

# PEDIGREE THOUGHTS

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#### BAREFOOT LADY

Newmarket's Craven meeting is when we really see the flat season move up a notch and we start seeing some of those who will be contesting some of the leading races during the season. Wednesday saw the running of the 7f Nell Gwyn Stakes (Gr 3), a 1,000 Guineas trial. This year's renewal was won by Barefoot Lady, who becomes Footstepsinthesand's (Giant's Causeway) eighth stakes winner, from only three crops of racing age. Barefoot Lady, is out of the Woodcote Stakes (L), Lady Angharad, who is by the Longchamp Grand Criterium (Gr 1) winner, Tenby, a son of former Champion sire, Caerleon (Nijinsky).

The cross that Barefoot Lady is bred on is also an interesting cross as it represents the Storm/Cat Nijinsky cross which has produced 36 stakes winners which include not only two Gr 2 stakes winners by Giant's Causeway's son, Shamardal, in No Evidence Needed and Zazou but also another 34 stakes winners which includes Black Minnaloshe (Gr 1) and Dream Empress. It is hardly surprising that these two sire lines have worked so well together as both Storm Bird, Storm Cat's sire, and Nijinsky are genetic relatives. Storm Bird is bred on a Northern Dancer/Bull Page cross with his second dam-sire being by a son of Flares. Nijinsky is also bred on a Northern Dancer/Bull Page cross with his third dam being by Omaha, who is an own-brother to Flares (both by Gallant Fox and out of Flambino).

Barefoot's Lady also throws up another interesting pedigree pattern. The pedigree also has a duplication of the Nijinsky/Grey Sovereign cross as both Footstepsinthesand's third dam Dancing Rocks is bred on the cross as is Tenby, who is not only by Caerleon but is out of a daughter of Kalaglow, a great grand-son of Grey Sovereign. This Nijinsky/Grey Sovereign cross has produced about 50 stakes winners of which Tenby (Gr 1) and Dancing Rocks (L) are two.

#### RED RANSOM/POLISH PRECEDENT

Rabbah Bloodstock's home-breds have started this season well and the first to win a stakes race was the four-year-old Ransom Note (Red Ransom). Having won the Britannia Stakes at Royal Ascot, Ransom Note has progressed and won his first stakes race at the Craven meeting when winning the Earl Of Sefton Stakes (Gr 3). Ransom Note, who is out of a half-sister to the Arc (Gr 1) winner, Marienbad (Caerleon), is bred on a Red Ransom/Polish Precedent cross which has produced 18 foals of racing age of which 7 are winners (39%) of which three are stakes winners (17%). The other two stakes winners are the German Gr 1 winner Ransom O'War and Gr 2 winner Portillo.

While we are on the subject of Red Ransom he also had another notable runner last week at Newmarket as Inler, who is also bred on the Red Ransom/Danzig cross, ran a good race to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in the Abernant Stakes (L) and looks to gain black type this year. Inler, who is out of the Always Fair mare, Wedding Gift, is a half-brother to the exciting three-year old Classic contender, Casamento (Shamardal). It is a real pity that the Roberto line has faded away in Europe as it is such a good out-cross for the European bloodlines.

#### IN-BREEDING TO SADLER'S WELLS

Those of you that are followers on twitter will have noticed that there was plenty of traffic on the subject of Teofilo's (Galileo by Sadler's Wells) first winner Parish Hall, who very much looked a colt who will progress. However it was not the colt's performance that spark comment but the fact that he was out of a Montjeu daughter, so therefore creating a 3x3 in-breeding to Sadler's Wells.

Parish Hall is not by far the first winner line-bred to Sadler's Wells as Sadler's Wells line sires have produced two stakes winners to Sadler's wells line daughters. The first of these was the 8f German Listed winner,

Antonym, who was by Baratheia and out of an In The Wing's daughter, so therefore line bred 2x3 to Sadler's Wells. The second, an Italian Listed winning miler, Halong Bay, is a daughter of Montjeu and out of a mare by Singspiel, so is line bred 2x4 to Sadler's Wells.

There is also a further four other stakes winners that hold both Sadler's Wells in the top and bottom half of their pedigrees. These are headed by 2008 Deutsches Derby (Gr 1), Kamsin, who is but Samum (by Monsun and out of a Old Vic daughter) and out of a Wing Love (In The Wings) daughter. The smart John Gosden trained 2010 Doncaster Cup (Gr 2) winner, Samuel, is another stakes winner bred on the Sadler's Wells duplication. This son of Sakhee (by Bahri and out of Sadler's Wells mare) has In the Wing's as his 2nd-dam sire. It is striking to see In The Wings occurs so many times in these Sadler's line-bred pedigrees. This is due probably as he is the oldest of all of Sadler's Wells successful sons at stud.

Breeding back to the sires same sire line is no new theory. You only have to look at some of the great pedigrees that have influenced the thoroughbred industry to see this. Take a look at the Jockey Club Stakes winner, Flying Fox (1896), who was the sire of Ajax, who is line-bred 3x2 to Galopin. Another example is the Marcel Boussac home-bred Poule d'Essai des Pouliche winner, Coronation (1946), who is bred 2x2 to Tourbillon. Since then, breeders have line-bred with success to the lines of Northern Dancer, Mr Prospector, Blushing Groom, Grey Sovereign, Danzig and even now the Danehill line. With Sadler's Wells having had such an impact, particular in Europe, having been champion sire 12 times and producing 293 stakes winners at a rate of 13% (SW/foals of racing age), surely in/line-breeding to this great son of Northern Dancer has to be a good influence? Whether Parish Hall becomes the third stakes winner bred on the Sadler's Wells/Sadler's Wells cross remains to be seen. **CWC**

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