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Stallion Analysis

PADDY O'PRADO

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gr. H, 2007 El Prado – Fun House by Prized

Paddy O'Prado is a winner of 5 races, \$1,721,297, including Secretariat Stakes (gr. I), Virginia Derby (gr. II), Colonial Turf Cup (gr. II), Dixie Stakes (gr. II), Palm Beach Stakes (gr. II), second Blue Grass Stakes (gr. I), Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational Stakes (gr. I), third Kentucky Derby (gr. I), With Anticipation Stakes (gr. III).

Paddy O'Prado is by Champion Irish Two-Year-Old El Prado, winner of 4 races, \$275,231, including National Stakes (gr. I), Beresford Stakes (gr. II), Railway Stakes (gr. III). El Prado is a Champion Sire of 82 stakes winners, including grade one winners Paddy O'Prado, Medaglia d'Oro, Spanish Moon, Artie Schiller, Borrego, Asi Siempre, graded winners Lord Admiral, El Soprano, Senor Swinger, Grassy, etc.

Paddy O'Prado is out of Fun House, winner of 5 races, \$432,922, including Buena Vista Handicap (gr. II)). Fun House is half-sister to Early Flyer (San Vicente Stakes (gr. II), Lazaro Barrera Memorial Stakes (gr. III), etc.), and to stakes placed Rush Around and Roundabout. The granddam, Bistra, is a half-sister to grade one winner Olympio (grade one sire of 25 stakes winners), graded stakes winning and grade one placed Call Now (granddam of graded stakes winner Tapizar), stakes winner Your Call, graded stakes placed Carol's Wonder (dam of multiple graded stakes winner and grade one sire Wild Wonder; granddam of grade one winner Pyro, and graded stakes winner War Echo), Christmas Star (dam of grade one winner, and grade one sire Cuvee, and graded stakes winner Will He Shine)

Paddy O'Prado was one of the most talented and versatile performers of his generation. A graded stakes performer at two, three and four, he was also a grade one performer on dirt, turf, and all-weather surfaces. Paddy O'Prado is by Champion Two-Year-Old and Champion Sire, El Prado, one of the most important sons of Sadler's Wells, and now an emerging sire of sires with Medaglia d'Or and Kitten's Joy. His dam is a graded stakes winner, and there are three grade one sires in the first three dams.

Recommend Crosses

El Prado and his sons have done well in general with mares from the **Raise a Native** line. A branch that has proved particularly strong is that of **Alydar**, who should also combine well with Roberto strain in Paddy O'Prado. Out of mares from the **Alydar** line, there are El Prado line grade one winners from daughters of **Strike the Gold** and **Saratoga Six**, and stakes winners out of mares by **Alysheba** (giving linebreeding to the family of Sadler's Wells, the sire of El Prado) and **Criminal Type**.

This line could also be brought in through **Benchmark, Easy Goer, Jeblar, and Turkoman**

Mr. Prospector is bred on very similar lines to Alydar, and also often combines well with Roberto. **Mr. Prospector** strains that have enjoyed success under El Prado and his sons include **Afleet** (sire of **Northern Afleet**, and **Afleet Alex**), **Miswaki** (and his son, **Black Tie Affair**, the sire of **Formal Gold**), **Mining, Crafty Prospector, Seeking the Gold** (who is particularly good here, and is sire of **Mutakddim, Petionville, and Cape Town**), **Rare Brick, Gulch** (and his son, **Thunder Gulch**), **Tank's Prospect, Carson City** (who would be particularly interesting through **Cuvee**, who is from the immediate family of Paddy O'Prado, and could also be introduced through **Boone's Mill, City Zip, Five Star Day, Good and Tough, and Lord Carson**), **Forty Niner** (and his sons **Roar** and **Ide**, with other sources including **Coronado's Quest, Distorted Humor, End Sweep, Gold Case, Gold Fever, Tactical Advantage** and **Twining**), **Jade Hunter, Fortunate Prospect, Marquetry** (by **Conquistador Cielo**, and himself sire of **Artax**), **Woodman** and **Numerous** (who is out of a three-parts-sister to Sadler's Wells, and who is a brother to **Chequer**). **Geiger Counter** is another **Mr. Prospector** source who would duplicate the family of Sadler's Wells. From the **Fappiano** branch of **Mr. Prospector**, there is an El Prado stakes winner out of a mare by **Quiet American**, and although care would have to be taken that the pedigree did not get too staying, the **Fappiano** branch might also be brought in through **Cryptoclearance, Defensive Play, Rubiano** and **Unbridled** (through **Unbridled's Song, Broken Vow, Empire Maker, and Grindstone** and his son, **Birdstone**. **Grindstone** is particularly interesting, as he carries **Drone**, a three-parts-brother to Lady Capulet, the dam of El Prado).

From the **Majestic Prince** branch of **Raise a Native**, El Prado sired grade one winner Artie Schiller out of a mare by **Majestic Light**. This strain could be brought in through **Maria's Mon**.

El Prado is a **Northern Dancer** line stallion, and to date he and his sons have had limited success when crossed back over **Northern Dancer** line mares. One exception has been with mares descending from **Nureyev** (three-parts-brother to Sadler's Wells, the sire of El Prado), this producing three stakes winners, including grade one winner Gabby's Golden Gal (out of a mare by **Ashkalani**, by **Soviet Star**). **Nureyev** might be introduced through **Theatrical** (broodmare sire of an El Prado line stakes winner), **Stravinsky, Peintre Celebre, Fasliyev, Pivotal, Unusual Heat, and Atticus**. There is an El Prado line stakes winner out of a mare by **Dixieland Band** (who is also good with Roberto, in the dam of Paddy O'Prado).

