



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Jersey Shore marks another dominant win for Custom For Carlos

by Rommy Favershams

Pacesetter Custom For Carlos experienced little difficulty separating himself from his opponents at the top of the stretch before coasting to a dominant 6¼-length victory in the \$194,000 Jersey Shore Stakes (G3) at Monmouth Park on July 5.

The sophomore colt completed the six furlongs in a spry 1:08.19.

The Jersey Shore was Custom For Carlos's first stakes victory. He entered off a six-length romp in a six-furlong allowance race against older opponents on May 29 at Churchill Downs.



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CUSTOM FOR CARLOS

Unraced at two, the bay colt's record stands at three wins from six lifetime starts and earnings of \$196,090. His summer goal could be the NetJets King's Bishop Stakes (G1) on August 29 at Saratoga Race Course. His sire, More Than Ready, won the 2000 King's Bishop.

Bred in Kentucky by David E. Hager II, Custom For Carlos is the fourth winner from as many starters out of the stakes-placed winning Meadowlake mare Meadow Oaks, who earned \$133,438 winning four races at ages three and four.

To date, the daughters of Meadowlake have combined to produce 15 graded and group stakes winners, including 2006 King's Bishop winner Henny Hughes.

Custom For Carlos's immediate family is anchored by his third dam, the Quack mare Plankton, winner of the 1980 Ladies Handicap (G1) at Aqueduct.

Plankton produced multiple graded stakes winner Buckley Boy. She also is the third dam of multiple Grade 1 winner Megahertz (GB), by Pivotal, and her younger full sister Heaven Sent (GB), who in May captured her second consecutive running of the Dahlia Stakes (Eng-G3) at Newmarket.

Custom For Carlos hails from the fifth North American crop of the popular shuttle stallion More Than Ready, who divides his time between Vinery Studs of Central Kentucky and the Hunter Valley of New South Wales, Australia.

A leading sire of two-year-olds in Australia, More Than Ready distinguished himself earlier this season as the sire of consecutive

Custom For Carlos, b.c., 2006

More Than Ready 97 1005 fls, 62 SWs SI 1.96 DI=2.11	Southern Halo 83 5 wins, \$344,875, Spl 1690 fls, 163 SWs SI 1.81 DI=2.23	Halo 69 724 fls, 63 SWs SI 3.40 DI=2.14	Hail to Reason 58 Cosmah 53	*Turn-to 51 Noththirdchance 48 Cosmic Bomb 44 Almahmoud 47
	Woodman's Girl 90 3 wins, \$69,195 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.73	Northern Sea 74 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.97	Northern Dancer 61 Sea Saga 68	Nearctic 54 Natalima 57 *Sea-Bird 62 Shama 61
		Woodman 83 1917 fls, 110 SWs SI 1.56 DI=3.31	Mr. Prospector 70 Playmate 75	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62 Buckpasser 63 Intriguing 64 Nasram 60 *Iskra 61
Meadow Oaks 92 6 fls, 1 SW DI=5.86	Meadowlake 83 3 wins, \$308,580, SW 907 fls, 59 SWs SI 1.93 DI=5.00	Becky Be Good 81 13 fls, 2 SWs DI=5.40	Naskra 67 Good Landing 65	First Landing 56 Best Side 52
		Hold Your Peace 69 515 fls, 45 SWs SI 1.65 DI=2.59	Speak John 58 Blue Moon 48	Prince John 53 *Nuit de Folies 47 Eight Thirty 36 Blue Grail 43
	Peggy Slew 84 2 wins, \$43,623 8 fls, 0 SWs DI=2.76	Suspicious Native 72 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.75	Raise a Native 61 Be Suspicious 63	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 Porterhouse 51 Noththirdchance 48
		Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68 My Charmer 69	Boldnesian 63 Reason to Earn 63 Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
		Plankton 76 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=4.00	Quack 69 Gang Plank 61	T. V. Lark 57 Quillon 64 Sailor 52 *High Stepper II 48

winners of the prestigious AAMI Golden Slipper Stakes (Aus-G1) with Sebring (2008) and Phelan Ready ('09).

Sire of five Australian Group 1 winners, More Than Ready still awaits his first Grade 1 winner in the United States.

The most interesting pattern in Custom For Carlos's pedigree is probably the 4x2 cross of Hail to Reason and Meadowlake. Both are descendants of the influential matriarch Noththirdchance, winner of a division of the 1951 Acorn Stakes.

The most recent graded stakes winner to demonstrate this same type of pattern is 2006 Indiana Derby (G2) winner and King's Bishop runner-up Star Dabblers. He was by the Halo stallion Saint Ballado out of a Meadowlake mare.

Inbreeding in this fashion—to superior female families along the tail-male line—continues to be a valuable strategy in the breeding of racehorses.

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