

PROST

SNITZEL X SAMARMETEORS (BY NORTHERN METEOR)

Prost Pedigree Analysis - Kristen Manning

Already 17 sons of the four time Champion Sire Snitzel haven proven themselves at stud by siring stakes winners with six of those represented by Gr.1 winners. **PROST** has the profile to become part of that success story; let's take a dive into his very deep pedigree.

A 3/4 brother to the Gr.1 Golden Slipper hero Shinzo, **Prost** is one of the 17 stakes winners bred on a Snitzel/Encosta de Lago cross and one of the three bred on the more specific Snitzel/Northern Meteor cross.

Overall the combination of Snitzel and Northern Meteor has an excellent 72.2% winners-to-runners strike rate with seven of the 83 runners being stakes winners... genetic strength!

Snitzel and Northern Meteor bring different things to **Prost's** pedigree, making him an easy stallion to match.

Snitzel is a son of the great Redoute's Choice whose fourth dam Best In Show is one of the most prolific modern day line-breeding influences. And she is easily found amongst the Australian broodmare population with Last Tycoon - son of Best In Show's grandson Try My Best - enjoying great success in this part of the world.

Redoute's Choice (whose second dam sire Nijinsky hails from the same Torpenhow family as Best In Show) and Last Tycoon have combined exceptionally well in the pedigrees of 115 stakes winners including 17 Gr.1 horses.

Six of those Gr.1 winners have Redoute's Choice via Snitzel who picks up well on two particular Last Tycoon lines - Written Tycoon and O'Reilly.

Three of Snitzel's four runners out of Written Tycoon mares are metropolitan winners whilst Written Tycoon has sired three Gr.1 winners out of Snitzel mares.

Fifteen of Snitzel's 16 runners out of O'Reilly mares including the multiple stakes winners Splintex and Snitzkraft whilst his son Shamus Award has sired the Gr.1 filly El Patroness and the Listed winner Served Cold out of daughters of O'Reilly.

And both of O'Reilly's Australian based sons Grunt and Brutal have sired promising types out of Snitzel mares.

Mares by those two horses are nice matches for **Prost** with Grunt carrying strains of Nureyev and Val de Loir whilst Brutal has Golan, George Spelvin and Val de Loir... and each of those stallions hail from the same prolific Simon's Shoes family as Northern Meteor.

Northern Meteor is bred on a 6 X 4 cross of his own fourth dam Rough Shod - also fourth dam of his grandsire Fairy King and this is a family you can never have too much of!

We will return to the influence of that family but firstly back to Last Tycoon with Written Tycoon having a number of sons whose daughters look good for **Prost**; two in particular.

Rich Enuff has as his dam sire Spartacus who is bred on a 5 X 5 cross of the wonderful mare Grey Flight via her sons Misty Day and Gray Phantom whilst **Prost** has further Misty Day... and his second dam sire Secret Savings is a descendant.

In regards to Grey Flight, also seek strains of Gray Phantom, What A Pleasure, Sovereign Dancer, Priolo, Bold Lad and First Consul (second dam sire of Lonhro).

Also by Written Tycoon is Written By who has Fairy King's brother Sadler's Wells and who is already line-bred to Best In Show with his second dam sire Umatilla being out of Redoute's Choice's grandam Dancing Show... noting that four of Written By's first five stakes winners are out of Snitzel mares.

Also of interest re Written Tycoon is his strain of Milesian (dam sire of his dam sire Kenmare) who hails from the same Avena family as Young Emperor - **Prost's** fifth dam sire. Also from this family are Jade Hunter, Saint Crespin and Tulyar.

There are other ways to tap into the influence of the Best In Show family - seek strains of Last Tycoon's brother El Gran Senor, Umatilla, Hurricane Sky, Al Maher, Dr Johnson, Thewayyouare, Domesday, Spinning World (son of Fairy King's 3/4 brother Nureyev... noting that his son Ocean Park is line-bred to Nureyev), Xaar, Gielgud, Masterclass and Good Journey.

Also of interest are strains of fellow Torpenhow descendant The Minstrel who combines very well with strains of his 3/4 brother Nijinsky - the Canadian Oaks heroine Flaming Page duplicated.

One broodmare sire of interest in regards to having a strain of El Gran Senor is Toronado, member of the Sadler's Wells sire line from the same Noble Lassie family as the champion Vaguely Noble, dam sire of **Prost's** third dam sire Touching Wood.

