

Pedigree Analysis - Kristen Manning

The stand-out line-breeding in The Mission's pedigree is his 3 X 3 cross of Danehill via two of his most successful sons Danehill Dancer and Redoute's Choice.

This cross is supported by another three strains of Danehill's relation Northern Dancer and one of Halo... Danehill's third dam Natalma is Northern Dancer's dam whilst Natalma's dam Almahmoud is Halo's grandam.

Already The Mission has sired a winner with another Danehill strain with the easy Eagle Farm victor Mishani Warfare's fourth dam sire being Danzero. Meanwhile his lightly raced son Mission Estate (two starts, two placings) is out of a mare whose dam sire is Danehill's son Oarsman.

For those wishing to avoid further Danehill, strains of his (and Northern Dancer/Halo's) relation Machiavellian (who is out of a Halo mare) are desirable noting that the most prevalent source of this line in Australia is Street Cry who is bred on a Halo/Hornbeam cross, the opposite to The Mission.

Those of most interest from the Street Cry line are daughters of Street Sense (whose fourth dam, the dual Gr.1 winner Lianga, is Danehill Dancer's third dam... the dual Gr.2 winner La Passe bred this way) and Per Incanto (his second dam sire Try My Best combines exceptionally well with Redoute's Choice - the great mare Best In Show duplicated).

Lianga is also the grandam of Mr Greeley who stood briefly in Victoria and who has imported daughters in Australia.

Meanwhile other members of the Natalma/Almahmoud family include El Moxie, Gleam Machine, Nuclear Freeze, Arctic Tern, Eagle Eyed, Catrail, Youthful Legs, Diatribe, Orpen and Exit To Nowhere.

The best results from the Redoute's Choice/Try My Best combination come through the latter's son Last Tycoon and there is still plenty of his blood in the Australian broodmare population. And other strains of the Best In Show family are also easily found via the likes of Spinning World, El Gran Senor, Umatilla, Hurricane Sky, Dr Johnson, Thewayyouare, Gielgud, Xaar, Masterclass, Good Journey, Denon, Domesday, Al Maher, Manhattan Rain and Rubick.

Best In Show is a descendant of the influential Torpenhow, also ancestress of the Canadian Oaks heroine Flaming Page who is also a proven high class line-breeding subject... and she is the dam of Nijinsky II to whom The Mission's dam is line-bred 4 X 5. Strains of his 3/4 brothers The Minstrel and Far North are well worth seeking.

Danehill's dam sire His Majesty picks up nicely on strains of his full brother Graustark and this Flower Bowl/Boudoir II family is certainly worth line-breeding to with its other members including Crowned Prince, Majestic Prince, Whiskey Road and Our Poetic Prince.

In regards to Best In Show, Domesday is mentioned above and his strain of Gone West (also sire of Mr Greeley who we have also mentioned) makes his daughters all the more interesting for The Mission. Gone West is a great grandson of the terrific mare Mixed Marriage whose son Atan is the sire of Danehill Daner's dam sire Atan.

Strains of the half-brothers Known Fact and Tentam (grandsons of Mixed Marriage) are desirable whilst noting that this is the prolific Aloe family which also features in The Mission via the legendary Round Table. And more of this family is always good with its members including Deep Impact, Aureole, Doutelle, Alcide, Prince Bright, Marju, Dance Spell, Voodoo Rhythm, Imperialist, Second Empire, Above Suspicion, Kingstone, Pulpit, Johannesburg, Tale Of The Cat and Tell (sire of Pompeii Court).

Mares carrying a Pompeii Court strain are of further interest with that stallion's dam Port Damascus being The Mission's fifth dam. In regards to this family, its other members to have stood at stud include Pensive, What's Ahead, Faith Guest, Mexico, Pink Flower, Transatlantic, Pre Emptive Strike, George Lewis, Posse, Way In,

Colour Plate, Knock Out and the Champion Stakes/2000 Guineas hero Court Martial who appears via his multiple Gr.1 winning son Major Portion in Choisir's pedigree.

Major Portion is a member of the outstanding Woodbine family which has a strong influence in The Mission's pedigree via strains of Damascus, Bold Commander, Falls Of Clyde, Conquistador Cielo, Menow and Crafty Admiral.

Strains of Menow's close relation Sir Ivor (the Kentucky Oaks winner Alcibiades duplicated) and Crafty Admiral's "cousin" Red God (the terrific mare Boola Brook duplicated) are good for The Mission whilst other members of this family include Zilzal, Wavering Monarch (grandson of Majestic Prince), Piccolino, Approve, Intikhab, Motivator (out of a mare line-bred to Mixed Marriage), Mining, Sweep, Havresac II, Be My Guest, Storm Cat, Royal Academy, Fusaichi Pegasus, Spectacular Love, Polar Falcon, Captain Rio, Shalford, Touching Wood, Phone Trick, Hennessy, Bletchley Park, Postponed, Danasinga, Assert, Hotel Grand, Outback Prince, Celtic Swing, Roi Dagobert, Bold Ruler (sire of Secretariat, noting that The Mission has his half-brother Sir Gaylord), Green Forest (by Shecky Greene from the family Mr Prospector to whom The Mission's grandam is line-bred 4 X 4), Green Line Express (by Green Forest) and Try My Best's son Last Tycoon.

