

RACE RECORD

3 wins, 1400-1600m, plus one 2nd & one 3rd from 5 starts at 3

Injured near-fore at 3 in Jan 2018 after hattrick of wins, and did not race again

SIRE LINE

VAR – 7 wins, 1000-1200m, Gr1 Prix de l'Abbeey de Longchamp; European Champion Sprinter; rated Timeform 124. Sire of Gr1 winners of both sexes. Sire of Champions of both sexes. Sire-of-sires. Broodmare sire of Gr1 winners.

Notable progeny incl. **Variety Club** (08c - Secret Prospector, Northern Guest) – SA Horse Of The Year (2x), international Gr1 winner rated Timeform 131; **Via Africa** (09f - Qui Danzig, Quick Turnover) – Champion Sprinter; **Val de Ra** (06f - Elliodor, Tilden) – Champion Sprinter; **Vardy** (15c - Jet Master, Badger Land); **Eden Roc** (16c - Captain Al, Dominion Royale); **Contador** (09c - Fort Wood, Roland Gardens); **Sommerlied** (13f - Pentire, Dashing Blade); **Villandry** (06c - Complete Warrior, Capture Him); **Normanz** (10c - American Chance, Roy); **August Rush** (06c - Huntingdale, Sparkler); **Speedpoint** (14c - Casey Tibbs, Goldmark); **Rivarine** (13c - Jet Master, Prince Florimund); **Princess Of Light** (07f - Foveros, Mariache); **Schiffer** (09f - Jallad, Argosy); **Varallo** (14c - Western Winter, Bush Telegraph); **Our Destiny** (12f - Sapieha, Del Sarto); **Valdivia** (09f - Irish River, The Minstrel); **Valeta** (06f - Goldmark, Truly Nureyev); **Cavivar** (16f - Tamburlaine, Complete Warrior); **Schippers** (14f - Count Dubois, Thunder Gulch); **William The Silent** (15c - Captain Al, Elliodor); **Exquisite Touch** (13f - Elliodor, Golden Thatch); **Happy Forever** (08c - National Assembly, Pompeii Court); **Dollar Dazzler** (10c - Joshua Dancer, Dancing Champ); **Miss October** (08f - Huntingdale, Sparkler); **Vacherin** (06c - Golden Thatch, Fluorescent Light); **Ghaalla** (15f - Captain Al, Elliodor); **Harry Lime** (11c - Alami, Jallad); **Purple Diamond** (14c - Jallad, Centaine); **Varikate** (09f - Modern Day, Badger Land); **Twitter** (09c - Confidential Talk, Storm Bird); **Rule The Night** (15c - Victory Moon, Argosy); **A Womens Way** (13f - Windrush, Elliodor); **Delta Queen** (17f - Jet Master, Prince Florimund); etc.

KIN-BREEDING: Several of Var's best progeny appear to have dams who carry direct female line descendants of La Troienne, or descendants of La Troienne in other combinations, notably through Buckpasser (Numbered Account/Sex Appeal & descendants, Woodman, etc.)

Storm Bird line sires in South Africa:
Eden Roc, Talk Of The Town (Var)

STUD ANALYSIS

First season at stud in 2020

PEDIGREE

Talk Of The Town hails from a potent sire-producing female line, going to the mare Best In Show. This is also the female line of Nijinsky, sire of Dancing Show (3rd dam of Talk Of The Town, and granddaughter of Best In Show). Nijinsky's 4th dam and the granddam of Best In Show are very close kin. The female line has a strong presence of descendants of the mare La Troienne, who is notable in several of Var's best runners. In modern pedigrees La Troienne is often found in her male descendant Buckpasser and his close female relatives, in combination with each other.

Talk Of The Town's pedigree shows a notable similarity to the one of Var's champion son Variety Club.

Var (USA) 1999	Forest Wildcat 1991	Storm Cat	Storm Bird - NORTHERN DANCER
		Victoria Beauty	Terlingua - Secretariat
	Loma Preata 1994	Zilzal	Bold Native - RAISE A NATIVE
		Halley's Comeback	Abifath - Seaneen
Street Wise (NZ) 2010	Street Cry 1998	Machiavellian	Nureyev - NORTHERN DANCER
		Helen Street	French Charmer - Le Fabuleux
	Silk Slipper 1998	Woodman	Key To The Kingdom - Bold Ruler
		Dancing Show	Promised Princess - Promised Land
			MR PROSPECTOR - RAISE A NATIVE
			Coup De Folie - Halo
	Troy - Pettingo		
	Waterway - Riverman		
		MR PROSPECTOR - RAISE A NATIVE	
		Playmate - Buckpasser	
		Nijinsky - NORTHERN DANCER	
		Show Lady - Sir Ivor	

SUITABLE LINES for Talk Of The Town could include -multiples of descendants of La Troienne, often through Buckpasser and close relatives, which are widespread – Lassie Dear (Al Mufti, Captain Al, Duke Of Marmalade, AP Indy, Tiger Ridge, Mambo In Seattle, Jay Peg, etc.), Best In Show (Pathfork, Northern Guest, El Gran Senor, Redoute's Choice, Atso, etc), Numbered Account (Secret Prospector, Elusive Fort), National Assembly, Danehill (Oratorio, Duke Of Marmalade, Redoute's Choice Capture Him, Complete Warrior, Qui Danzig, Quick Turnover, Seattle Slew (Ashaawes, Atso, Houston Connection, etc); -Nijinsky (Dancing Champ, Lecture, Silvano, Victory Moon, Parade Leader, etc);

-Graustark/His Majesty (Caesour, Danehill, Secret Prospector, etc)

-Change Water/Fall Aspen descendants incl Fort Wood & sons Dynasty, Elusive Fort, Horse Chestnut; Kabool, Hinton Wells, Hobb Alwatan, Medaaly, Martinelli, etc.

