



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

A long distance relationship in full bloom

As the shuttle stallion phenomenon continues, an affinity between three stallion influences from far flung corners of the globe is revealing itself.

I first wrote about the genetic relationship between Danzig, Rockefeller and Bletchingly and its potential for success about three years ago, for U.K.'s Pacemaker magazine.

The emerging 'nick' – like most nicks – is based on line breeding and therefore, with adequate research, can often be predicted.

Despite the fact that Danzig has the quintessential 'American' pedigree, Rockefeller appears in European pedigrees and Bletchingly is a dyed-in-the-wool Aussie, these three trace to the same taproot mare, TWINE THE PLAIDEN.

Permutations of these three influences in pedigrees have had success across the globe.

Primarily, the first opportunity for two of these influences to get together presented itself when sons of Danzig - Danehill and Green Desert - were imported to the U.K. for stud duties.

Over the past seven years in Europe, the Danzig / Rockefeller cross has produced stakes winners of the calibre of **ERHAAB** (by Chief's Crown), winner of the Gr. 1 English Derby and Champion 3 Year Old Colt in the U.K.; **DANEHILL DANCER** (by Danehill), dual Gr.1 winner; **TIGER HILL** (by Danehill) Gr. 1 Grosser Preis von Baden-Baden, 3rd Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe; **JOHAN CRUYFF** (by Danehill), Gr. 1 winner; **LAND OF DREAMS** (by Cadeaux Genereux), Gr. 2 Flying Childers S. **ARDKINGLASS** (by Green Desert) Gr. 3 Jersey S; and **SAHARA STAR** (by Green Desert) Gr.3 Molecomb S.

Land of Dreams is bred on a reverse of the usual Danzig / Rockefeller pattern - his dam is by Green Desert and the mating with Cadeaux Genereux creates two lines to Rockefeller.

The dam of **ALMUTAWAKEL**, who won the Gr.1 Dubai World Cup, is also bred on a Danzig / Rockefeller cross.

In Australia, Rockefeller had the opportunity to meet up with fellow family member Bletchingly a little earlier in history. Two decades ago, that outstanding son of Bletchingly, **KINGSTON TOWN**, set the track alight. His dam carried Rockefeller on her third remove.

More recent stakes winners **TELESTO, BONANOVA, FRATERNITY** and **CZAR HERO** also carry this cross.

Sons of Danzig started to filter into Australia about ten years ago, with representatives such as Akaaber, Mister C, Snaadee and Monongahela. More recently, Danehill, Chief's Crown, Desert Sun, Honor Grades, Volksraad and Perugino have headed the list of successful Danzig line stallions with crops to race in Australasia.

With limited access to mares carrying Rockefella in the southern hemisphere, Danzig line stallions have produced the outstanding racemare **SUNLINE** (by Desert Sun), **HUT** (by Danehill), **MONET'S COVE** (by Monongahela) and **ROYAL VOYAGE** (by Danehill) from mares carrying Rockefella.

Danzig / Bletchingly crosses appear in the pedigrees of Australasian stakes winners such as **REDOUTE'S CHOICE** (by Danehill), **SHOGUN LODGE** (by Chief's Crown), **SPECIAL DANE** (by Danehill), **DANSINO** (by Danehill), **LET'S ROCK AGAIN** (by Chief's Crown), **WEST POINT** (by Danehill), **CROWNED GLORY** (by Danehill) and **COUP DE GRACE** (by Roi Danzig).

With ever increasing numbers of representatives of Danzig now standing in Australia and New Zealand, the opportunity to exploit his affinity with both Bletchingly and Rockefella should be taken.

Most of the quality sources of Rockefella in the southern hemisphere have come from New Zealand. They include mares by **STAR WAY, BALMERINO, ALVARO, FAMOUS STAR** and **LONG ROW**.

In Australia, sources of Rockefella include **GYPSY KINGDOM, IDEAL PLANET, KEEN, RADAMES, SWITCH IN TIME** and **CREESE**.

Bletchingly's key representatives are **CANNY LAD** (this cross with Danzig having produced Redoute's Choice), **SIR LAURENCE, BEST WESTERN, OPERA PRINCE, COSSACK WARRIOR, LORD BALLINA** and **BUREAUCRACY**.