

Pedigree Analysis - Kristen Manning

Duplicating direct female line ancestors of a well related stallion is an exciting line-breeding method and Dubious presents a wonderful opportunity to tap into the influence of one of the world's most prolific families.

Dubious boasts as his sixth dam the stakes winning high class broodmare Boulevard who is proving herself to be an outstanding line-breeding force with 21 of the 26 (80.8%) runners carrying a cross being winners.

And three of those (a massive 11.5% stakes winner to runner ratio) are stakes winners; the dual Gr.1 winner Victor Ludorum, the Gr.1 placed Gr.2 winner Lucida and the Listed winner Shamtee.

Another three of the 21 winners are stakes placed, another three are metropolitan winners... meaning that over a third of the horses line-bred to Boulevard are at least city class.

The good news is that strains of Boulevard are readily available in Australia as she is the third dam of Street Cry (Not A Single Doubt has had just four runners out of his daughters - the Golden Slipper winner Farnan and the Listed winner Doubt Defying amongst them) and the fourth dam of Shamardal (all three Not A Single Doubt runners out of his daughters are winners including the stakes winner Westport); two stallions who have both made their presence felt in this part of the world.

Street Cry has a rare Northern Dancer free pedigree but is bred to relish strains of that legendary stallion. His sire Machiavellian hails from - and is out of mare line-bred to - the internationally prolific Natalma/Almahmoud family.

Northern Dancer's dam Natalma is the third dam of Machiavellian whose dam sire Halo is a grandson of Natalma's dam Almahmoud. This family's strength as a line-breeding force has been well documented around the world and it is well worth noting that 19 of Street Cry's 25 Gr.1 winners have Northern Dancer strains in their dam lines.

Dubious carries seven strains of Northern Dancer, making him a great fit for Street Cry line mares with the bonus of his great great grandsire Danehill being a great grandson of Natalma.

Little wonder that Street Cry and Danehill have worked so well together; 72 stakes winners bred on this combination, 13 of whom are Gr.1 winners including those successful in some of Australia's biggest races... the Melbourne Cup (Shocking), the Golden Slipper (Farnan), the Stradbroke Handicap (Trekking), the Blue Diamond (Pride Of Dubai) and the Golden Rose (Hallowed Crown).

Not only are there plenty of Street Cry mares in Australia, there are also many by his sons including Street Sense, Shocking and Pride Of Dubai.

Those looking particularly good matches for Dubious are daughters of Street Boss (a descendant of Prunella; also ancestress of Boulevard/Street Cry/Dubious... his dam sire Ogygian is out of a mare by Francis S whose third dam La Troienne is a strong influence in Dubious' pedigree) and Per Incanto whose second dam sire Try My Best hails from the same family as Redoute's Choice.

Shamardal, who has Machiavellian as his dam sire, also combines brilliantly with Danehill in the pedigrees of 87 stakes winners including 11 Gr.1 winners such as Santa Ana Lane, Vega Magic, Converge and Gytrash.

His sire sons in this part of the world include Crackerjack King, Shamoline Warrior and Captain Sonador.

The best matches from this line for Dubious are daughters of Gingerbread Man (his dam sire Hurricane Sky is closely related to Redoute's Choice whilst his second dam sire Snippets is Not A Single Doubt's "uncle"),

Puissance de Lune (carries three Halo strains), Ghibellines (hails from the same family as Redoute's Choice's dam sire Canny Lad) and Lope de Vega (line-bred to Machiavellian and Halo).

The Paraffin family from which Boulevard hails has been producing successful stallions for generations and Dubious has another of her descendants - Not A Single Doubt's dam sire Rory's Jester.

Other descendants include Spirit Of Boom (both his sire Sequalo and dam Temple Spirit are descendants), Zeditave, Teofilo, High Chaparral, I Am Invincible, Anabaa, Bellotto, Gold Carat, Forty Niner, El Prado and Americain.

Dubious is a son of the retired Not A Single Doubt whose grandam, the outstanding broodmare Easy Date, is the dam of Snippets. Of the 59 winners with Not A Single Doubt and Snippets in their pedigrees, six are stakes winners including the dual Gr.1 winner Miracles Of Life.

Mares by Zizou are also of interest in this regard with his grandam Singles Bar being the dam of Not A Single Doubt. Meanwhile Easy Date's influential ancestress Sunmelia is also ancestress of Sun Teddy, Bold Aussie, Polish Laughter, Rodrigo de Triano and Our Native (sire of I Am Invincible's second dam sire Zoffany, a descendant of Paraffin).

