

DON CORLEONE MATING ANALYSIS NOTES – BY KRISTEN MANNING

Don Corleone is one of the seven winners (two of whom are stakes winners - the Gr.1 mare Espiona and the Gr.3 winner Wollombi) - from nine Extreme Choice runners out of mares carrying a strain of the terrific speed influence Snippets.

Snippets is a son of the wonderful mare Easy Date whose grandson Not A Single Doubt is Extreme Choice's sire. Not A Single Doubt has also picked up well on her influence - his dual Gr.1 winning daughter Miracles Of Life line-bred to her as are another four of his stakes winners.

And his daughters have produced another three stakes winners with the Easy Date cross via Snippets. Just over 10% of the winners bred on this Not A Single Doubt/Snippets combo are stakes winners.

It will be an interesting exercise to bring in further Easy Date strains - there are plenty of her descendants around and she has had another handful stand at stud; such as Zizou, Quick Score, Chatline, Rogano, Easy Choice, Luhaif, Anton Pillar and Derryn (whose sire Hinchinbrook is out of a Snippets mare).

Zizou is the most likely prospect amongst those horses - with three of his five stakes winners being out of Snippets line mares. His speedy stakes placed grandam Singles Bar is Not A Single Doubt's dam and he is by Fusaichi Pegasus who hails from the prolific Woodbine family which is a strong influence in Don Corleone's pedigree via strains of Bold Ruler, Matador, Sir Ivor, Menow, Endeavour, Polish Precedent, Crafty Admiral and Faubourg.

Other members of this family include Storm Cat, Royal Academy and Be My Guest and Extreme Choice has fared very well with strains of those stallions - nine winners from 12 runners including three stakes winners with Storm Cat, six winners from nine runners including two stakes winners with Royal Academy whilst all five of his runners with Be My Guest are winners including the Gr.1 VRC Oaks winner She's Extreme.

Storm Cat's son Hennessy is also a member of the Woodbine clan and Extreme Choice's only runner out of a member of his line is the stakes winner Extremist.

Last Tycoon is another successful descendant of Woodbine and he is always of particular interest for Redoute's Choice line stallions - Redoute's Choice's fourth dam Best In Show being the grandam of Last Tycoon's sire Try My Best.

One of the great modern day line-breeding forces, Best In Show works best when Redoute's Choice and Last Tycoon are combined... 91 stakes winners including 14 Gr.1 winners bred this way.

In three of those pedigrees Last Tycoon appears via his grandson Written Tycoon who has combined very nicely with Not A Single Doubt - a 81.4% winners-to-runners strike rate with five stakes winners amongst the 35 winners from 43 runners. Written Tycoon line mares look to be especially suited to Don Corleone whose third dam is by Marscay, dam sire of Written Tycoon's sire Iglisia.

And Written Tycoon loves more Marscay - combining with an extra strain in seven stakes winners including a couple of Gr.1 gallopers.

Another Last Tycoon horse of interest for Don Corleone is O'Reilly who has combined with Not A Single Doubt in four stakes winners amongst 18 winners - including the Gr.1 winners Shout The Bar and Espiona; the latter being a daughter of Extreme Choice (this cross is three winners from three runners so far).

Other descendants of Best In Show include El Gran Senor (Not A Single Doubt has sired two stakes winners with him in the dam line), Spinning World, Masterclass, Gielgud, Xaar, Good Journey and Denon.

Hurricane Sky and Umatilla strains are also of interest with their dam Dancing Show - Best In Show's granddaughter - being the grandam of Redoute's Choice. She is an emerging line-breeding force; Hurricane Sky and Not A Single Doubt combining in 13 runners, 11 winners including the Gr.2 winner Ima Single Man - Umatilla and Not A Single Doubt = 20 winners from 32 runners including the Gr.1 winner Scales Of Justice and the dual Listed winner Ripcord.

Best In Show is a descendant of another great matriarch in Torpenhow - also ancestress of Redoute's Choice's second dam sire Nijinsky. He picks up nicely on strains of his 3/4 brother The Minstrel.

