

Pedigree Analysis - Kristen Manning

One very successful method of line-breeding is to tap into the influence of a well related stallion's family and they do not come much stronger than Spieth's!

Spieth is a descendant of the influential Teddy Wrack mare Reply whose female descendants Fanfreluche, Rolls, Ciboulette and Grand Luxe have all proven their worth as line-breeding subjects, success stories including the Gr.1 gallopers Criterion, Alligator Blood, Speak Fondly, On The Bubbles and Delago Deluxe, the Gr.2 winners Aethero, Mascarpone, Mizzy, Seaburge, Catch A Fire, Believe Yourself, Moonovermanhattan, Krupt and French Braids and the Gr.3 winners Baccarat Baby, Full Of Spirit, Majestic Queen, Sejardan, The Astrologist, Sun City, Fangirl, Rio Del Mar, Clifton Red, Sookie and Bliss Street.

As well as the Listed winners Time Scale, Let Me Sleep On It, Atmospheric, Piece Of Paradise, Storm Breaker, Maremmadiavola, Heckuva Good Time, Crusading Lil, Miss Wellspring, Gold Arrow, Swift Replica, Astounded and Lady Jivago.

There are several ways to make the most of this family's strengths, kicking off with the two times Australian Champion Sire Encosta de Lago whose fifth dam Ciboulette is Spieth's fourth dam. And as a lovely bonus, he is by Fairy King whose grandam is the wonderful mare Special (one of the great modern day line-breeding forces), also dam of Spieth's great grandsire Nureyev.

And then there is Encosta de Lago's "uncle" Flying Spur who has Ciboulette as his fourth dam. His daughters and granddaughters bring male strength to any Spieth matings as well - being bred on a Danzig/Buckpasser/Mr Prospector/Sir Ivor cross whilst Spieth is Sir Ivor/Mr Prospector/Danzig/Buckpasser.

Ciboulette's son Night Shift spent four seasons in Australia and he has been a strong player in the success of line-breeding to this family. Ciboulette's great grandson Holy Roman Emperor has also spent time here and there are plenty of his daughters about... he is bred on the same Danzig/Buckpasser/Bold Ruler cross as Spieth's grandam Sombrefe. Kheleyf was here for just one season but he has daughters about - Ciboulette is his fourth dam and he also provides for male strength with Danzig, Sir Ivor, Never Bend and Mr Prospector duplications.

Charm Spirit mares are also of great interest as he shares the same third dam (Somfas) as Spieth whilst his dam sire Montjeu is by Nureyev's 3/4 brother Sadler's Wells, allowing for a cross of Special. Meanwhile Snaadee is a son of Somfas.

Strains of L'Enjoleur, Medaille d'Or, Archregent, D'Accord, Family Ties and Barachois are not so easily found but all are nice for Spieth.

Spieth's sire Thorn Park is also from a great family with his fourth dam being the local star Denise's Joy, the multiple Gr.1 winner whose descendants continue to prove their worth at the highest level. There are some opportunities to line-breed to her family, either via her direct descendants of which there are many or through Primus (by Flying Spur), Christmas Tree, Conatus and War.

Thorn Park's sire Spinning World is from yet another family of influence with his fourth dam being the famed matriarch Best In Show. She has really made her mark in this part of the world, especially via the deeds of her high achieving descendant Redoute's Choice who is bred on a Danzig/Bletchingly (both descendants of the excellent mare Lady Susan) cross, the opposite to Spieth.

Redoute's Choice has picked up on the Best In Show influence in grand style but he is not the only source of this superior blood, other members of this clan including Good Journey (his Gr.1 winning grandam Aviance is also

Spinning World's grandam), El Gran Senor (appears in Toroando, a grandson of Sadler's Wells), Try My Best (whose son Last Tycoon fares extra well with a Best In Show cross), Domesday, Xaar, Masterclass, Umatilla, Hurricane Sky, Falak (grandson of Spinning World's third dam Minnie Hauk), Denon (son of Aviance), Al Maher, Dr Johnson, Thewayouare, Gielgud, Rubick and Manhattan Rain.

The latter two are of particular interest being sons of Encosta de Lago whilst Rubick is out of a mare by Rock Of Gibraltar whose third dam River Lady is the dam of Spinning World's dam sire Riverman.

As mentioned Spinning World is a son of Nureyev, son of Special from the prolific Simon's Shoes family whose other members include Sadler's Wells, Thatching, Thatch, Ridan, Lt Stevens, Lorenzaccio, Topsider, Smart Missile, Headwater (out of a Hurricane Sky mare), Fiorente, Tate Gallery, Val de Loir, Reform, Perugino (sire of Testa Rossa), Geiger Counter, Yeats, Dusty Boots, Jade Robbery and Dreamscape.

