

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: SIMPLY CONFECTION

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A stakes performer by Candy Ride out of a sister to Champion Ashado, Simply Confection has lived up to the promise of her pedigree, as her first foal is Simplification, one of the outstanding three-year-olds of his crop. She is offered carrying a foal by the red-hot Not This Time, which will be a brother or sister to Simplification.

A maiden special weight and Churchill Downs allowance winner, Simply Confection gained black-type with a second in the Rags to Riches Stakes.

With her first foal, Simply Confection is dam of Simplification. Winner this year of the Mucho Macho Man Stakes and the Fountain of Youth Stakes (G2), which he took by $3\frac{1}{2}$ lengths, Simplification also took second in the Holy Bull Stakes (G3), ahead of Belmont Stakes (G1) winner Mo Donegal, third in the Florida Derby (G1), and ran a fine fourth to Rich Strike, Epicenter and Zandon in the Kentucky Derby (G1).

Simply Confection is a daughter of undefeated champion Candy Ride. Now sire of more than 100 stakes winners, Candy Ride has been represented by no less than 17 grade one winners, including Horse of the Year Gun Runner, Champion Two-Year-Olds Shared Belief and Game Winner, as well as Twirling Candy, Vekoma, Rock Your World, Separationofpowers, Mastery, Sidney's Candy, Leofric, Misremembered, and Evita Argentina. Candy Ride is already off to a promising start as a broodmare sire, his daughters having produced more than 30 stakes winners, including grade one winners Epicenter, Search Results, Strategos, Hog Creek Hustle, Town Cruise, and Sporting Chance.

Simply Confection is half-sister to Halo's Verse, the dam of record-breaking stakes winner and multiple graded stakes placed performer Inflexibility, and to three-time stakes winner Halo Again.

Simply Confection is out of stakes placed Ballado's Halo, a sister to Champion Three-Year-Old Filly and Champion Older Mare Ashado, whose victories

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included the Breeders' Cup Distaff (G1), Kentucky Oaks (G1), Coaching Club American Oaks (G1), Beldame Stakes (G1), Ogden Phipps Handicap (G1), Go For Wand Handicap (G1), and Spinaway Stakes (G1); to grade one winner Sunriver; and to graded stakes winner Saint Stephen.

Goulash, the second dam of Simply Confection, is a stakes winner and graded stakes placed. She is half-sister to graded stakes winner Quite a Bride – dam of graded stakes winners Dona Flor and Amor Total – and is out of a daughter of graded stakes winning and grade one placed Wising Up.

In addition to Simplification, Simply Confection is also dam of a two-year-old filly by Mendelssohn, a \$525,000 2022 two-year-old in training purchase, and has a yearling filly by Audible and a filly foal by Union Rags.

Her covering sire, Not This Time, has made a phenomenal start to his stud career. His first crop only reached the track in 2020 and he has already been represented by 21 stakes winners. In addition to Simplification, they include Travers Stakes (G1) winner Epicenter and other grade one winners Just One Time and Princess Noor, and graded winners Arzak, Yes This Time, Midnight Stroll, and Easy Time. Here the mating not only gives a sibling to Simplification, but also a foal bred on an identical cross to Epicenter.