Don Corleone is bred on a 4 X 3 cross of Danehill via a son (Redoute's Choice) and a daughter (Pilgrim). Danehill - who is bred on a 3 X 3 cross of his own third dam Natalma (the dam of Northern Dancer) - picks up well on strains of his relations Machiavellian and Halo.

Lope De Vega (a member of the Storm Cat sire line) is bred on a 3 X 3 cross of Machiavellian and he is a descendant of the lovely mare La Mirambule whose Gr.1 son Nasram is the grandsire of Extreme Choice's second dam sire Nasty And Bold.

A proven line-breeding subject, La Mirambule is also dam of In The Purple who can be found in Dundee, General Nediym, Dissident and Nicconi.

Danehill is out of a mare by His Majesty, member of the Boudoir family which is worth line-breeding to - seek out strains of Majestic Prince, Whiskey Road and Graustark.

In regards to Halo, Extreme Warrior has fared nicely with More Than Ready with two of stakes winners being out of that high class stallion's daughters. More Than Ready is a descendant of the great mare La Troienne as is his dam sire Woodman and his fourth dam's grandsire Bimelech.

La Troienne is also a strong influence in Don Corleone's pedigree courtesy of strains of Hitting Away, Buckpasser, Bimelech and Nasty And Bold.

In regards to the More Than Ready sire line, broodmare sires who match up nicely with Don Corleone include Better Than Ready, Dissident, Prized Icon and Sebring.

And it is worth looking for other La Troienne strains; she has had a number of descendants stand in this part of the world including Air de France, Belong To Me, Forest Glow, Rhythm, Yamanin Vital, Hula Chief, Noble Bijou, Congrats, Monashee Mountain, Frost Giant, Mawingo and Honor In War.

And several of her descendants pop up in local pedigrees - such as The Axe, Francis S, Great Captain, Cohoes, Tropical Breeze, Caerleon, Yonder, Chem, Go For Gin, Pleasant Tap, Mogami, Benefit

Performer, Polish Navy, Officer, Sea Hero, Mr Busher, Busher, Boucher, Hook Money, Make Tracks, Daring Young Man, Private Account, Mineshaft, Personal Escort, Jet Action, Hero's Honor and Poker.

Prized Icon's third dam sire Dignitas is a son of the classy broodmare Courtesy, also dam of Don Corleone's fourth dam sire Knightly Manner whilst Dissident is out of a mare by Anabaa - descendant of Courtesy's influential ancestress Chelandry (also ancestress of Dissident - noting that Don Corleone also has Never Say Die from this prolific family) and son of a mare by Gay Mecene whose influential grandam Missy Baba produced the high class stallion Raja Baba, dam sire of Extreme Choice's dam sire Hussonet.

All four Extreme Choice runners with Anabaa are winners including his Gr.1 Golden Slipper winning son Stay Inside.

There are other ways to tap into the influence of the Missy Baba family - look for strains of Foxhound, Spectacular Spy, Statue Of Liberty, Eavesdropper, Saithor, Honor Grades, A.P Indy, Summer Squall and Bite The Bullet.

Strains of Forty Niner are worth a look as well - he being a great grandson of Courtesy. And other descendants of Chelandry with local influence include High Chaparral, Zeditave, Americain, Gold Carat, Merchant Navy, Bellotto and Jetball.

And back to Sebring - he brings in another strain of Danehill via his dam sire Flying Spur who has combined well with Redoute's Choice... and Sebring hails from the same family as Baguette whose grandson Rory's Jester is Not A Single Doubt's dam sire.

Sebring and Rory's Jester have combined well in the pedigrees of six stakes winners.

Also of interest in regards to the Halo sire line is his star grandson Deep Impact whose dam sire Alzao is a grandson of the terrific mare Pocahontas whose son Tom Rolfe is the sire of Hussonet's second dam sire Hoist The Flag. Look for other Alzao strains - as well as Chieftain War Hawk, Sham, Ack Ack and Blanco from this family.

