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CRAZY TALENT STAKES EARLY CLAIM FOR 2025 GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO AFTER CLASICO CHACABUCO TRIUMPH

On Saturday, July 05th at the Palermo racecourse in Argentina, the well-named **Crazy Talent** (ARG) announced himself as a possible candidate for the **Gran Premio Latinoamericano** (G1) when he produced a stunning performance in the G2 Clasico Chacabuco, which he won by an incredible five lengths from **Saphirus Blues** (ARG) and **El Estanciero** (ARG)

Partnered by Juan Carlos Noriega, the five-year-old son of Equal Talent and Maluca Pay had finished third in this 2400m event last year, but this season he was in a class of his own.

Initially positioned behind the early leader **Gadzooks** (**ARG**), Noriega was having trouble keeping him there and eventually let him go to the front. At the half-way point, he was joined on the inside by his great rival and second favourite **Epityrum** (**ARG**), who stayed with him through the final bend. When they came into the final straight though, **Crazy Talent** needed little encouragement to kick clear. Ridden only with hands and heels, **Crazy Talent** pulled away to a very easy first victory in this classic event, which he won in 2:36.21.



After finishing second in the G1 Republica Argentina, this was his fifth career win and his owner Pablo Aladino who runs Stud Aladino, said:

"On paper, the race looked easy, and we were kind of expecting him to win. His jockey always says that this horse never lets you down. When he doesn't win, he is placed. We are obviously very happy how easily he won this race, as we weren't sure

how the race would unfold, who would go to the front, if there was going to be enough pace. Juan Carlos made the right decision to let him go and when the other horse came to him, he relaxed and then showed what he is capable of in the final straight."

Crazy Talent is trained by Miguel Suarez, who has managed **Crazy Talent's** career with patience and confidence.

"He is a very good horse and proved it again in this race. We didn't have a preset plan for this race as there was a lot of uncertainty about the other horses and with such a small field, it was always going to be tactical. We knew that there would be no pace, so going to the front when no one else really wanted the lead, was the right move. And from there, it was just an easy race for him."

Following a first success at G1 level last year in the Gran Premio de Honor and seeing that he is effective over 2000m and 2400m, connections have confirmed that he will now target the **US\$300,000 Gran Premio Latinoamericano (G1)** at the Gavea racecourse in Rio de Janeiro on 18 October.

"We would really love to take him to Brazil," confirmed Pablo Aladino. "I know that there are other great horses who will also want to go there and I know that obviously before that he will need to run in the G1 Clasico San Martin, but hopefully, he will be able to make the line-up in the Latino."

Argentine trained horses have won the Gran Premio Latinoamericano on seven occasions, the last time in 2020 with the Roberto Pellegatta trained **Tetaze.**

About the Gran Premio Latinoamericano

Since the merger of OSAF (South American Organization for the Development of Thoroughbreds) and the Asociación Latinoamericana de Jockey Clubes e Hipódromos in December 2012, the **Gran Premio Latinoamericano (G1)** has become the flagship event of OSAF. This prestigious race has solidified OSAF's international presence and elevated the visibility of South American racing and breeding on the global stage.

Held annually at rotating venues across member nations, the "Latino" brings together the best Thoroughbreds from South America, offering the **region's richest purse**, distributed among the top five finishers. More than a race, it is a celebration of unity, excellence, and the spirit of collaboration among South American racing authorities.

Since its inaugural edition in 1981 at Maroñas Racecourse in Montevideo, the Gran Premio Latinoamericano has journeyed through Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay. Now in its 41st edition, held at Gávea Racecourse in Rio de Janeiro, the race continues to symbolize the shared commitment to development, harmonization, and sporting excellence within our industry.

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