

Pedigree Analysis - Kristen Manning

Santos has a Danehill free pedigree which makes him an attractive proposition for mares from that prolific line and it is well worth noting that his high class sire I Am Invincible has fared well with Danehill... 28 (41.1%) of his 68 stakes winners bred on this cross... including two of his ten Gr.1 winners.

Danehill is bred on the same Danzig/Buckpasser cross as Santos and further Danzig is a definite positive for a son of I Am Invincible who has 36 stakes winners with a Danzig cross - whilst his first son to stud, Brazen Beau, has six.

Little wonder that Danzig is a strong influence for I Am Invincible who boasts multiple strains of the outstanding Mowerina family from which Danzig hails... that influential mare's other descendants including Invincible Spirit, Bletchingly and Rockefeller to whom Invincible Spirit's dam is line-bred 4 X 4.

Santos' dam brings in further strains of Mowerina's ancestress Gibside Fairy via Chateau Bouscaut and Flying Fox and seeking even more of this family should prove a fruitful exercise... such as strains of Kampala, St Chad, Sovereign Red, Polymelian, Instinct, Pall Mall, Vilmorin, Matrice, Common Grounds, Rodosto, Mieuxce, Sicambre, Ramsin, Wilywyn, My Love, Ambrose Light, Al Hattab and Espresso.

The latter is the third dam sire of Galileo... I Am Invincible has seven runners out of Galileo mares and all but one of those are winners including the Gr.1 mare Invincibella.

Galileo is of further interest being by Sadler's Wells whose dam sire Bold Reason is a half-brother to Never Bend, second dam sire of Invincible Spirit's sire Green Desert - the Kentucky Oaks heroine Lalun (one of the great modern day line-breeding subjects) duplicated. Eight of the 80 winners with I Am Invincible and Sadler's Wells are stakes winners (two at Gr.1 level).

Further Bletchingly is also nice with I Am Invincible combining with another strain in the pedigrees of 15 stakes winners including this Gr.1 son Brazen Beau. No harm in duplicating Bletchingly's son Canny Lad either with seven of I Am Invincible's stakes winners line-bred to him.

Canny Lad has strong Mumtaz Begum influence which can be complimented by strains of Kalamoun/Kenmare, Nediym/General Nediym and Eight Carat.

Mares carrying a strain of the triple Gr.3 winner Pitcairn are of particular interest as his Gr.1 placed dam, the high class broodmare Border Bounty, is Invincible Spirit's third dam. She has proven her worth as a line-breeding subject with Invincible Spirit's Gr.1 winning son National Defense line-bred to her as is his dual stakes winner Laguna Salada and his Listed winning grandson King Shalaa.

There has also been a stakes winner (Orbaan) line-bred (a close 2 X 3) to Invincible Spirit's dam Rafha who also has Kodiak at stud in the northern hemisphere. The Invincible Spirit/Kodiak cross is yet to really fire (17 of the first 35 runners being winners, no black-type) but this is a combination that will be more likely to prove its worth as the half-brothers appear together a bit further back in pedigrees.

Meanwhile mares by Pride Of Dubai are of great interest as he shares the same grandam - Eljazzi - as Invincible Spirit.

I Am Invincible also picks up well on the influence of his ancestress, the famed matriarch Chelandry - also ancestress of his second dam sire Zoffany. She has well and truly made her mark in this part of the world with her other descendants including Zeditave (six of the 26 winners bred on an I Am Invincible/Zeditave cross are stakes winners including the dual Gr.1 winner Viddora), Anabaa (11 winners from 14 runners including the dual Gr.3 winner California Zimbol), High Chaparral (five winners from ten runners including the Gr.1 filly Media Sensation), Marwina (two winners from three runners including the triple Group winner Invincible Gem and the exciting Marabi) and Bellotto (five winners from just seven runners).

Other Chelandry descendants to have stood in Australia include Americain, Dissident (out of an Anabaa mare), Jetball, Gold Carat, Pluck, Jet Spur, Alannon and O'Lonhro (his grandam Sister Pedrille is I Am Invincible's third dam).

Also desirable are strains of Chelandry via Forty Niner (14 winners from 18 runners including the Gr.2 winner Look To The Stars), Never Say Die (38 winners from 59 runners including the dual Group winner Fiesta, the Listed winner Quantico and Brazen Beau's Gr.3 winner General Beau), Shadeed (five winners from eight runners including the Gr.3 winner Paquirri), Dignitas (12 winners from 23 runners including the triple Group winner Invincible Gem, the Gr.3 winner Crack The Code and the Listed winner Kobayashi) and Clarion (62 winners from 80 runners; seven stakes winners including Viddora).

Clarion is most easily found as the sire of Klairon, dam sire of Star Way - in turn dam sire of Encosta de Lago who has crossed very nicely with I Am Invincible with nine of the 49 winners bred this way being stakes winners. Klairon is also the dam sire of Eight Carat noting that Viddora is out of a mare by her son Colombia.

