



**PEDIGREE DYNAMICS**

## **FORTY NINER – NOTHING COULD BE FINER**

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Like Sunday Silence, Forty Niner is a stallion bought by the Japanese for their burgeoning breeding industry in the early nineties.

Like Sunday Silence, Forty Niner is a horse whom the Americans have deep regrets on losing.

Forty Niner – unlike Sunday Silence – started his stud career in the U.S.A., standing there for six years ('89 to '94) before being shipped off to Japan. Those U.S. crops ultimately yielded some superior horses including Coronado's Quest, Editor's Note, Nine Keys, End Sweep, Gold Fever, Distorted Humor, Ecton Park and Twining.

With many good horses left in America, the opportunity to test his influence as a sire of sires was there. And sure enough, he has passed with flying colours, with several of his American bred sons bobbing up in the Leading Sires charts in recent seasons.

These stallions are led by **End Sweep**, who was Champion First Crop Sire in 1998 and has been consistent ever since. End Sweep's first yearlings graced the sales ring at the Gold Coast Magic Millions Sales this year. With a top price of \$205,000, it was obvious that buyers were impressed with the types he is throwing.

The most expensive End Sweep was a filly out of Urge to Merge, a sister to Tracy's Element and half sister to Danasinga, Topasannah, Towkay and Cullen.

Another filly was that from Mystic Chantry, a Western Australian Oaks winner.

Having been asked to do a mating plan for this mare last season, I am pleased to see that the End Sweep (from a mating the year before) sold so well – he graded equal highest in compatibility for this mare within the client's stud fee and location parameters.

The main reasons why are also applicable to any of Forty Niner's sons. Mystic Chantry is by Chanteclair, a son of the Champion Western Australian Sire, Haulpak. Chanteclair, who won the AJC Epsom Handicap for his owner/breeder Robert Holmes a'Court, has been an above average stallion with ten stakes winners to his name and many other very smart performers to his credit.

Haulpak has many sons at stud in Western Australia, including Carry a Smile, I'm in Luck and Star Pak

Haulpak is by Dignitas, who along with his brother Knightly Manner, was a US-bred import who stood in Australia with some success. These sons of Round Table are out of COURTESY, who appears in Forty Niner's pedigree as his third dam.

Being sons of Courtesy, they also create sex-balanced inbreeding to her, seeing that Courtesy is represented by a daughter in Forty Niner.

Dignitas and Knightly Manner are bred on a Princequillo / Nasrullah cross, which is renowned for responding favourably when duplicated in a mating, or better still, when 'reversed'. In other words, when meeting with a pedigree carrying a Nasrullah / Princequillo cross.

Forty Niner has two lines to Nasrullah, with Princequillo nestled between the two!

End Sweep's dam Broom Dance also adds to Forty Niner's predisposition for matings with mares carrying Haulpak and Knightly Manner. Broom Dance is by Dance Spell, a descendant of ALOPE, who happens to be the ancestress of their sire, Round Table.

With Mystic Chantry's mating to End Sweep, Chanteclair's dam also contributed to their high compatibility. She is by Latin Lover, a son of Ribot. Ribot also appears in Forty Niner's pedigree. A reverse combination of Ribot / Courtesy is this created in this mating. To add to this potent pattern, Mystic Chantry's own dam carries the stallion Tiziano, who is out of a half sister to Ribot's sire Tenerani.

Other sons of Forty Niner to have previously visited or are currently on the stallion roster in Australia are **Inflate**, a member of the wonderful THONG family; **Esperero**, from an equally illustrious family in that he traces to NATALMA; **Tailings**, a full brother to End Sweep; **Gold Fever** (stood here in 1999) – a descendant of EXCLUSIVE, whose descendants include Exclusive Native, Chief Honcho, General Assembly, and Versailles Treaty; and **Distorted Humor** (stood here in 1999 and 2000), a direct descendant of ROSE LEAVES, dam of the great Bull Lea.

As a son of Mr. Prospector, Forty Niner will (and does in the US) work well with the plethora of Northern Dancer line mares now filling the Stud Book.

Sir Gallahad II (twice) and his brother Bull Dog quite prominent in his pedigree should also attract interest from mares carrying other brothers, such as Admiral Drake and Bois Roussel, not to mention more of the existing two. This is backed up by the fact that End Sweep, a Grade One winner of six races, carries the rather obscure brother, Quatre Bras, on his dam's fourth remove.

Sex balanced inbreeding to Nasrullah is also part of Forty Niner's appeal – other LADY JOSEPHINE family members such as Royal Charger, Mahmoud, Fair Trial, Tudor Minstrel, Migoli, Jambo, Nilo, Aristophanes etc will be welcome.

Of interest also is that Forty Niner carries two lines to Whisk Broom II, who traces to **MARSCAY**'s ancestress, MAGGIE BB. This is also the family of Bull Page.