



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Claiborne history runs deep in pedigree of graded stakes winner Wend

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Wend, a four-year-old bay daughter of Pulpit, earned her first graded stakes victory last weekend by taking the \$250,000 New York Handicap (G2) at Belmont Park.



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It was the lightly raced filly's fifth consecutive victory on the grass in 2005, her career record sullied only by a seventh-place finish in the

WEND

slop in her lone start last year.

This season, Wend has ascended the class ladder in exceptional fashion. In her first race against winners, she set a new grass course record for 1½ miles in 1:45.28 at Gulfstream Park. In April, she scored an easy daylight victory in the Hollywood Wildcat Breeders' Cup Handicap at Calder Race Course.

Wend is owned and bred by Claiborne Farm, which also developed the families of both her sire and dam. For good measure, she is also cleverly inbred to one of these elite clans.

Wend's first three dams are all Claiborne-bred stakes winners. Her fourth dam, Lea Moon, was a full sister to 1956 juvenile filly champion Leallah.

Wend's third dam, Loop, was a daughter of Round Table out of a Nasrullah mare, one of the most potent Thoroughbred affinities observed during the 1960s and '70s.

This pattern was duplicated two generations later when Loop's daughter, Knot was bred to Claiborne stallion Topsider, a son of the exceptional racemare Drumtop by Round Table out of the Nasrullah mare Zonah. This

Wend, b. f., 2001			
Pulpit 94 259 fls, 18 SWs SI 2.90 DI=3.24	A.P. Indy 89 8 wins, \$2,979,815 Champion 700 fls, 76 SWs SI 3.83 DI=2.54	Seattle Slew 74 1050 fls, 112 SWs SI 4.80 DI=2.14	Bold Reasoning 68
		Weekend Surprise 80 14 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.64	My Charmer 69
	Preach 89 4 wins, \$304,656, SW 7 fls, 1 SW DI=3.52	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Secretariat 70
		Narrate 80 11 fls, 1 SW DI=2.43	Lassie Dear 74
Thread 91 4 fls, 1 SW DI=1.21	Topsider 74 8 wins, \$125,060, SW 475 fls, 63 SWs SI 2.56 DI=2.03	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 180 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61
		Narrate 80 11 fls, 1 SW DI=2.43	Gold Digger 62
	Knot 82 2 wins, \$36,218, SW 12 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.25	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Honest Pleasure 73
		Drumtop 66 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.20	State 74
	Loop 73 15 fls, 1 SW DI=1.04	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54
		Majestic Light 73 854 fls, 72 SWs SI 2.23 DI=2.20	Natalma 57
		Loop 73 15 fls, 1 SW DI=1.04	Round Table 54
			Zonah 58
			Majestic Prince 66
			Irradiate 66
			Round Table 54
			Lea Moon 55

filly, Wend's dam Thread, was a black-type turf event winner at age four.

Round Table, arguably America's first superstar on the turf, was bred by A.B. Hancock Jr. at Claiborne. Upon completion of his illustrious racing career, the all-time money earner was returned to Claiborne, where he sired 83 stakes winners, 44 out of Nasrullah-line mares.

Wend hails from the third crop of the A.P. Indy stallion Pulpit and represents his tenth American graded stakes winner. Of particular interest, Pulpit was himself a descendant of the Round Table family as his fourth dam, Monarchy, was a stakes-winning full sister to

Round Table.

This valuable sister-brother cross also appears in the pedigrees of Pulpit's graded stakes winning sons Sky Mesa and Ecclesiastic.

Elsewhere in her pedigree, Wend features other influential Claiborne stallions including Secretariat, Mr. Prospector, and Majestic Light. The list expands further back.

Given her current form, Wend's pedigree represents a marvelous testament to her farm's profound influence on contemporary bloodlines.

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