Not A Single Doubt is by Redoute's Choice who picks up nicely with strains of his own family, that of the prolific matriarch Best In Show who is recognised as being one of the great modern day line-breeding influences.

A cross that works especially well is Redoute's Choice and Last Tycoon whose sire Try My Best is Best In Show's grandson. The two stallions have combined in the pedigrees of 55 stakes winners including nine Gr.1 winners. Seven of those stakes winners (including the dual Gr.1 winner Shout The Bar) are by Not A Single Doubt.

Also to like about Last Tycoon is the fact that he is a descendant of the influential mare Schiaparelli whose grandson Shantung is Dubious' fifth dam sire. Schiaparelli is also ancestress of Roi Dagobert, Masthead, Dogger Bank, Idle Hour, Ragstone, Celtic Swing, Salmon Leap, El Cuite, Assert, Blue Vermillion, Djakao, Wiganthorpe, Sea Wolf, Polar Falcon, Le Havre, Forging Ahead, Sassafras, Oak Ridge, Hotel Grand and Outbank Prince.

Meanwhile Best In Show family strains can also be found via El Gran Senor, Hurricane Sky, Spinning World, Umatilla (dam sire of Not A Single Doubt's dual Gr.1 winner Scales Of Justice), Manhattan Rain, Niagara, Rubick, Dr Johnson, Thewayouare, Al Maher, Gielgud, Xaar, Masterclass, Good Journey, Denon and Domesday.

Best In Show is a descendant of Torpenhow, ancestress of another great broodmare in Flaming Page, dam of Nijinsky II to whom Dubious is line-bred 5 X 5. Strains of Nijinsky's 3/4 brothers The Minstrel and Far North are highly desirable.

Dubious' Prix Morny winning dam sire Elusive City is a descendant of the legendary race mare Sceptre, also ancestress of Petition (second dam sire of Danzig) and Reliance (dam sire of Dubious' fourth dam sire Kris). Further strains are worth seeking out - look for her descendants St Germans, Craig An Eran, Noor, Paper Boy, Zucchero, Buchan, Match and Relko.

Elusive Quality hails from the same prolific Frizette family as Mr Prospector (to whom Elusive City is line-bred 3 X 4) and Roan Rocket (dam sire of Rory's Jester). It is a case of the more the better with this family which has been well represented by the likes of Lomond, Seattle Slew, Roy, Shecky Greene, Seattle Dancer, Bold Native, Bahri, Bahhare (Not A Single Doubt has had three runners out of his daughters, all winners), Tourbillon, Djeddah, Bismark, Baldrick, Half Iced, Sing Sing, Jugah, Artie Schiller, Prince True, Mukaddamah, Twenty Four Karat, Darshaan, Daliapour, Tiger, Straight As A Die, Heart Of Darkness, Gold And Ivory, Sunrise County and Bailjumper.

Elusive Quality is by Gone West whose third dam Mixed Marriage is duplicated 7 X 7 in the pedigree of Dubious' dam Suspiciouse whose third dam sire Kris is by Mixed Marriage's son Atan. Known Fact, True Hero, Lion Cavern, Dance Spell and Tentam also hail from this family, one which as its ancestress the influential matriarch Feola - also ancestress of Round Table (Sir Tristram's dam sire), Aureole, Kingstone, Deep Impact, Doutelle, Tell (sire of Pompeii Court), Tale Of The Cat, Pulpit, Johannesburg, Above Suspicion, Nashwan, Unfuwain,

Imperialist, Robellino, Voodoo Rhythm, Alcide, Red Tony, Song Of Tara, Second Empire, Hemingway, Ihtiram, Balestrini and Marju.

Dubious' second dam sire Night Shift is a son of the multiple stakes winning high class broodmare Ciboulette who has made her mark in this part of the world as ancestress of Flying Spur and Encosta de Lago (dam sire of two of Not A Single Doubt's best - Mighty Boss and Classique Legend) whilst Brazen Beau is out of a mare closely line-bred to this family.

Flying Spur has had some very nice sons and grandsons at stud and the best matches for Dubious are daughters of Casino Prince (out of a Last Tycoon mare) and his son All Too Hard (second dam is by Snippets), Heritage (his second dam sire Far North is a 3/4 brother to Nijinsky II), Jet Spur (descendant of Paraffin), Krupt (bred on a 3 X 3 cross of Ciboulette's granddaughter Grand Luxe), Magnus (out of a Snippets mare) and Shaft (Last Tycoon is his second dam sire).

Flying Spur is the dam sire of Sebring who has combined nicely (six stakes winners amongst the 41 winners) with Not A Single Doubt's dam sire Rory's Jester whose grandsire Baguette is a grandson of Red Lace - Sebring's sixth dam.