The Mission's second dam sire More Than Ready is out of a mare bred on a 6 X 7 X 6 X 6 cross of her own fifth dam, the famed matriarch La Troienne - the other strains being Buckpasser (more of him in Danehill), Woodman and Bimelech. There is plenty of La Troienne to be found in the local broodmare population with her descendants Don't Say Halo, Hula Chief, Yonder, Belong To Me, Yodel, Air de France, Congrats, Mawingo, Honor In War, Forest Glow, The Jogger, Raise A Grand, Polish Navy, Chem, Noble Bijou, Systematic, Al Ameen, Nadeed, Rhythm, Frost Giant, Monashee Mountain, Beau Brummel, Benefit Performer, Daring Young Man and Boucher having all stood at stud in Australasia.

It is also worth seeking other La Troienne strains via the likes of Poker, Jet Action, The Axe II, Francis S, Great Captain, Cohoes, Tropical Breeze, Caerleon, Pleasant Tap, Go For Gin, Mogami, Nasty And Bold, Mr Busher, Hero's Honor, Hitting Away and Private Account.

The Mission's sire Choisir is bred on a 7 X 7 cross of Lady Of The Snows, third dam of Danehill Dancer's French 2000 Guineas winning second dam sire Caro and dam of Choisir's fifth dam sire Avalanche. Not easy to find further strains although the UK stallion Medicean has daughters in Australia and his fourth dam Chambord is Caro's dam.

Choisir carries a not so common strain of the Coronation Cup winner Borealis whose dam Aurora is a strong line-breeding force - look for her other sons Alycidon, Agricola and Acropolis.

The latter can be found in Galileo who has always fared very well when combined with Danehill - and whilst the overall strike rate of a Galileo/Choisir combo is an average 48.6%, ten of the 52 winners are stakes winners including the Gr.1 gallopers Winter and Watch Me.

Choisir has also combined successfully with other Sadler's Wells line horses such as Montjeu (his daughters have had 14 runners by Choisir, four of whom are stakes winners including the Gr.1 winner Obviously), High Chaparral, Carnegie, So You Think, Teofilo, Baratheia and Beat Hollow.

Choisir has sired two stakes winners including the multiple Gr.1 winner Olympic Glory out of mares by Alzao who spent three seasons in Australia. He is of further interest for The Mission with his grandam being the wonderful mare Pocahontas whose Preakness Stakes winning son Tom Rolfe is the grandsire of The Mission's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winning fourth dam sire Alleged. Other Pocahontas strains can be found via Chieftain (third dam sire of Giant's Causeway) and War Hawk II.

Choisir also boasts a very good record with Encosta de Lago - six of his 50 runners out of mares by that stallion being stakes winners including the Gr.1 winners Japonisme and Divine Prophet.

Choisir's pedigree is strongly influenced by the Selene/Gondolette family (multiple strains of Hyperion plus Sickle, Chamossaire, Pharamond II, Sansovino and Big Game) of which Encosta de Lago's dam sire Star Way is a member... as is Sir Tristram who Choisir also loves, combining with him in the pedigrees of 23 stakes winners including the Gr.1 gallopers Historian, Sacred Choice, Japonisme and Kushadasi.

He shows a particular affinity with Zabeel (nine stakes winners amongst the 97 winners), noting that both of the runners by his son Proisir out of mares by Zabeel's son Colombia are Gr.3 winners whilst Choisir's Gr.3 winner Twitchy Frank is one of the five winners from just eight Choisir runners out of mares by Lonhro.

And of early interest is that of The Mission's first three to finish in the placings - the winner Mishani Warfare and the placed Mission Estate are out of mares by Lonhro's son Denman whilst the winner Mishani Metal's dam is by Octagonal.

Sir Tristram's sons Marauding (Choisir has had 11 winners from 13 runners out of his daughters including the dual Gr.1 winner Historian), Kaapstad (the Gr.2 winner Music Bay from just three runners) and Grosvenor have also featured in the pedigrees of Choisir line stakes winners.

Linamix has not had a great deal of influence down under but he too is a member of the Gondolette family and two of the six Choisir runners out of his daughters are stakes winners.

Other Gondolette/Selene strains are available via the likes of Schiavoni, Fair Copy, Fair's Fair, Bosworth, Son And Heir, Entrepreneur, Shrewd Rhythm, Mossborough, Coronal and Hunter's Moon.

There is also strong Mumtaz Mahal/Lady Josephine influence in The Mission's pedigree... strains of Nasrullah, Mahmoud, Fair Trial, Tudor Minstrel, Jambo and Coeur Volant. You can never have too much of this family which has been so well represented by the likes of Aristophanes, Kalamoun, Badruddin, Royal Charger, Nilo, Nediym, Abernant, Furrokh Siyar, Kurdistan and Eight Carat.

Invincible Spirit (from the same Mowerina family of Rockefeller and Danzig, both of whom appear in Danehill Dancer) line mares are of interest with the Mission, that stallion bred on the same Danzig/Sharpen Up cross as Danehill Dancer. Of the 36 winners combining Invincible Spirit and Choisir, five are stakes winners including the dual Gr.1 winner Oxted. And of the 17 runners with I Am Invincible (bred on the same Danzig/Canny Lad cross as The Mission) and Choisir, 13 are winners - two at stakes level.

Broodmare sires to have fared well with Choisir include Mujadil (four winners from seven starters including two stakes winners), Rory's Jester (22 winners from 29 runners including three stakes winners) and Royal Academy (43 winners from 54 runners including three stakes winners).