



Pedigree Analysis - Kristen Manning

What an encouraging start this imposing young horse has made to his stud career and what a pedigree he boasts - one that makes him an exciting prospect for Australian mares.

He has local influence, his dam sire being the Australian bred New Zealand Gr.2 winner Danroad, also dam sire of the superstar mare Verry Elleegant who carries a 3 X 3 cross of Danroad's sire Danehill.

And interestingly both of Aclaim's first two stakes winners are also line-bred to that breed-shaping stallion - the Gr.1 English 1000 Guineas heroine Cachet (her dam sire Teofilo is out of a Danehill mare) and the unbeaten Gr.1 bound Royal Aclaim (Danehill is her third dam sire).

Just as interesting is the fact that both horses are out of mares who tap into the influence of the prolific Simon's Shoes family to whom Aclaim is line-bred via its high achieving members Lorenzaccio (Champion Stakes winning grandsire of Acclamation's dam) and Val de Loir (French Derby winning sire of Aclaim's fourth dam sire Tennyson).

Cachet is bred on a 4 X 3 cross of Lorenzaccio's son Ahonoora (dam sire of Acclamation) whilst her dam sire Teofilo is a grandson of Simon's Shoes' most influential descendant - the legendary Sadler's Wells.

As a bonus Sadler's Wells is out of a mare by Bold Reason whose Kentucky Oaks winning dam Lalun is an outstanding line-breeding influence - and her other son Never Bend is the sire of Danroad's third dam sire Iron Ruler.

Royal Aclaim meanwhile is out of a granddaughter of the second most successful member of the Simons Shoes family in Nureyev.

And of course there is plenty of Sadler's Wells and Nureyev in this part of the world. Including Cachet's dam sire Teofilo (whose sire Galileo has fared very well with Aclaim's family) who - like Aclaim - is a descendant of the influential Prunella, a mare who strongly influences Aclaim's pedigree.

Such as via three strains of the wonderful Marchetta branch - Borealis, Klairon and Fastnet Rock II (not to be confused with the current version!). Marchetta has well and truly made her presence felt in Australasia and one sire line with heavy influence is that of Sir Tristram who boasts a 5 X 5 cross of Marchetta's highly successful granddaughter Lavendula II via her well known grandsons Turn-To and My Babu.

The former is also the grandsire of Halo and this line is of great interest for Aclaim with Halo's grandam Almahmoud - one of the great modern day line-breeding influences - also the grandam of Northern Dancer (to whom Aclaim is line-bred) and fourth dam of Danehill. And we all know how well this Halo/Danehill cross works!

Especially via More Than Ready, another descendant of Prunella.

Returning to Sir Tristram - daughters of Pierro are of particular interest. Bred on a 6 X 5 cross of Simon's Shoes influential descendant Special (dam of Nureyev and grandam of Sadler's Wells), he is another Prunella descendant with his Irish Oaks winning ancestress Djebellica being the third dam of Aclaim's fourth dam sire Tennyson.

Pierro's grandsire Zabeel is nice too - his dam being by Nureyev whilst his grandam is by Val de Loir.

Mares carrying a strain of Sir Tristram's Golden Slipper winner Marauding are also worth a look - that stallion hailing from the same successful Our Liz family as Ile de Bourbon whose Epsom & Irish Derby winning son Kahyasi is Aclaim's second dam sire.

In regards to Sadler's Wells another branch to match up well with Aclaim is High Chaparral whose Chelandry branch of the Prunella family is represented in Aclaim by Clarion. Especially nice for Aclaim are High Chaparral's sons Dundeel, Toronado and So You Think.

Line-bred to Special via Sadler's Wells and Nureyev, Dundeel is a descendant of the legendary matriarch Eulogy who appears twice in Aclaim via Red Jester and Honour. And his dam is a member of the Sir Tristram line.

Toronado is out of a mare by Grand Slam whose dam sire El Gran Senor is a full brother to Acclamation's great grandsire Try My Best - the terrific mare Sex Appeal duplicated.

And, as So You Think relishes further strains of the great Nijinsky II (sire of his dam sire Tights) - noting that his first Gr.1 winner as a broodmare sire (Fireburn) boasts a cross - his daughters should suit Aclaim whose dam is bred on a 5 X 4 cross of Nijinsky II.

It is also worth seeking strains of Nijinsky II's Epsom & Irish Derby winning 3/4 brother The Minstrel who allows for line-breeding to the Canadian Oaks heroine Flaming Page.

