



Jerome winner is regally bred, not to mention aptly named

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After a brief duel with Kensei at the head of the Belmont Park stretch, Girolamo drew clear of his more accomplished opponent en route to a convincing 1¼-length victory in the \$147,000 Jerome Handicap (G2) on October 11.

The Jerome marked the first stakes triumph for the lightly raced three-year-old A.P. Indy colt, who covered one mile in a swift 1:33.81 on a track rated as fast.

The winner's name would seem remarkably fitting, if not prophetic, as Girolamo is indeed the Italian equivalent of Jerome. A winner of four races from six lifetime starts, Godolphin Racing's dark bay or brown colt has won \$201,300.

Bred in Kentucky by B. P. Walden, P. Steinberg, and WinStar Farm, Girolamo's five-generation pedigree is a virtual compendium of America's most influential sires and dams during the second half of the 20th century.



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The mating of his breed-shaping sire, A.P. Indy, to his Grade 3-winning dam, Get Lucky, has produced a total of six foals, including three-time graded stakes winner Daydreaming, Grade 3 winner Accelerator, and unraced She's a Winner, the dam of Grade 1 winner Bluegrass Cat.

Get Lucky, by Mr. Prospector, is a full sister to 1989 champion two-year-old male and sire Rhythm and leading Maryland sire Not For Love.

As one descends Girolamo's illustrious tail-female line, his ancestors and key relatives get no less distinguished.

His second dam, Dance Number, captured the 1983 Beldame Stakes (G1). This also is the immediate family of last year's Suburban Handicap (G1) winner Frost Giant and Central Kentucky sire Mutakddim.

Numbered Account, Girolamo's third dam, was 1971 champion two-year old filly and the dam of influential sire Private Account among others.

Girolamo represents the 14th graded stakes winner sired by A.P. Indy out of a Mr. Prospector mare. The list also features 2003 Horse of the Year Mineshaft and the influential sire Pulpit. Additional stal-

Girolamo, Dk. b. or br., c., 2006					
A.P. Indy 89 994 fls, 126 SWs SI 4.03 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 14 wins, \$1,208,726 Champion 1050 fls, 114 SWs SI 4.76 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68 61 fls, 10 SWs SI 4.95 DI=3.80	Boldnesian 63	Bold Ruler 54 Alanesian 54	
		My Charmer 69 12 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.94	Reason to Earn 63	Hail to Reason 58 Sailing Home 48 Round Table 54 Glamour 53	
	Weekend Surprise 80 7 wins, \$402,892, SW 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Secretariat 70 653 fls, 57 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Fair Charmer 59	Poker 63	Jet Action 51 Myrtle Charm 46
			Lassie Dear 74 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.11	Bold Ruler 54	*Nasrullah 40 Miss Disco 44
Get Lucky 88 12 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.48	Mr. Prospector 70 7 wins, \$112,171, SW 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Secretariat 70 653 fls, 57 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Somethingroyal 52	*Princequillo 40 Imperatrice 38	
		Gold Digger 62 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.23	Buckpasser 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47	
	Dance Number 79 8 wins, \$415,418, SW 6 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.85	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Gay Missile 67	Gay Missile 67	Sir Gayford 59 Missy Baba 58
			Numbered Account 69 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.82	Native Dancer 50	Polynesian 42 Geisha 43
			Raise a Native 61 838 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.14 DI=1.57	Raise You 46	Case Ace 34 Lady Glory 34
				Nashua 52	*Nasrullah 40 Segula 42
			Sequence 46	Count Fleet 40 Miss Dogwood 39	
			Nearctic 54	=Nearco (fry) 35 *Lady Angela 44	
			Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47	
			Buckpasser 63	Tom Fool 49 Busanda 47	
			Intriguing 64	Swaps 52 Glamour 53	

ions sporting this prominent cross include Malibu Moon and Flatter.

The ongoing affinity between Girolamo's grand sires, Seattle Slew and Mr. Prospector—both descendants of the great matriarch Myrtlewood—remains one of the strongest and longest-lasting in the Thoroughbred world.

This pedigree also is reinforced through a network of complementary strains tracing back to Girolamo's eighth dam, the great matron *La Troienne. Her great-grandson Buckpasser and great-granddaughter Glamour are duplicated within our subject's fourth and fifth generation, respectively.

As such, Girolamo's pedigree benefits from the formation of multiple inbreeding patterns along his celebrated tail-female line.

This, then, is a pedigree that operates even beyond the hefty sum of all of its impressive parts. Simply put, it enjoys all of the best.

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