There is plenty of Sadler's Wells (who has combined with his relation Northern Meteor in 17 stakes winners) around, strains looking good for **Prost** including Barathea, Scenic (his dam is a granddaughter of Grey Flight's son What A Pleasure), Carnegie, Galileo (his second dam sire Lombard is a grandson of Vaguely Noble's grandam Belle Sauvage), Singspiel, Artie Schiller (hails from the same Frizette family as Mr Prospector to whom **Prost's** dam is line-bred 5 X 4 X 4), Kitten's Joy, Medaglia D'Oro (his dam sire Bailjumper is another of Frizette's descendants), New Approach, Wrote (descendant of Fairy King's grandam Special) and Dundee (line-bred to Special).

Frizette is always a great influence and her other descendants include Seattle Slew, Lomond (dam sire of Exceed And Excel), Roan Rocket (dam sire of Rory's Jester), Roy, Seattle Dancer, Sing Sing, Baldrick, Bismark, Shecky Greene, Darshaan, Bold Native, Bahri, Bahhare, Tourbillon, Djeddah, Half Iced, Jugah, Prince True, Mukaddamah, Twenty Four Karat, Daliapour, Tiger, Straight As A Die, Heart Of Darkness, Gold And Ivory, Sunrise County and Elusive Quality.

The latter has combined particularly well with Snitzel (six stakes winners out of his daughters) and with Northern Meteor (four stakes winners amongst the 32 winners with this combo).

Meanwhile other members of the Simon's Shoes family include Nureyev (most easily found as the dam sire of Zabeel (who has combined with Snitzel in 26 stakes winners, three Gr.1 winners and whose grandson Lonhro also does well with Snitzel), Lt Stevens, Lorenzaccio, Thatch (to whom Spirit Of Boom is line-bred), Thatching, Topsider, Ridan, Reform, Tate Gallery, Perugino (sire of Testa Rossa), Geiger Counter, Yeats, Dusty Boots and Jade Robbery whilst Fiorente, Headwater (his dam is by Redoute's Choice's 'uncle' Hurricane Sky), Dreamscape and Smart Missile (his grandam Explosive is Northern Meteor's dam) are also descendants.

The family of Northern Meteor's sire Encosta de Lago is another of great strength, he being a grandson of the lovely mare Rolls whose son Flying Spur enjoys ongoing influence via Sebring (he and Encosta de Lago have combined in ten stakes winners including the star mare Fangirl) and Casino Prince/All Too Hard (whose best son Alligator Blood is out of an Encosta de Lago mare).

Rolls is a member of the great Fanfreluche/Ciboulette/Windy Answer family, one which also produced L'Enjoleur, Brazen Beau, Snaadee, Medaille d'Or, Holy Roman Emperor, Family Ties, Archregent, Kheylef and Night Shift.

Sixteen of the 20 Snitzel runners out of Charge Forward mares are winners with three being stakes winners including the Golden Slipper winner Estijaab. Charge Forward's second dam sire Valid Appeal is a grandson of the excellent mare Scotch Verdict - Snitzel's fifth dam. She is also the grandam of Real Shadai, the second dam sire of Brave Smash.

Brave Smash mares are of interest for two other reasons - his sire Tosen Phantom has the outstanding broodmare Killaloe as his fifth dam and her son Fappiano is Northern Meteor's dam sire. Meanwhile Brave Smash is a descendant of the prolific matriarch Boudoir - third dam of Danehill's dam sire His Majesty.

Other strains of this nice family are worth seeking, namely Graustark, Majestic Prince, Crowned Prince and Whiskey Road.

Meanwhile Fappiano hails from the same branch of the Plucky Liege (whose sons Admiral Drake, Bull Dog and Sir Gallahad all feature close up in the pedigree of Roberto - sire of **Prost**'s third dam sire Touching Wood) family as Ogygian (the lovely mare Grand Splendor able to be duplicated), the dam sire of Street Boss.

Danehill also hails from a great family and he is bred on a 3 X 3 cross of his own third dam Natalma, dam of the mighty Northern Dancer. He picks up very well on strains of his relations Halo, Machiavellian and Arctic Tern. Several members of this family have stood in Australia - El Moxie, Youthful Legs, Gleam Machine, Eagle Eyed, Catrail, Nuclear Freeze and Orpen.

