

## SOUTH AMERICANS AS NORTH AMERICAN SIRES

Standing an imported stallion in North America is always a gamble. Not only have imported horses with good North American race records failed all too frequently, but even American-breds that have been top sires abroad have usually been less impressive when brought back to Kentucky; Southern Halo and Roy come to mind as recent examples.

Of the South American-bred stallions that have stood in the United States, only Forli and Lord At War (ARG) became unqualified successes. Why they succeeded where others failed is a mystery. Both were champions in Argentina, and both had shown good form in North America. Perhaps more importantly, both had miler speed plus the ability to stay 10 furlongs or better, and both were versatile enough to win at the top level on both dirt and turf, suggesting balanced biomechanics that could adapt to a wide variety of mates. Both also came from good female families, generally considered a plus for a prospective sire.

Arthur "Bull" Hancock of Claiborne Farm, a great judge of stallion potential, advocated the international outcross as a means of producing top horses. Forli and Lord At War certainly qualified under this principle, as both possessed pedigrees free of the strains dominating the American breeding population of their times.

Today, however, most stud farms are leery of stallion prospects with completely unfamiliar pedigrees and are more likely to welcome those whose pedigrees contain strains that have proved successful in the American market. Ironically, this contrary to one reason for standing a foreign-bred horse, which is to expand the genetic pool and avoid mental and physical soundness problems believed to be related to too much inbreeding. But it is little use to stand an outcross stallion if breeders will not patronize him, and at least a dash of familiar bloodlines seems to be necessary in today's market.

South America continues to be a major source of stallion prospects bred outside the United States. Among the young sires already represented on the track are grade I winners Candy Ride (ARG) and Redattore (BRZ), while 2005 champion turf male Leroidesanimaux (BRZ) is a freshman sire of 2009. The 2006 Horse of the Year Invasor (ARG) will have his first runners in 2011, and current star Einstein (BRZ), already a multiple grade I winner, will probably retire after this year.



Einstein (BRZ)



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Candy Ride (ARG)

RIDE THE RAILS, dkb/br, 1991	Cryptoclearance, 1984l	Fappiano, 1977	Mr. Prospector
		Naval Orange, 1975	Killaloe
	Herbalesian, 1969	Herbager, 1956	Hoist the Flag
Alanesian, 1954		Mock Orange	
CANDY RIDE(Arg) b, h September 27, 1999	Candy Stripes, 1982	Blushing Groom, 1974	Vandale
		Bubble Company, 1977	Flagette
CANDY GIRL, ch, 1990	City Girl, 1982	Farnesio, 1974	Polynesian
		Cithara, 1975	Alablue
			Red God
		Runaway Bride	Lyphard
		Prodice	Good Manners
			La Farnesina
			Utopico
			Cithere

All of these horses combine American bloodlines with South American breeding, and three share a close tie. Leroidesanimaux and Invasor are both by the Blushing Groom (FR) horse Candy Stripes, also the broodmare sire of Candy Ride.

Successful in South America, Candy Stripes did not fare well when returned to Kentucky — he stood at Taylor Made Farm in the late 1990s — but Blushing Groom was an excellent sire in North America and left behind the successful American sires Rahy and Mt. Livermore. Both Rahy and Mt. Livermore showed their best form from seven-to-nine furlongs, a range favored by American breeders, and this was also the case for Leroidesanimaux, who comes from a red-hot female family. Himself a half-brother to Brazilian group I winner Uapybo (BRZ), Leroidesanimaux is out of Dissemble (GB), whose half-sister Hasili (IRE) is the leading Northern Hemisphere broodmare of all time with five grade/group I winners to her credit.

SPEND A BUCK, b, 1982	Buckaroo, 1975	Buckpasser, 1963	Tom Fool
		Stepping High, 1969	Busanda
EINSTEIN(BRZ) dkb/br, h October 23, 2002	Belle de Jour, 1973	Speak John, 1958	No Robbery
		Battle Dress, 1966	Bebop II
GAY CHARM, b, 1985	Virga, 1977	Lyphard, 1969	Prince John
		Waldmeister, 1961	Nuit de Folies
		Merry Sunshine, 1968	Jaipur
			Armorial
			Northern Dancer
			Goofed
			Habitat
			Sweet and Lovely
			Wild Risk
			Santa Isabel
			Santa Claus
			Los Angeles

