever since Repole Stable and trainer Todd Pletcher claimed the unusually bred Caixa Eletronica for \$62,500 on March 9, 2011, the seven-year old chestnut has been a veritable money machine, both literally and figuratively.

Looking well beaten at the top of the stretch, Caixa Eletronica, who gets his name from the Portuguese phrase for cash dispenser or ATM, rewarded his backers with an amazing late charge between rivals to capture the \$400,000 True North Handicap (G2) on last Saturday's Belmont Stakes undercard.

Running back only 12 days after a fourth-place finish in the Metropolitan Handicap (G1), the intrepid chestnut finished the six-furlong sprint with a flurry scoring by three-quarters of a length over a fast track in 1:09.52.

Since the providential claim, Caixa Eletronica has annexed three graded stakes, including the \$1-million Charles Town Classic Stakes (G2) on April 14, 2012. Last year, he was third in a pair of prestigious Grade 1 events, the Metropolitan Handicap and the Vosburgh Invitational Stakes.

In his sixth season of racing, Caixa Eletronica has become a full-fledged cash cow now sporting a career mark of 18 wins and 18 additional in-the-money performances (67%) from 54 starts and lifetime earnings of \$1,395,705.

Caixa Eletronica's durability and relatively belated development appear to have been inherited from the top half of his pedigree.

He is the first stakes winner for his sire, Arromanches, perhaps the epitome of a blue-collar stallion.

A nonstakes-winning son of sire-of-sires Relaunch, Arromanches stands for a \$1,500 fee at Buckshot Stables in Liberty, Indiana.

In 2001-2002, the nearly all-white horse developed a bit of a following when stringing together ten consecutive victories at Monmouth, Belmont, and Aqueduct at midlevel claiming and allowance levels at the ripe old ages of eight and nine.

Hitting the board in 55 of his 78 starts (71%), Arromanches won 31 races. For good measure, the popular runner was claimed on 14 occasions.



CAIXA ELETRONICA
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Caixa Eletronica, ch. h., 2005

Arromanches 93 66 fls, 1 SW SI 1.10 DI=3.33	Relaunch 76 5 wins, \$278,100, SW 725 fls, 89 SWs SI 3.05 DI=3.00	In Reality 64 555 fls, 81 SWs SI 3.72 DI=2.40	Intentionally 56	Intent 48 My Recipe 47
		Foggy Note 65 7 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.29	My Dear Girl 57	Rough'n Tumble 48 Ittis 47
	Perfect Roux 83 6 wins, \$106,160, SW 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.37	Sauce Boat 75 568 fls, 31 SWs SI 1.27 DI=1.49	The Axe II 58	*Mahmoud 33 Blackball 50
		Sylvan's Girl 73 7 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.50	Silver Song 57	Royal Note 52 Beadah 53
Edyta 00 3 fls, 1 SW DI=2.60			Key to the Mint 69	Graustark 63 Key Bridge 59
			Missy Baba 58	*My Babu 45 *Uvira II 38
			Restless Native 60	Native Dancer 50 Next Move 47
			Summer Cloud 61	Summer Tan 52 *Skylarking II 47
	Skip Away 93 18 wins, \$9,616,360 Champion 501 fls, 25 SWs SI 0.95 DI=3.00	Skip Trial 82 458 fls, 28 SWs SI 1.57 DI=2.25	Bailjumper 74	Damascus 64 Court Circuit 64
		Ingot Way 81 13 fls, 1 SW DI=3.29	Looks Promising 68	Promised Land 54 Fluoresce 58
	Let the Mystery Be 95 Placed, \$11,740 4 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.72	St. Jovite 89 336 fls, 9 SWs SI 1.06 DI=2.00	Diplomat Way 64	Nashua 52 Jandy 49
		Charming Tiara 86 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.86	Ingot 71	Iron Ruler 65 Glorious Night 61
			Pleasant Colony 78	His Majesty 68 Sun Colony 68
			NorthernSunset (Ire) 77	Northfields 68 =Moss Greine (GB) 64
			Alydar 75	Raise a Native 61 Sweet Tooth 65
			My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59

Bred in Kentucky by Richard Rowan, Caixa Eletronica is the first foal out of the unplaced Skip Away mare Edyta.

He also represents the first graded stakes winner from a daughter of Skip Away.

Evidence of his immediate family's dormancy, Caixa Eletronica is the first stakes winner under his first three dams, a trio whose combined race record was 0 for 13.

The last trace of an important tail-female relative is Caixa Eletronica's stakes-winning fourth dam My Charmer, best known as the dam of Triple Crown-winning breed-shaper Seattle Slew and his Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1)-winning half brother Lomond.

Considered a five-generation outcross, the closest pattern of inbreeding within the above pedigree is the 5x5 tandem of full brothers Graustark and His Majesty.

Another more distant family link, Arromanches' broodmare sire Sauce Boat shares the same grandam, the influential matriarch Uvira II, as Iron Ruler, who appears as the sire of Skip Away's grandam.

Considering the universal domination of the Phalaris sire line, Caixa Eletronica adds distinction by the seven male ancestors in the first three generations of his pedigree, all of "non-Phalaris" tail-male descent.

Since only about 8% of contemporary American Thoroughbreds arise from this minority of sire lines, the likelihood of an individual having four great-grandfathers all of non-Phalaris origin could be calculated as 0.08 to the fourth power.

This rather small number (0.00004) then multiplied by an approximation of the national foal crop produces a final figure of somewhere between one and two, the total number of individuals bred each year in this fashion.

The increasingly atypical pedigree of a "throw-back", both in blood and deed.

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