Also nice prospects are mares by Encosta de Lago line stallions Manhattan Rain, Niagara and Rubick (Best In Show descendants), Northern Meteor (bred on a 6 X 4 cross of Rough Shod II whose grandson Thatch is the dam sire of Dubious' third dam sire Shahrastani), Needs Further (bred on a 4 X 5 cross of Rough Shod II's granddaughter Special), Von Costa de Hero (bred on a 3 X 4 cross of Special's daughter Fairy Bridge), Delago Deluxe (bred on a 3 X 3 cross of Ciboulette's great granddaughter Rolls), Eurozone (his dam sire Don't Say Halo is a Halo descendant of La Troienne) and Fighting Sun (brings in another Rough Shod II family strain via Geiger Counter).

The Rough Shod II family is well represented in this part of the world via Sadler's Wells, Fairy King and Nureyev as well as Perugino (two of the five Not A Single Doubt runners out of his daughters are stakes winners whilst his son Testa Rossa is dam sire of the stakes winner Qiji Phoenix), Northern Meteor, Fiorente, Headwater and Smart Missile.

As mentioned there is good La Troienne influence in Dubious who has Hitting Away, Buckpasser, Mr Busher and Hero's Honor. More Than Ready and his dam sire Woodman are descendants as are Rhythm, Caerleon, Forest Glow, Air de France, Belong To Me, Yamanin Vital, Monashee Mountain, Hula Chief (of the four Not A Single Doubt runners out of his daughters, three are winners including the Gr.3 mare Sugar Bella), Noble Bijou, Congrats, Bimelech, The Axe II, Francis S, Great Captain, Cohoes, Tropical Breeze, Easy Goer, Chem, Go For Gin, Pleasant Tap, Mogami, Benefit Performer, Polish Navy, Sea Hero, Al Ameen, Kimberley Mine, Busher, Hook Money, Make Tracks, Nasty And Bold, Daring Young Man, Bold And Brave, Smarty Jones, Naevus, Beau Brummel, Private Account, Poker and Jet Action.

Not A Single Doubt's third dam sire Misty Day is a son of the wonderful mare Grey Flight who has really proven her worth as a line-breeding subject. Her other descendants include Secret Savings, First Consul (second dam sire of Lonhro), What A Pleasure (most easily found in Tale Of The Cat, Scenic and Snaadee), Sovereign Dancer, Gray Phantom and Priolo.

Also of interest in regards to Secret Savings (noting that all ten Not A Single Doubt runners out of his daughters are winners including five metropolitan winners) is his strain of Hasty Road, half-brother to Redoute's Choice's fourth dam sire Traffic Judge.

Dubious boasts a cross of the terrific mare Flower Bowl via the full brothers Graustark and His Majesty. She can also be found in Whiskey Road (her grandson) whilst her dam Flower Bed is the fourth dam of Our Poetic Prince. Strains of the full brothers Majestic Prince and Crowned Prince (dam sire of Zeditave) are also worth seeking with their third dam Boudoir II being Flower Bowl's grandam.

Rose O'Lynn is another lovely mare to duplicate. Her French 2000 Guineas winning son Buisson Ardent is the sire of Rory's Jester's dam sire Roan Rocket and also of Venture VII who can be found in Starcraft (all seven Not A Single Doubt runners out of his daughters are winners including the Gr.1 winner Instant Celebrity and the Gr.3 winner Stronger). She is also the grandam of Zamazaan; he and Not A Single Doubt have combined in the pedigrees of 15 runners, 11 being winners including the multiple stakes winner Always Certain.

Two other classy mares within Dubious' pedigree worthy of duplication are Doubly Sure (dam of Kris, also dam of Diesis) and Sans Tares (dam of Crown Jester's dam sire Wilkes and also of Worden II; also third dam of Le Fabuleux and half-sister to Norseman who appears in Zabeel).

Also worth noting is the broodmare sires Not A Single Doubt has sired multiple stakes winners with - Anabaa (descendant of Paraffin), Fantastic Light (has Halo and further Nijinsky II and hails from the same family as Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic), Final Card (bred on the same Biscay/Wilkes/Grey Sovereign cross as Not A Single Doubt), Hussonet (descendant of the excellent mare Bourtai whose descendant Illustrious appears in the pedigree of Elusive City's dam sire Dayjur), Iglesia (son of Last Tycoon), More Than Ready (the La Troienne influence), Red Ransom (brings in a female strain of Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic), Ustinov (has strong Mumtaz Mahal influence as does Redoute's Choice's dam sire Canny Lad) and Zabeel (out of a mare line-bred to the Rough Shod II family).