

Mad Flatter packs a strong double dose of key mare

For a second straight year, Mad Flatter and Mambo Meister completed the exacta in the \$100,000 Spend a Buck Handicap (G3) on Saturday at Calder Race Course.

Holding on by a length from 1-to-2 favorite Mambo Meister, the six-year old Flatter horse covered $1\frac{1}{16}$ miles in 1:46.07 on a



MAD FLATTER Jim Lisa photo track rated as fast.

Back-to-back victories in the Spend a Buck lifted Mad Flatter's lifetime mark to eight wins from 26 starts and earnings of \$337,843.

Bred in Florida by his co-owner, Bonnie Heath Farm, Mad Flatter failed to meet

his reserve at the 2006 Fasig-Tipton Kentucky fall yearling sale on a final bid of \$29,000.

Mad Flatter is one of four winners from six starters produced by the Bonnie Heath Farm-bred mare Miss Pangea.

Winner of three races from ages three through five, Miss Pangea was a daughter of Honor Grades, a half brother to leading sire A.P. Indy.

The only other North American stakes winner appearing under any of our subject's first three dams is the two-year-old colt Hello Prince, by Halo's Image out of Mad Flatter's half sister Jestress, who captured the Birdonthewire Stakes at Calder earlier this month.

Further back, Mad Flatter's imported fifth dam, *Malindi, was a full sister to the ubiquitous foundation stallion *Nasrullah, who appears a total of six times in Mad Flatter's extended pedigree including his tail-male line, serving as seventh-generation sire.

Malindi's most important producing daughter, the Swaps mare Chandelle, is ancestress to dozens of stakes winners, including 1985 English Filly Triple Crown winner Oh So Sharp (Ire) and Grade/Group 1 victors Rosefinch, Shantou, Bribon (Fr), River Ba, and Left Bank.

Mad Flatter hails from the first crop of the Claiborne Farm stallion Flatter and is one of his sire's six group or graded stakes winners.

A full brother to last year's leading freshman sire Congrats,

Mad Flatter b. h., 2005				
Flatter 99 299 fls, 17 SWs SI 1.50 DI=3.00	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$5,959,630 Champion 1109 fls, 140 SWs SI 3.79 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
			My Charmer 69	Poker 63 Fair Charmer 59
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
	Praise 94 2 wins, \$61,180 7 fls, 1 SW DI=2.74	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46
			Gold Digger 62	Nashua 52 Sequence 46
		Wild Applause 81 12 fls, 4 SWs DI=1.70	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Glowing Tribute 73	Graustark 63 Admiring 62
Miss Pangea 95 6 fls, 1 SW DI=2.73	Honor Grades 88 5 wins, \$173,953, Spl 705 fls, 34 SWs SI 1.55 DI=3.15	Danzig 77 1074 fls, 202 SWs SI 5.30 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Pas de Nom 68	Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	Secretariat 70	Bold Ruler 54 Somethingroyal 52
			Lassie Dear 74	Buckpasser 63 Gay Missile 67
	Name That Dance 89 Unraced 5 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.00	Sovereign Dancer 75 579 fls, 56 SWs SI 2.49 DI=3.50	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Bold Princess 60	Bold Ruler 54 Grey Flight 45
		Name and Fame 75 10 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.67	Arts and Letters 66	*Ribot 52 All Beautiful 59
			Chandelle 59	Swaps 52 *Malindi 47

Flatter bears the familiar cross of A. P. Indy over Mr. Prospector, an increasingly common formula among successful American stallions.

Of course, Mad Flatter's pedigree is itself remarkable on account of his two grandsires, a pair of half brothers.

Crossing a son of A.P. Indy with a daughter of one of A.P. Indy's half brothers first appeared in the pedigree of 2005 champion juvenile male Stevie Wonderboy, by Stephen Got Even out of a daughter of Summer Squall, A.P. Indy's classic-winning half brother.

In each case, close inbreeding, 3x3, to multiple graded stakes winner and 1992 Broodmare of the Year Weekend Surprise is the result.

Potent duplications of this key Secretariat mare also appear in the pedigrees of English group stakes winner Theyskens' Theory, by Bernardini, who was second by a neck in the Garden City Stakes (G1) in September; and the Malibu Moon filly Hot Summer, a multiple graded stakes winner in 2011.

In all, another interesting method of inbreeding to the family of A.P. Indy.

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