SALES ANALYSIS

BORN	colt	avg	sold	SI	filly	avg	sold	SI
'21	126,667	3	0.60		119,000	5	0.55	

FEMALE LINE

1st dam

Street Wise (10f, Street Cry): did not race; dam of Talk Of The Town – subject stallion
On The Bright Side (15f, Ideal World): won, 1600m at 4
Columbia Road (18f, Flower Alley): won, 1800m
Harley Street (19c, Var): won, 1600m

2nd dam

Silk Slipper (98f, Woodman): placed at 2; dam of Opulent (11f, Keeper): 3 wins, 1200-1600m
Smokin Oak (14c, Burgundy): 3 wins, 1200-1400m
Napier (05c, Zabeel): 2 wins, 1750-2200m
Institute (07c, Zabeel): won, 1600m
Street Wise (10f, Street Cry): - see above

3rd dam

Dancing Show (83f, Nijinsky): won, 1700m in USA; dam of
UMATILLA (88c, Miswaki): 7 wins, 1000-1200m, Gr1 Karrakatta P; 2nd Gr1 Lightning S., Gr1 Blue Diamond S.; 3rd Gr1 Newmarket H, Gr1 Sires Produce S.; **sire**
HURRICANE SKY (91c, Star Watch): 6 wins, 1100-1800m, Gr1 All Aged S., Gr1 Blue Diamond S.; 2nd Gr1 Australian Guineas, Gr1 CF Orr S.; **sire**
Shanta's Choice (92f, Canny Lad): won at 2; dam of **REDOUTE'S CHOICE** (96c, Danehill): 5 wins, 1100-1600m, **Champion 3yo miler**; Gr1 Blue Diamond S., Gr1 Caulfield Guineas, Gr1 CF Orr S., Gr1 Manikato S.; 2nd Gr1 Australia S.; 3rd Gr1 Health Cup, Gr1 Futurity S.; multiple **Champion sire** in Australia

PLATINUM SCISSORS (99c, Danehill): 5 wins, 1400-2000m, Gr1 Champion S., Gr2 Norman Robinson S., Gr2 Hollindale S.; 2nd Gr1 Doomben Cup; **sire**

MANHATTAN RAIN (06c, Encosta de Lago): 2 wins, 1200-1400m, Gr1 Sires Produce S., Gr3 Skyline S.; 2nd Gr1 Cox P.; 3rd Gr1 Golden Slipper S., Gr1 Champagne S., Gr1 Caulfield Guineas; **sire**

ECHOES OF HEAVEN (07c, Encosta de Lago): 3 wins, Port Adelaide Guineas (L); 2nd Gr1 SA Derby; **sire**

Monsoon Wedding (01f, Danehill): placed; 3rd Gr2 Magic Night S.; dam of

PRECIOUS LORRAINE (07f, Encosta de Lago): 3 wins, 1600-2400m, Gr3 SA Fillies Classic

The Broken Shore (09f, Hussonet): won, 1100m; dam of

SHOALS (14f, Fastnet Rock): 7 wins, 1100-1600m, Gr1 Surround S., Gr1 Empire Rose S., Gr1 Robert Sangster S.; 2nd Gr1 Thousand Guineas, Gr1 Canterbury S.; **Champion 3yo Filly**

GROUNDWELL (16c, Fastnet Rock): 5 wins; Adelaide Hcp (L); 3rd Gr1 Caulfield Guineas

SLIDING CUBE (04f, Rock Of Gibraltar): 3 wins, 1000-1200m, Gr3 San Domenico S.; dam of

RUBICK (11c, Encosta de Lago): 3 wins, 1000-1100m, Gr2 Schillacci S., Gr3 Blue Diamond Prelude; **sire**

Show Dancing (93f, Don't Say Halo): 2 wins, 1550-1600m; dam of

AL MAHER (01c, Danehill): 5 wins, 1200-1800m, Gr1 Australian Guineas, Gr2 Gloaming S., Gr3 Carbine Club S.; **sire**

SALAMEH (99f, Secret Savings): won, 1600m at 2, Gr3 Fernhill Hcp; dam of Salma (09f, Encosta de Lago): did not race; dam of

TROJAN HARBOUR (14c, Harbour Watch): 2 wins, 1000-1400m in SAF, Gatecrasher S (L).

HILAL (18c, Fastnet Rock): 3 wins; Gr2 Stan Fox S.; 2nd Gr1 Champagne S., Gr1 Sires Produce S.; 3rd Gr1 Randwick Guineas

Twyla (95f, Danehill):

MURJANA (04f, Giant's Causeway): won, 1200m at 2, Gr3 Breeder's S.

Celebria (01f, Peintre Celebre): 3 wins to 1400m; dam of

GATHERING (06c, Tale Of The Cat): 4 wins, 1400-1600m, Gr1 Railway S.; 2nd Gr1 Champion S.

FLORENTINA (08f, Redoute's Choice): 2 wins, 1200m-1300m, Gr3 Gold Coast Guineas; 2nd Gr2 RC Furious S.; dam of

IN ITALIAN (18f, Dubawi) 4 wins, 1600-2200m; Gr1 Saratoga Diana S., Gr3 Honey Fox S.; 2nd Gr2 Distaff Turf Mile S.; 3rd Gr1 Belmont Just a Game S

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