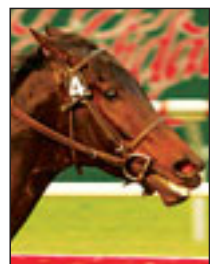




Argentine-bred Star Parade shines in her first stakes start

by Rommy Faversham

Star Parade (Arg) made her stakes debut a winning one on Sunday with a front-running victory in the \$150,000 Bayakoa Handicap (G2) at Hollywood Park. The four-year-old dark bay or brown filly, who started the season in Argentina before making her North American debut in July at Del Mar, stopped the clock in 1:41.02 for the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile Bayakoa, a stakes record. In her wake was recent Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1) winner Adoration, who finished 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ lengths back in second.



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STAR PARADE

Star Parade's sire, Parade Marshal, is a Kentucky-bred son of Caro (Ire) who is a half brother to Grade 2 winner and leading sire Buckaroo from the family of Grade 2 winner and sire Stop the Music. A stakes winner and Grade 1-placed, Parade Marshal was sent to Argentina where he has sired 539 foals in 13 crops of racing age. Of these, 24 have become stakes winners, including 1994 Argentine mare of the year Star and Stripes. Parade Marshal is currently ranked 15th on this year's Argentine general sire list, in which 12 of the 14 stallions ranked above him also were bred in the United States.

Star Parade is out of Clerical Etoile, an Argentine-bred daughter of the obscure Buckfinder stallion The Watcher. Clerical

Etoile, a stakes winner at age two in Argentina, has produced six foals, all by Parade Marshal. Three of those foals have started and all have become winners, with Star Parade the first to earn black type. Star Parade's second dam, the winning mare Clerical Silk, is a half sister to Pepenador, a Kentucky-bred son of Lucky Debonair who was a French Group 3 winner and in 1989

Star Parade (Arg), dkbb. f., 1999

Parade Marshal 83 538 fls, 24 SWs SI 1.17 DI=2.09	Caro (Ire) 67 6 wins, \$372,802 Champion 598 fls, 78 SWs SI 3.70 DI=1.26	=Fortino II (Fr) 59 318 fls, 22 SWs SI 1.34 DI=3.71	=Grey Sovereign (GB) 48 =Ranavalo III (Fr) 54
	Stepping High 69 4 wins, \$60,345, Spl 17 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.93	=Chambord (GB) 55 17 fls, 1 SW DI=0.23	=Chamossaire (GB) 42 =Life Hill (GB) 40
The Watcher 82 7 wins, \$192,752 300 fls, 7 SWs SI 0.80 DI=2.00		No Robbery 60 452 fls, 46 SWs SI 1.68 DI=2.33	Swaps 52 Bimlette 44
	=Clerical Etoile (Arg) 92 5 fls, 1 SW DI=3.80	*Bebop II 57 10 fls, 0 SWs DI=0.86	=Prince Bio (Fr) 41 =Cappellina (Fr) 40
Clerical Silk 72 1 win, \$1,234 16 fls, 1 SW DI=4.87	Buckfinder 74 585 fls, 25 SWs SI 1.28 DI=1.50	Buckpasser 63 Shenanigans 63	
	*Crozier 58 367 fls, 33 SWs SI 2.46 DI=6.69	Marking Time 63 6 fls, 1 SW DI=2.50	To Market 48 Allemande 55
	*Ninon II 61 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.93	*My Babu 45 Miss Olympia 52	
		Never Say Die 51 =My Poppet (GB) 51	

was leading sire in Argentina. Star Parade was bred at Haras Firmamento, one of her native country's leading farms. Her extended pedigree features three distinct strains of the great American matriarch *La Troienne in the sixth and seventh generations. Rommy Faversham is a pedigree specialist and author living in Los Angeles. More of his work is available at <http://www.equicross.com>.