



Lundy's Liability^(BRZ)

Candy Stripes - Emerald Counter (Geiger Counter)

The spectacular successes of the racemare **Ilha da Vitoria**, who became South Africa's highest stakes earner ever in 2006, draws attention to her sire Candy Stripes. So does the Breeders Cup Classic and Dubai World Cup winner **Invasor**, winner of 11 of his 12 career starts. Candy Stripes, who made his stud career in South America, was no stranger to South Africa prior to Ilha's emergence. His sons **Eventuail** and **Pablo Zeta** were very serious racehorses, with high ratings. Another daughter, 3yo **Candy Critic**, made her mark in 2006 by winning the SA Oaks.

Candy Stripes is wholly French-bred, and had a brief racing career in that country, running six times. He finished third in the French 2000 Guineas at his third lifetime start (promoted to second after demotion of the winner to fourth place) and fifth in the Gr1 Prix Lupin. Timeform rated him 115, observing his best form was around a mile. Candy Stripes was subsequently exported to Argentina.

Candy Stripes is a product of a mating between Blushing Groom, a highclass sire and successful sire of sires, and the mare Bubble Company, daughter of another highclass French-bred sire, Lyphard. Bubble Company placed, but did not win. She is a full sister to the filly Sangue, a French 3yo Gr3 winner (TFR 115) who became a multiple Gr1 winner in the US at four and five years. The pair's dam Prodice was the second best French filly at 2 and at 3, winning a Gr1 and finishing second in the French Oaks (TFR 122). Interestingly, Prodice's dam Euridice had very little racing ability, while the next dam Euroclydon was only the size of a polo pony. In fact, that's what she became after a successful racing career in Singapore. Returned to England, Euroclydon failed to reach her low 80 guineas reserve at the December Sales. She eventually ended up with a French breeder, perhaps not surprisingly as she originated from one of Marcel Boussac's successful female lines. Euroclydon was by Tourbillon out of a mare by Asterus - a favourite Boussac mix, giving inbreeding to Rabelais.

The subsequent pedigree build-up must be an encouragement to small breeders. Start with a non-performed well-bred mare no one wants because of her size, then get back on track via a series of less than fashionable sires with suitable pedigree elements.

Eurocyclon visited Royal Lodge Stakes winner Tabriz (TFR 111), who is by Tehran out of La Li, a grey daughter of Blenheim, out of La Boni, by Pharos out of La Mauri. The latter mare, also the dam of sire Clustine who stood in South Africa, is a



*Tourbillon's son **Djebel** (above), winner of the English & French 2000 Guineas and the Arc, could have a profound effect on the stud career of Lundy's Liability.*

close genetic relative of sire Tetratema. These pedigree elements closely resemble the female line build-up of champion Hawaii - in fact, the construction of Tabriz and Hawaii is genetically very close.

The resulting progeny was Euridice, who in turn went to stallion Prominer, winner of the Royal Lodge Stakes and National Stakes (TFR 125). This was an inspired mating which produced Gr1 winner Prodice. Prominer was inbred 2x2 to sires His Highness and Rockefeller, who both are Hyperion x Spion Kop (a son of Spearmint). Remarkably in this context, the pair are also genetic siblings of Tehran (sire of Tabriz), giving a 3x3x3 cross in Prodice. More remarkable still, Tehran is also a close genetic relative of Prominer's third dam Grace Abounding. All of which makes for

four close genetic relatives in Prodice (3x3x4x3), all four sporting opposite sexlines of their common ancestors. To top it all, Prominer's second dam sire Chamossaire is out of the mare Snowberry, who is a genetic sibling of the dam of Tabriz (carrying the 'Hawaii' elements) - and here, too, the matching sources have opposite sex conduits.

To summarise, the sire and damsire of Prodice (Prominer & Tabriz) carry a potent mix of opposite sexlines of Gainsborough, Spearmint, Roi Herode (The Tetrarch), Phalaris (Pharos).

It was left to Lyphard to unlock this gold. He, too, carried opposite sex multiples of all of Gainsborough, Spearmint, Roi Herode and The Tetrarch.

And he was inbred 3 times to Rabelais, linking back to the Tourbillon x Asterus combination in the bottom female line of Prodice. Lyphard got Bubble Company, the dam of Candy Stripes, and her Gr1 winning full sister Sangue. Apart from Candy Stripes, Bubble Company also got French Gr1 winner Intimiste (TFR 108, by Arctic Tern) and Japanese Gr1 winner Bubble Gum Fellow (TFR 120, by Sunday Silence), the latter a sire in Japan and Australia.

Candy Stripes is a son of Blushing Groom, whose dam is by Wild Risk, sire also of sires Le Fabuleux, Vimy and Worden. Wild Risk is by Rialto (son of Rabelais) out of Wild Violet, by Blandford out of Wood Violet, by Ksar (sire also of Tourbillon). The grandam of Wood Violet is a genetic sibling to Pharos and Fairway, and also to Blandford's sire Swynford.

All of Rabelais, Blandford, Ksar and Pharos can be found in Candy Stripes' third dam Euridice, and so reinforce the earlier foundations.

An evaluation of Candy Stripe's successful progeny makes interesting reading.