Rory's Jester's dam sire Roan Rocket hails from the same Frizette family as Mr Prospector who also appears in Don Corleone - making him likely to pick up well with other strains of this family including Seattle Slew, Shecky Greene, Lomond and Elusive Quality.

Roan Rocket is by Buisson Ardent whose dam Rose O'Lynn is a lovely mare to line-breed to - she is also dam of Venture and Buisson D'Or and grandam of Zamazaan.

Extreme Choice's dam sire Hussonet also hails from a strong family - one which also produced Free Eagle, War Pass, Slew O'Gold, Coastal, Wicked Style, Al-Royal, Great Dane., Giant's Steps, Tom's Shu, Tawfiq, Ekraar, Nathaniel and St Reims.

In regards to Chelandry who appears in Don Corleone via Never Say Die and Knightly Manner, she is also ancestress of I Am Invincible who picks up exceptionally well on her influence (his second dam sire Zoffany also a descendant - and Zoffany is by Our Native who hails from the same Tedmelia family as Snippets).

I Am Invincible is a grandson of Green Desert whose second dam sire Never Bend is a son of the Kentucky Oaks heroine Lalun. One of the great modern day line-breeding forces, she also produced Bold Reason who is easily found as dam sire of Sadler's Wells and Fairy King.

This is a nice family for Don Corleone as it also produced Grand Chaudiere, sire of Easy Date.

Of I Am Invincible's sons, Brazen Beau is especially interesting with his dam sire Snaadee being out of a mare by What A Pleasure whose dam is the great mare Grey Flight.

And Don Corleone is line-bred to Grey Flight whose son Misty Day is the dam sire of Easy Date and whose grandson Bold Lad is in Snippetson. Another good source of Grey Flight blood is Lonhro whose second dam sire First Consul is her great grandson whilst Secret Savings is a direct descendant.

Like one of Queensland's most successful stallions Spirit Of Boom, Don Corleone carries a strain of Thatching, a horse who is bred on a 4 X 5 cross of his own fifth dam - the influential Dalmary, third dam of Thatching's sire Thatch.

This is a family that enjoys international success as a line-breeding force and there are strains aplenty in Australia... Sadler's Wells, Fairy King (sire of Encosta de Lago), Perugino (sire of Testa Rossa, Lt Stevens, Lorenzaccio, Val de Loir and Nureyev (the latter two are both in Zabeel).

Snippetson's family is also a nice one - his relations including Al Hareb (second dam sire of Snippetson's dual Group winner Fast Clip), Young Generation (fourth dam sire of Snippetson's Gr.3 winner Tinsnip), Power House, Vibrant and Bending Away - easily found as the dam sire of Sequalo, sire of Spirit Of Boom.

Don Corleone is already line-bred to this family - Snippetson being a descendant of Anchora - as is Rory's Jester's sire Crown Jester.

Snippetson's third dam sire Prince Tenderfoot is by Blue Prince who is also from a family worth line-breeding to - his relations including Naturalism, Kuroshio, Titus Livius (dam sire of Spieth who stood in Queensland), Okawango, Makfi, Al Khawaaneeg and Grey Dawn (who appears in I Am Invincible).

Another mare of interest in Don Corleone's pedigree is Clonaslee whose great grandson Princess Blessed is in Extreme Choice. Extreme Choice has had five runners out of mares with a stain of Clonaslee's high class descendant In Reality - and four of those are winners including the stakes winners Wollombi and Xtremetime.

In regards to male line-breeding, there are some encouraging early signs in regards to Redoute's Choice. The Gr.3 sprinter Extremely Lucky is Extreme Choice's first runner with a Redoute's Choice - he being out of a mare by Stratum.

However usually such male line-breeding works best set a bit further back in the pedigree and when not through both male lines... for example Zoustar is doing quite well with a Redoute's Choice cross - his dam being by him.

Hussonet is doing quite well as a line-breeding subject in Chile (27 winners including three stakes winners from 37 runners so far) whilst Extreme Choice has sired the stakes winner Wollombi line-bred to Rory's Jester. And there have been nine stakes winners line-bred to Snippets.