The cross of El Prado and sons with mares from the male line of **Blushing Groom** has an excellent strike-rate. Successful sources include **Runaway Groom** (sire

of **Cherokee Run**; himself sire of **Kafwain** and **Yonaguska**), **Mt. Livermore** (sire of **Housebuster** and **Orientate**), **Rahy**, **Blushing John**, and **Rainbow Quest**. This strain could also be profitably be brought in through **Arazi**, and **Candy Stripes**.

Paddy O'Prado is bred on an extended version of the same cross as his sire and grandsire, all three being Northern Dancer/Turn-to crosses (Sadler's Wells and Paddy O'Prado are both out of Hail to Reason line mares). El Prado has done extremely well with mares from the **Roberto** line, the branch that has supplied the dam of Paddy O'Prado. There have been more than 30 stakes winners with **Roberto** inbreeding, and in addition to Paddy O'Prado, there are already El Prado line grade one winners out of mares descending from **Roberto** through **Lear Fan** (out of a mare by **Lt. Stevens**, a brother to the third dam of Sadler's Wells), and **Silver Hawk**, and a stakes winner out of a mare by **Dynaformer**. It could also be worth considering introducing **Roberto** through **Red Ransom**. Care would have to be taken with some of these crosses, or a very staying type horse could emerge.

El Prado has crossed very well with mares descending from Hail to Reason through **Stop The Music/Cure the Blues** (a genetic relative to Sir Ivor, the broodmare sire of El Prado), and there are at least 15 stakes winners with Hail to Reason duplicated through **Roberto** in the sire and **Stop the Music** in the dam. Two sons of **Cure The Blues**, **American Chance** and **Tethra**, are broodmare sires of El Prado line stakes winners. **Halo** is another Hail to Reason son who is a genetic relative to Sir Ivor), and there are at least 75 stakes winners with **Roberto** in the sire and **Halo** in the dam. El Prado line stakes winner out of mares descending from **Halo** through **Jolie's Halo** (giving a double of **Sir Ivor**) and **Devil His Due** (by **Devil's Bag**, also sire of **Diablo** and **Twilight Agenda**). **Halo** could also be brought in through **Saint Ballado** (brother to Devil's Bag) and **Southern Halo** (reverse Turn-to/Northern Dancer cross to Sadler's Wells/El Prado/Paddy O'Prado) and his son, **More Than Ready** (sire of a champion out of a Sadler's Wells line mare). It is not likely to be found in the sire line of the mare other than through **Lord Avie**, but reintroducing the strain **Sir Gaylord** would be good here (particularly through **Habitat**).

El Prado and his sons have enjoyed success when crossed over mares from the **Seattle Slew** branch of **Bold Ruler**, although with some of these branches care would have to be taken from the standpoint of not getting a foal that is too stout in terms of distance requirements. There is a grade one winner by a son of El Prado out of a mare by **A.P. Indy** (who has a reverse Tom Fool/Sir Gaylord cross to the dam of El Prado). A.P. Indy sources include **Pulpit** (who has combined very well with this family, and is sire of **Sky Mesa** and **Tapit**), **Malibu Moon**, **Mineshaft**, **Old Trieste**, **Stephen Got Even**, **Golden Missile** and **Jump Start**. Other Seattle Slew sources include **Capote**, **Vindication**, **Slew o'Gold**, **Septieme Ciel** and **Doneraile Court** (carrying **Dunce**, a brother to the granddam of El Prado).

There is also an El Prado line stakes winner from the **Raja Baba** branch of **Bold Ruler**, and this would be particularly interesting through **Notebook**, who is out of a half-sister to the dam of El Prado.

El Prado and sons have shown an affinity for mares from the **Buckpasser** line with a grade one winner out of a mare by **Settlement Day**, and stakes winners out of mares by **Silver Buck** (sire of **Silver Charm**) and **Norcliffe**. This strain could also be introduced through **Buckaroo** (sire of **Lite the Fuse**, and **Montbrook**, himself sire of **Chapel Royal** and **Outofthebox** , who gives linebreeding to the granddam of El Prado).

The cross of El Prado over mares descending from **Naskra** through **Star de Naskra** and **Nasty and Bold** has produced stakes winners, and introducing **Naskra** through **Olympio**, a half-brother to the granddam of Paddy O'Prado would be interesting.

The cross of El Prado over mares descending from **Rough'n Tumble** through the similarly-bred **Dr. Fager** (via his son, **Dr. Blum**) and **Minnesota Mac** (via his son, **Great Above**) has been a productive one. **Great Above** is sire of **Holy Bull** (in turn, sire of **Macho Uno**).

There is a stakes winner by a son of El Prado out of a mare by **Wild Again**, and **Wild Again** has also crossed very well with the family of Paddy O'Prado. He could be tried here through such as **Wild Rush**, **Milwaukee Brew**, **Vicar**, and **Offlee Wild**.

Bringing in **Drone** the three-parts-brother to the dam of El Prado should work well, and sources include **Cherokee Run**, **Grindstone** and **Wild Rush. Dunce**, a brother to the granddam of El Prado, is in **Doneraile Court**. The cross with Storm Cat line mares has not generally been good, but could be worth trying through **Menifee**, a parallel cross to Sadler's Wells, and **Exploit**, a half-brother to Prized, the broodmare sire of Paddy O'Prado.