Ilha da Vitoria, Eventuail and Don Inca are all three **Gr1 winners out of mares by Equalize**, whose grandam has Bois Roussel and Chamossaire 2x2, this pair also appearing close up in Candy Stripes' grandam Prodice. The bottom female line of Ilha da Vitoria carries a double of Chamossaire's sire Precipitation, a double of Tetratema, and a line of Pronto, who combines Bois Roussel with Tourbillon and Blandford. Pronto also pops up in the female line of Eventuail (through El Gran Capitan). The dam of Don Inca has Chamossaire (through Caro in Ringaro), while his grandam is inbred to Birikil (grandson of Rabelais) and to Gusty (son of Bois Roussel). Pronto appears again, too.

Invasor is out of a mare by Interpretate (Farenasio x Liloy x Pronto). His grandam is a daughter of Cipayo, and traces to the mare Step Rock (Rockefella x Bois Roussel) - Step Rock's daughter Umbella and Candy Stripes' grandam Prodice are genetic equivalents (3 x 5).

Then there's Gr1 placed Gr2 winner **Equal Stripes**, his dam (by Equalize) a half sister to Ecurie, the next dam by El Gran Capitan.

Multiple Gr1 winner Leroidesanimaux was Champion US Turf Horse in 2005. His dam Dissemble is by Ahonoora, a stallion from the Tourbillon male line (through son Djebel, then through Klairon, a close genetic relative of Wild Risk). Dissemble doubles Djebel through a son and a daughter (the latter inbred 2x3 to Tourbillon, and grandam of sire High Line). In fact, Djebel and Candy Stripe's fourth dam Euroclydon are close genetic siblings.

Different, a multiple **US Gr1 winner, was Champion 3yo Filly and Champion Older Mare in Argentina**. Her dam is a full sister to the grandam of Ilha da Vitoria, with all that comes with that.

Canadian Champion Turf Mare Sweetest Thing breaks the mould, her dam by Lear Fan out of a mare by In Reality. The next dam is by Hoist The Flag (who has a noted Tourbillon affinity, Tourbillon his second damsire) out of Mrs Peterkin. The latter is known in South Africa as the dam of Dancing Champ, who has a Tom Fool clan affinity - Blushing Groom falls in the same affinity group, together with Buckpasser (and others).

Gr1 winning Champion Stayer in Argentina was **Seaborg**, whose grandam is saturated with Asterus and Tourbillon. This is the female line of potent broodmare Tourzima.

Gr1 winner Victory Stripes is out of a mare by Ringaro (Chamossaire through Caro), with the third dam a daughter of Utopico. That one is interesting, as he's inbred to Bois Roussel through Pronto and Tehran.

The list goes on.

Finally to Lundy's Liability. At first glance he combines two stallions who show a great affinity for each other. These are Lundy's paternal grandsire Blushing Groom and dam Emerald Counter's maternal grandsire Nijinsky, who appear 2x3. Nijinsky also shows a strong affinity for Mr Prospector, who happens to be Emerald Counter's paternal grandsire, the pair appearing 2x2 in the mare.

There's more. Emerald Counter is a daughter of Mr Prospector's son Geiger Counter, who is a half brother to Thatch and to the mare Special (dam of Nureyev, grandam of Sadler's Wells). Their dam Thong is by Nantallah who hooks up with Nijinsky and Mr Prospector through a pair of full brothers, Flares & Omaha.

And then there is Emerald Counter's dam Conjuror, by Nijinsky. Conjuror's grandam had previously been mated to Nijinsky to produce successful sire Caerleon, making the latter a 3-part brother to Conjuror.

In summary, Emerald Counter has a well constructed pedigree and comes from a successful sire producing female line, which traces directly to famous mare La Troienne.

Where From Here

The big question is how Lundy's Liability will 'throw'.

Will it be through the same affinities as the majority of Candy Stripes best runners (Rabelais, Wild Risk, Tourbillon, Djebel, etc), or will it be one of more of the major elements found in his dam (Mr Prospector, Nijinsky, la Troienne, Thong).

Both bases are covered through **Count Fleet**, found in **Mr Prospector**, and a strong genetic relative to **Tourbillon**. Examples of their affinity can be observed in the pedigrees of **Mill Reef** and of **Kingmambo**. Also consider the interaction of **Bold Reason** (as in Sadler's Wells) with Mill Reef and/or Kingmambo (as in Gr1 winners Divine Proportions, Virginia Waters).

Interestingly, Kingmambo and the dam of Lundy's Liability have much in common - they both

combine Mr Prospector, Northern Dancer, Forli and Thong close up. Kingmambo's stud successes suggest that adding more of the same lines can be explosively successful. **Sadler's Wells** especially appeals in this regard.

Inbreeding to Mr Prospector is proving universally successful, which opens many doors for Lundy's Liability, also because Mr Prospector loves to get La Troienne. Doing it though Kingmambo might set the sky ablaze!

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Lundy's Liability include

1. Mares with Count Fleet, Tourbillon/Asterus, Djebel (Djeddah, Klairon), leading to Mill Reef/Shirley Heights, Sadler's Wells/Fairy King
2. Mares with Rough Shod female line elements (Sadler's Wells, Fairy King, Nureyev, Thatch (Golden Thatch), etc.)
3. Mares with Mr Prospector
4. Mares with Roberto (whose dam Bramalea is a close genetic relative of the dam of Mr Prospector, and of the dam of Nijinsky)
5. Mares with affinity-group horses Blushing Groom, Nijinsky, Tom Fool/Buckpasser, etc.
6. Mares with elements from Candy Stripes' female line (Rockefella, Chamossaire (Caro), Precipitation, Bois Roussel, Tehran (eg Mixed Marriage in Gone West)
7. Mares with Wild Risk (Vimy, Worden, Jamaica, Blushing Groom, etc)

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