Thorn Park's dam sire Bluebird also boasts good family strength with his third dam Home By Dark being bred on a 5 X 6 cross of her own sixth dam Idle Fancy. Medaglia d'Oro mares are nice over Bluebird - his grandam Dubbed being bred on a 3 X 4 cross of her own fourth dam Sunday Evening, Bluebird's fourth dam. Plus Medaglia d'Oro is a grandson of Sadler's Wells - hence a Special cross.

This family also appears in More Than Ready via his third dam sire First Landing whose dam Hildene (Idle Fancy's great granddaughter) is the dam of Bluebird's Gr.1 winning third dam sire Hill Prince.

Spieth's dam sire Titus Livius is by Machiavellian who hails from the same family as his own dam sire Halo and of Northern Dancer. Danehill is another relation, giving every Spieth runner carrying a strain of that legendary stallion crosses of Natalma and her dam Almahmoud.

Other members of this family include El Moxie, Gleam Machine, Nuclear Freeze, Arctic Tern, Eagle Eyed, Catrail, Youthful Legs, Diatribe, Orpen and Exit To Nowhere.

Titus Livius has as his sixth dam another influential mare in Blue Denim whose other descendants include Blue Prince, Naturalism, Kuroshio, Green Dancer, Office Bearer (his stakes winning fourth dam Mia Pola is Titus Livius' third dam), Dream Well (a Sadler's Wells great grandson of Mia Pola), Sulamani (another of Mia Pola's great grandsons), Authorized (grandson of Sadler's Wells), Okawango, Makfi, Soviet Lad, Val Danseur, Al Khawaaneeg, Alhaarth and Grey Dawn II whose stakes winning dam Polamia is Titus Livius' fourth dam.

Grey Dawn II is most easily found in this part of the world as the dam sire of Zoffany, second dam sire of I Am Invincible who is bred on a Danzig/Bletchingly cross, the opposite to Spieth.

Titus Livius' second dam sire is the champion Mill Reef who is a member of the same prolific Black Ray family as Thorn Park's fifth dam sire Pipe Of Peace. Their relations include Blushing Groom (noting that his grandson Quest For Fame has done a very nice job with Thorn Park), Khaled, Western Symphony, Fuji Kiseki, Jacopo and Red Anchor.

Spieth's second dam sire Polish Precedent is also from a great family with opportunities to line-breed to it coming via Zilzal, Posse, Wavering Monarch (sire of Maria's Mon), Piccolino, Approve (out of a Sadler's Wells mare), Intikhab, Motivator (grandson of Sadler's Wells) and Mining.

Ancestress of this family is 1860 born mare Woodbine who has made such a great mark on the breed - and of whom Spieth boasts multiple crosses; including March Past, Sir Ivor, Menow, Be My Guest, Crafty Admiral and Bold Ruler.

Other Woodbine descendants include Red God (sire of Blushing Groom), Storm Cat, Royal Academy, Fusaichi Pegasus, Green Line Express, Spectacular Love, Polar Falcon, Captain Rio, Shalford (line-bred to the Simon's Shoes family), Touching Wood, Phone Trick, Hennessy, Bletchley Park (whose dam sire Ahonoora is by Simon's Shoes descendant Lorenzaccio), Postponed, Danasinga (out of an Ahonoora mare), Green Forest (by Shecky Greene from the family of Titus Livius' grandsire Mr Prospector), Assert, Hotel Grand, Outback Prince, Celtic Swing, Roi Dagobert, Conquistador Cielo (sire of El Moxie from the family of Danehill and Northern Dancer) and Last Tycoon - son of Try My Best. This is a line thriving in Australia at the moment thanks to the deeds of Written Tycoon.

Spieth's grandam Sombreffe is bred on a 6 X 3 cross of the wonderful mare Grey Flight via her grandson Bold Lad and son What A Pleasure. Further strains are desirable - via Secret Savings, First Consul (second dam sire of Lonhro), Gray Phantom, Sovereign Dancer, Priolo and Misty Day (second dam sire of Snippets). In regards to Snippets, daughters of his son Spartacus (dam sire of Written Tycoon's son Rich Enuff) are of special interest as he is bred on a 5 X 5 Grey Flight cross.

Other mares within Spieth's pedigree worthy of duplication include Democratie (ancestress of Thorn Park's third dam sire Showdown and also of Red Ransom), Lalun (the Kentucky Oaks winning dam of Never Bend to whom Spieth is line-bred 5 X 6 - she is also the dam of Bold Reason), Pocahontas (dam of Torm Rolfe who appears in Machiavellian - can also be found in Chieftain, War Hawk II and Alzao) and Relance (dam of Titus Livius' third dam sire Relko - also found in Match, Reliance and Ruling).