Mares from the Easy Date family are also of interest, she being a proven line-breeding subject whose son Snippets is Snitzel's dam sire. She is the grandam of Not A Single Doubt and members of his line would also provide for the duplication of Redoute's Choice.

Easy Date is a member of the Sunmelia family, one also represented by Sun Teddy, Bold Aussie, Zizou, Polish Laughter, Rodrigo de Triano and Our Native (grandsire of I Am Invincible's dam).

Prost carries a cross of the influential mare Sunshot - ancestress of Grand Chaudiere (dam sire of Snippets) and Bold Reason (dam sire of Fairy King) noting that the latter picks up extremely well on strains of his half-brother Never Bend who is easily found via his sons Mill Reef (dam sire of Last Tycoon) and Riverman.

Other members of the Sunshot clan include Wolver Hollow, Shinko Forest, New Approach, Alfred Nobel, Windsor Lad, Solferino, Frontal, No Robbery, Supernatural, Our Babu, King Of The Tudors, No Faith and Niccolo Polo.

It is always good to tap into the influence of a stallion's own family and **Prost** hails from a strong one, one which has as its matriarch the star two-year-old filly and high class broodmare Friar's Carse.

Prost carries another two strains of that mare - her son War Relic and her descendant Sword Dancer. Further strains of both stallions are desirable noting that Friar's Carse has also had a few descendants stand in Australasia - Swiftly Morgan, Hat Trick, Bonhomie, Aliocha and Sandtrap.

Friar's Carse is in turn descendant of another breed shaping mare in Prunella - ancestress of I Am Invincible, Spirit Of Boom (and his sire Sequalo), Shamardal, Street Cry (dam sire of five Snitzel stakes winners) and Street Boss.

I Am Invincible (and his second dam sire Zoffany) hail from the Chelandry branch of this family, one represented in **Prost**'s pedigree by Clarion and Tudor Melody. Other descendants include High Chaparral, Teofilo, Zeditave, Gold Carat, Forty Niner, Bellotto and Never Say Die.

Also of interest in regards to I Am Invincible is his sire line - his grandsire Green Desert being a member of the same Betty Derr family as the Kentucky Derby champ Swaps, the third dam sire of Secret Savings.

The Marchetta branch of the Prunella clan is another strong one and **Prost** has its members Turn-To, My Babu and Klairon - making him a nice match for mares with Irish River, Marco Polo, Sayani, Cagire, Ambiorix, Testa Rossa and Bustino.

La Troienne is another great mare from the Prunella family and she appears in **Prost** via Hitting Away and Buckpasser... and she is scattered throughout the Australian broodmare population with More Than Ready (dam sire of **Prost**'s 3/4 brother Shinzo and of three other Snitzel stakes winners) and Woodman two strong influences.

Prost's grandam Samar is bred on a 6 X 5 cross of Miss Disco, the Kentucky Broodmare Of The Year who produced the US Hall Of Fame member Bold Ruler (grandsire of Secret Savings' grandam) and the grandam of

the dual St Leger winner Touching Wood, Samar's sire. Further strains are not easily found though Miss Disco's grandson Hail To Success stood in Queensland and still appears in the pedigrees of local broodmares.

Miss Disco is a descendant of another influential matriarch in Woodbine whose descendants include Intent, Sir Ivor, Menow, Crafty Admiral and Damascus who are all in **Prost**. Also from this family are Red God (sire of Blushing Groom), Storm Cat, Royal Academy, Be My Guest, Green Forest, Fusaichi Pegasus, Majestic Light, Hennessy, Polar Falcon, Assert, Phone Trick and Last Tycoon.

General Nediym mares have produced 31 runners by Snitzel and 26 of those are winners; four being stakes winners including the Gr.1 gallopers Sizzling and I Am Excited. His sire Nediym has much in common with Redoute's Choice's dam sire Canny Lad.

Canny Lad's family is another nice one and it has produced several stallions including Sepoy, Encryption, Sensei and Rothesay.

Broodmare sires who have done well with Snitzel include Starcraft (grandson of Nureyev), Bel Esprit, Success Express, Timber Country, Tale Of The Cat, Gold Fever, Made Of Gold, Mister C, Red Ransom and Mr Greeley.