Klairon is a member of the Marchetta family who also appears in Santos via My Babu and Turn-To and they always cross well with their relations Marco Polo II, Alycidon, Acropolis, Agricola, Borealis, Sayani, Cagire II, Hotfoot, Irish River and Ambiorix.

Mares by Lonhro (whose sire Octagonal is another of Eight Carat's sons) are of interest noting that nine of the I Am Invincible runners out of his daughters are winners including the stakes winner Evalina. Lonhro's second dam sire First Consul is a grandson of the champion racehorse and broodmare Misty Morn - also fourth dam of Santos' dam sire Secret Savings.

This Lonhro/Secret Savings combination is shaping well; 12 winners from the first 19 runners including the stakes winners Octabello and Secret Trail.

Misty Morn's influential dam Grey Flight is also a proven line-breeding subject and is easily found. Her son Misty Day is the second dam sire of Snippets who has combined with Secret Savings in the pedigrees of 75 winners from 112 runners; four stakes winners including the Gr.1 sprinter Spright.

Of special interest are mares by Spartacus (or by Rich Enuff, son of a Spartacus mare) who is bred on a 5 X 5 cross of Grey Flight, the other strain coming via Gray Phantom. Also worth seeking are strains of What A Pleasure, Sovereign Dancer, Priolo (a descendant of and line-bred to Grey Flight) and Bold Lad.

Santos carries two strains of the influential Betty Derr via her descendants Green Desert and Swaps... other members of this family include Iron Liege (fourth dam sire of Street Boss), Arch (his third dam Courtly Dee is Green Desert's grandam), Reverse (found in Spirit Of Boom via Semipalatinsk), Twining (by Chelandry descendant Forty Niner, he is a son of Courtly Dee), Press Card (another of Courtly Dee's sons), Azzaam (Courtly Dee's grandson out of a mare by Mowerina descendant Al Hattab), Bertolini (a Danzig grandson of Courtly Dee) and Latarmiss (a Sadler's Wells grandson of Courtly Dee).

Invincible Spirit's dam Rafa is bred on a 7 X 6 cross of another great mare in Aloe via her descendants Atan and Round Table. More of this family is good - such as strains of Known Fact (his outstanding grandam Mixed Marriage is the dam of Atan and I Am Invincible and Brazen Beau have between them sired 11 winners from 18 runners bred this way, three of whom are stakes winners) and Gone West (his third dam is Mixed Marriage... 38 winners from 61 runners for this cross including four stakes winners).

Tentam and Lion Cavern are also descendants of Mixed Marriage whilst the Aloe family is also well represented by Deep Impact, Tell (sire of Pompeii Court), Aureole, Doutelle, Alcide, Prince Bright, Marju, Dance Spell, Voodoo Rhythm, Imperialist, Second Empire, Above Suspicion, Kingstone, Pulpit, Johannesburg and Tale Of The Cat.

Doubly Sure is another worthy line-breeding subject, the dam of Invincible Spirit's dam sire Kris also being the dam of Diesis and Keen (who stood in Australia).

The high class broodmare Relance is another good line-breeding force... the dam of Kris' French Derby winning dam sire Reliance also appearing in Match, Relko and Ruling.

The family of Secret Savings' grandsire Mr Prospector is always worth line-breeding, also appearing in Santos via Tourbillon. Ancestress of this family is the influential Frizette whose other descendants include Djeddah, Judger, Roan Rocket (dam sire of Rory's Jester), Lomond, Seattle Slew, Roy, Shecky Greene, Seattle Dancer, Bold Native, Bahri, Bahhare, Tourbillon, Djeddah, Bismark II, Baldric, Half Iced, Sing Sing, Jugah, Artie Schiller

(grandson of Sadler's Wells), Prince True, Mukaddamah, Twenty Four Karat, Darshaan, Daliapour, Tiger, Straight As A Die, Heart Of Darkness, Gold And Ivory, Sunrise County, Bailjumper and Elusive Quality.

Santos' legendary second dam sire Vain has proven his worth as a line-breeding subject, a good way to add speed to a pedigree. Another interesting exercise would be to line-breed to Santos' own family, noting that his close relation Mutawaajid has daughters at stud whilst the Tancred winner Khalekhan also stood locally

It is also worth having a look that the broodmare sires I Am Invincible has enjoyed success with... Barathea (a cross of Lalun), Choisir and his sire Danehill Dancer (the former is bred on the same Danzig/Sharpen Up/Lunchtime cross as I Am Invincible and the latter the dame Danzig/Sharpen Up cross), Dane Shadow (bred on the same Danzig/Buckpasser/Vain cross as Santos), Flying Spur (provides for strong male duplication), Hussonet (bred on the same Mr Prospector/Djebel cross as Santos' dam), O'Reilly (out of a Pompeii Court mare), Peintre Celebre (bred on the same Northern Dancer/Sir Gaylord cross as Green Desert), Redoute's Choice (bred on the same Danzig/Canny Lad cross as I Am Invincible), Reset (out of a Zeditave mare) and Volksraad (Green Desert duplicated).