CANDY STRIPES, ch, 1982	Blushing Groom, 1974	Red God, 1954	Nasrullah
		Runaway Bride, 1962	Spring Run
INVASOR(Arg) b, h August 3, 2002	Bubble Company, 1977	Lyphard, 1969	Wild Risk
		Prodice, 1969	Aimee
QUENDOM(Arg), dkb/br, 1997	Interprete, 1988	Farnesio, 1974	Northern Dancer
		Inaccessible, 1981	Goofed
	Queen of Victory, 1990	Cipayo, 1974	Prominer
		Twitch Crown, 1983	Euridice
			Good Manners
			La Farnesina
			Liloy
			Iliada
			Lacydon
			Tsarina
			Crown Thy Good
			Twins

The main strike against Leroidesanimaux is that all of his successes came on turf, a limitation that does not apply to Invasor. A winner at distances from 1,100 to 2,500 meters (about 5.5 to 12.5 furlongs), Invasor was rated the best horse in the world on the International Classifications at the time of his retirement. Yet he began his stud career last year at a relatively modest stud fee of \$35,000, most likely because of his distaff-side pedigree, which is of high quality but is purely Argentine for three generations.

Despite his unbeaten record and his thrashing of multiple grade I winner Medaglia d'Oro in the 2003 Pacific Classic (gr. I), Candy

ROI NORMAND, dkb/br, 1983	Exclusive Native, 1965	Raise a Native, 1961	Native Dancer
		Exclusive, 1953	Raise You
REDATTORE(Brz) b, h October 18, 1995	Luth de Saron, 1977	Luthier, 1965	Shut Out
		Rose de Saron, 1969	Good Example
POLITICAL INTRIGUE, dkb/br, 1989	Deputy Minister, 1979	Vice Regent, 1967	Klairon
		Mint Copy, 1970	Flute Enchantee
	Fascinating Trick, 1970	Buckpasser, 1963	Carvin II
		Intriguing, 1964	Zitza
			Northern Dancer
			Victoria Regina
			Bunty's Flight
			Shakney
			Tom Fool
			Busanda
			Swaps
			Glamour

Ride started out even more modestly with a \$10,000 stud fee. Now third on the second-crop sire list, he is making that fee look a good bargain. A blazing-fast miler with top form on both dirt and turf and the ability to stretch out to 10 furlongs, Candy Ride has an Argentine tail-female line but is otherwise mostly North American in background, hailing from the Fappiano branch of the Mr. Prospector male line.

Redattore, who recently had his first U.S.-bred winner, is already a group I sire in Brazil. A grade II winner on dirt and a multiple grade/group I winner on turf, with his best form shown at eight to

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		Runaway Bride, 1962	Spring Run
LEROIDESANIMAUX(Brz) ch, h September 27, 2000	Bubble Company, 1977	Lyphard, 1969	Wild Risk
		Prodice, 1969	Aimee
DISSEMBLE(GB), ch, 1989	Ahoonoora, 1975	Lorenzaccio, 1965I	Northern Dancer
		Helen Nichols, 1966	Goofed
	Kerali, 1984	High Line, 1966I	Prominer
		Sookera, 1975	Euridice
			Klairon
			Phoenissa
			Martial
			Quaker Girl
			High Hat
			Time Call
			Roberto
			Irule



Invasor (ARG)

nine furlongs, he is the produce of two North American-bred parents, being by Sunset Handicap (gr. IT) winner Roi Normand (by Exclusive Native) out of the Deputy Minister mare Political Intrigue. Although Redattore is from the family of noted sires Woodman and Private Account, his pedigree seems to lean toward grass and distance, which may not be the best fit for the California market.

The latest high-class South American on the scene is Einstein, already a grade I winner on both turf and synthetics. Winner of last year's Clark Handicap (gr. II), Einstein aimed for his first grade I win on dirt June 13 in Stephen Foster Handicap but wound up finishing third behind Macho Uno and Asiatic Boy (ARG). Einstein's versatility should appeal to breeders, but whether they will like his pedigree is questionable. He is from the penultimate crop of Spend a Buck, whose other top Brazilian-bred sons have proved a hard sell in North America; both the long-running turfer Hard Buck (BRZ) and the brilliant dirt sprinter-miler Pico Central (BRZ) were sent abroad after short tenures. Einstein is easily the best-bred of the three, however, with Brazilian group I winners as his first and second dams and the top stallion in Brazilian history, Ghadeer (FR) (by Lyphard), as his broodmare sire. Should one of the major Kentucky stud farms be willing to take a chance on him, perhaps the international outcross, demonstrated so successfully in his own pedigree, will once again take root on American soil. 🍷



Leroidesanimaux (BRZ)