And Flaming Page is a descendant of the terrific mare Torpenhow, also ancestress of Try My Best who combines exceptionally well with his relation Redoute's Choice - the former's grandam Best In Show (one of the great modern day line-breeding forces) being the latter's fourth dam.

There are other ways to line-breed to Best In Show with her other descendants including Manhattan Rain, Niagara, Echoes Of Heaven and Rubick (grandsons of Simon's Shoes descendant Fairy King), Xaar (whose sire Zafonic is out of a mare by The Minstrel), Masterclass (son of The Minstrel), Spinning World (son of Nureyev), Umatilla and Hurricane Sky.

Back to the Sadler's Wells line - other branches of interest for Aclaim include Baratheia who carries a rare strain of the Epsom Derby hero Nimbus whose wonderful dam Kong features twice (via Rich Gift and Grey Sovereign) in the pedigree of Aclaim's dam. And New Approach who provides for a cross of Ahonoora (noting that Cachet is line-bred to him as is Aclaim's lightly raced stakes placed son Chelsea Gardens) or Singspiel (son of a Halo mare).

Also an exciting prospect for Aclaim is Sadler's Wells' champion son Montjeu whose Gr.3 winning dam Floripedes is Aclaim's third dam - allowing for some very interesting line-breeding. And Montjeu has had good influence in this part of the world via the likes of Tavistock (line-bred to Simon's Shoes, he is out of a mare by Quest For Fame whose influential ancestress Anne de Bretagne is the fourth dam of Kahyasi's sire Ile de Bourbon) and Camelot. A horse with heavy Simon's Shoes influence, Camelot is out of a mare by Kingmambo whose second dam sire Prove Out is by Graustark.

And strains of Graustark are highly desirable for Aclaim whose dam sire Danroad is bred on a 4 X 5 cross of his dam Flower Bowl (via Graustark's full brother His Majesty - dam sire of Danehill - and his close relation Whiskey Road) and a 6 X 7 X 6 cross of Flower Bowl's grandam Boudoir II, dam of Danroad's fourth dam sire Your Host.

This concentrated line-breeding may well be why Aclaim is doing well with a Danehill cross.

Look for Graustark in the pedigrees of Elusive Quality (dam sire of Deep Field and Shooting To win, members of the Fairy King line), Grand Slam (dam sire of the already mentioned Toronado) and Key To The Mint (second dam sire of Fantastic Light and fourth dam sire of Your Song - bred on a Danehill/Halo cross).

Or through Kingmambo via the likes of Dubai Destination, Henrythenavigator (son of a Sadler's Wells mare), King's Best, Thewayyouare (descendant of Best In Show) and King Cugat who is line-bred to Boudoir II, his dam being a granddaughter of her great grandson Majestic Prince.

And Majestic Prince can also be found in the already mentioned Teofilo (dam sire of Cachet) as well as Artie Schiller (grandson of Sadler's Wells) and Baratheia's son Tobougg.

Another member of the Boudoir II family is Crowned Prince, dam sire of Alannon (sire of Falvelon whose dam is a granddaughter of Eulogy's descendant Zephyr Bay) and Zeditave who is still easy to find via the likes of Reset (grandson of Sir Tristram), Magic Albert (line-bred to the Marchetta family), Strategic and Zedrich.

Other descendants of Boudoir II include Our Poetic Prince and Real Quiet... as well as Aquis' own Brave Smash.

Like Aclaim, fellow Queenslander Spirit Of Boom is faring well with a Danehill (sire of his dam sire Special Dane) cross and his daughters are of great interest. Both Spirit Of Boom's sire and dam are descendants of Prunella whilst Special Dane is a descendant of Blue Tit - ancestress of Acclamation's grandsire Waajib and also of Alibhai, dam sire of Danehill's dam sire His Majesty.

Other mares of interest for Aclaim include daughters of Vancouver (from the same female line as Acclamation's sire Royal Applause), Cape Cross (dam sire of Aclaim's stakes placed Chelsea Gardens), General Nediym (his dam has strong Marchetta family influence) and Testa Rossa (a son of Simon Shoes' descendant Perugino, he is a descendant of Marchetta) as well as those carrying strains of Jeune (hails from the same family as Acclamation), Mill Reef (Aclaim is line-bred to his influential ancestress Black Ray via Khaled and Blushing Groom) and Machiavellian (from the family of Northern Dancer and Danehill... note that his son Street Cry is a descendant of Prunella).