



## Olmodavor boasts similar breeding to two-time Grade 1 winner Aptitude

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Rather than face his ultratough stablemate Pleasantly Perfect at Santa Anita Park in the San Antonio Handicap (G2) on Saturday,



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### OLMODAVOR

Olmodavor was shipped to Louisiana by the red-hot Richard Mandella where he captured the \$100,000 Whirlaway Handicap (G3) on Sunday at Fair Grounds.

The five-year-old bay son of A.P. Indy won the 1 1/16-mile contest by three-quarters of a length, running his record to five wins in 11 starts, which includes a victory in the Native Diver Handicap (G3) at Hollywood Park on December 6.

Bred in Kentucky by Wertheimer and Frere, Olmodavor is a half brother to the Seattle Slew filly Slow Down, a stakes winner. Their dam, the El Gran Senor mare Corrazona, was a two-time Group 3 winner in France before returning to the United States where she annexed three stakes including the 1994 Beverly Hills Handicap (G1), beating champions Hollywood Wildcat and Flawlessly. Corrazona is a half sister to Grade 1 winner Thirty Six Red, by Slew o' Gold. Olmodavor's extended family is anchored by his sixth dam, the great Claiborne matriarch Bourtai (1942).

### Olmodavor, b. h., 1999

A.P. Indy 89 592 fls, 59 SWs SI 4.04 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 14 wins, \$1,208,726 Champion 1033 fls, 108 SWs SI 4.90 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68 61 fls, 10 SWs SI 4.95 DI=3.80	Boldnesian 63
		My Charmer 69 12 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.94	Reason to Earn 63
	Weekend Surprise 80 7 wins, \$402,892, SW 14 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.64	Secretariat 70 653 fls, 56 SWs SI 3.46 DI=3.00	Poker 63
		Lassie Dear 74 13 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.11	Fair Charmer 59
Corrazona 90 5 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.95	El Gran Senor 81 7 wins, \$502,819 Champion 397 fls, 55 SWs SI 3.19 DI=2.43	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Bold Ruler 54
		Sex Appeal 70 16 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.15	Somethingroyal 52
	Heartbreak 81 1 win, \$8,930 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.54	Stage Door Johnny 65 582 fls, 51 SWs SI 2.54 DI=0.75	<b>Buckpasser 63</b>
		Royal Folly 66 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=2.37	Gay Missile 67
			Nearctic 54
			Natalma 57
			<b>Buckpasser 63</b>
			Best in Show 65
			Prince John 53
			Peroxide Blonde 60
			Tom Fool 49
			Golden Sari 56

Olmodavor's sire, A.P. Indy, has left absolutely no doubt who Seattle Slew's best son is. From nine crops and 650 foals of racing age, A.P. Indy has sired 59 stakes winners (9%) including 13 North American Grade 1 winners.

The Seattle Slew male line has done particularly well with the Bourtai family. Olmo-

davor's pedigree is reminiscent of Aptitude, a multiple Grade 1-winning son of A.P. Indy who is out of a daughter of Northern Dancer from a Buckpasser mare, who is a granddaughter of Bourtai.

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