Karel Miedema's Pedigree Evaluation

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## D**LIL III** (USA) Danzig - Darling Flame by Capote

The reasoning behind inbreeding thoroughbreds is to bring together, close-up in a pedigree, combinations of influential ancestors. In its simplest format, this is represented by duplicating highclass stallions or mares. Northern Dancer 3x3, for instance, or Hyperion 5x5x5x5 are easily recognised patterns.

A powerful variation on this theme is by utilising ancestors who at first glance look quite different, but who on closer examination combine many of the same lines in their pedigrees.



onsider Bezrin's third dam Princess Marshua. She is by Prince John, whose dam is by Count Fleet out of a Blue Larkspur mare. The dam of Princess Marshua, Marshua, is by Nashua, while her third dam The Drum is a daughter of Sir Gallahad. Now compare this (see box) to Mr Prospector's dam Gold Digger, or to Roberto's dam Bramala. Gold Digger is by Nashua, her dam Sequence is by Count Fleet out of a mare by Bull Dog (full brother to Sir Gallahad) out of a mare by Blue Larkspur. Then on to Roberto's dam Bramalea: daughter of Nashua, her dam by a son of Bull Dog out of a daughter of Blue Larkspur. Roberto himself contributes more of the same, as his sire Hail to Reason has Blue Larkspur, Sir Gallahad, and Royal Charger (3-parts brother to Nashua's sire Nasrullah).

Princess Marshua was mated to Exclusive Native to get Bezrin's grandam My Darling One. Since Exclusive Native and Mr Prospector are both sons of Raise a Native, it is easy to see how Mr Prospector (Raise a Native x Gold Digger) and My Darling One (Exclusive Native x Princess Marshua) resemble each other closely.

An interesting side observation to this concerns Princess Marshua's half brother Marshua's Dancer (by Raise a Native). A highclass racehorse, Marshua's Dancer had a career at stud and produced daughters who themselves went on to produce offspring. In time, more than one thousand foals were born from daughters of Marshua's Dancer. The best of these turned out to be Gr1 winning filly Stocks Up, a daughter of Kris S, who is by Roberto. The combination of Roberto with Raise a Native and Princess Marshua's dam is quite the same as what was outlined earlier.

Bezrin's grandam My Darling One was mated to Capote, to conceive his dam Darling Flame. Capote is a son of Seattle Slew, and has a strong pedigree background of Nasrullah and Bull Dog/Sir Gallahad. He appears to have an affinity with Mr Prospector, as some 50% of his best runners have Mr P. close up in their pedigrees.

All this leads to the conclusion that all of Bezrin's dam, grandam and third dam have the right pedigree ingredients to make Bezrin a sitter for mares with Mr Prospector and/or Roberto.

## PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Bezrin include

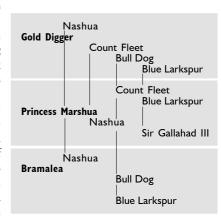
- I. Mares with Mr Prospector (widepread), or Roberto (Al Mufti) and other Hail to Reason close up
- 2. Mares with Buckpasser or other Tom Fool close up (widespread)
- 3. Mares with Nijinsky (Dancing Champ, Russian Fox) or Blushing Groom (Jallad, Our Casey's Boy) close up, or with the mare Dinner Partner (Caesour)
- 4. Mares with Sir Ivor, Halo, Riverman close up
- 5. Mares with Relic (Royal Prerogative), or his sire War Relic (In Reality)
- 6. Mares with Rockefella (Sharpen Up, Kris, Diesis), Swaps . Flower Bowl and other strong Hyperion background

## What of Bezrin's sireline?

He's a son of spectacularly successful sire-of-sires Danzig, whose son Danehill took the world by storm. Danzig's affinities are a matter of opinion. Pedigree analysts in Australasia are of the opinion that Danzig's best offspring all carry descendants of the No 7 Family, which consists of the offspring of a quartet of full sisters, Emma, Maria, Caroline and Maid Of Lune. Danzig himself traces to Emma in his bottom female line. Noted success for Danzig has been with mares carrying Sharpen Up. The latter's damsire Rockefella is the key - he, too, traces to Emma in his direct female line. The same pedigree analysts have labelled Danehill as having similar affinities.

A different, and somewhat easier to spot angle to Danzig's affinities is

provided by several of his sons who have done well at stud. The pedigrees of a good number of their best offspring show lines which link back into the pedigree of Danzig's damsire Admiral's Voyage. These pedigrees carry significant combinations of prominent lines of War Admiral and his sire Man O'War, of Pharamond, of full brothers Bull Dog and Sir Gallahad and their sire Teddy. Often there is a deeper background of multiple St Simon.



This leads to the identification of a vast number of key horses which closely resemble the pedigree of Admiral's Voyage. They include Buckpasser (damsire of Danzig's sensational son Danehill), leading to a trio of prominent genetic relatives in Tom Fool (sire of Buckpasser), Flaming Page (dam of Nijinsky), and Spring Run (dam of Red God, notably the sire of Blushing Groom). Then there are Sir Ivor's dam Attica, Riverman's grandam River Lady, Hail to Reason's dam Nothirdchance, War Relic (sire of Relic), and Halo (who in turn is a genetic relative of Attica in Sir Ivor). There are others as well, which fit the same genetic mould.

## Where From Here

With Bezrin having such strong genetic affinity possibilities from both his sire and damline, his opportunities to succeed are vastly increased.

The Danzig connection gives a host of opportunities.

The Mr Prospector & Roberto connection from his female line points in a more specific direction - that of mares carrying these two sire-lines close up. Of course, the influences from Bezrin's sire and damline are not mutually exclusive, and it must be quite possible to have mares that suit both.