



NOTES ON ADMIRALTY

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On being imported to Australia to stand at stud in 1999, Admiralty (USA) perpetuated an interesting pattern. He is by an Australian-bred stallion that stood in America which was by an American-bred stallion who stood in Australia. Admiralty stands at Glen Avon Lodge, Queensland and has served increasingly large books, last year covering 99 mares.

By Strawberry Road (by Whiskey Road) out of Savannah Slew (by Seattle Slew), his pedigree has a unique history.

When Whiskey Road and Tanzor commenced stud duties in 1972, they were the first sons of Nijinsky II to stand in Australia.

Unlike the subfertile Tanzor, Whiskey Road proved to be a terrific sire that went on to be an equally good broodmare getter. His daughters have produced 29 stakes winners to-date including racehorses of the calibre of Tie the Knot, Bohemiath, Drum, Booked and Street Talk.

As a sire, Whiskey Road produced 26 stakes winners, but his best racehorse was Strawberry Road, the 1983 "Australian Horse of the Year" and international stakes winner. Strawberry Road won 17 races including 6 Group One events in four countries. In Australia, he won the Cox Plate, AJC Derby, QTC Derby and the Rosehill Guineas. His owners John Singleton and Ray Stehr then took him off on a 'world trip'. He won the Group 1 Grosser Preis von Baden in Germany and the Group 1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in France. In an exciting photo finish, he was awarded second placing in the Grade 1 Breeder's Cup Turf in America. Strawberry Road earned US\$1.7 million during his career. Retired to stud duties in Kentucky under the ownership of Alan Paulsen in 1987 until his death in 1996, Strawberry Road also had great success as a sire. He has produced 35 stakes winners, including three Breeders Cup winners.

His U.S. bred son Admiralty (ex Savannah Slew by Seattle Slew) was a tough racehorse who won races over four consecutive seasons at ages two, three, four and five years. The winner of eight races, he earned black type on four occasions and was effective on both turf and dirt tracks. He won the Grade 3 Palm Beach Stakes at Gulfstream Park over 1800 metres and ran multiple placings in Grade 2 and 3 events before retiring with racetrack earnings of UA\$218,000.

Admiralty's dam Savannah Slew is a daughter of the outstanding racehorse, sire and broodmare sire, Seattle Slew. A multiple Group winner, Savannah Slew won six of her nine starts - five at stakes level.

Apart from Admiralty, Savannah Slew has had seven other winners, including champion American mare Astra (by Theatrical) who has had ten wins and two thirds from only 14 starts and has won three Grade One events. Astra recorded brilliant times in these events, running 1:59.61 for the 2000 metres of the Beverly Hills Handicap and 1:46:8 in the 2002 Gamely Breeders Cup.

Admiralty's pedigree carries prepotent female lines, several of which are represented by uncommonly found descendants. The presence of these 'alternative representatives' is a great feature, as it invites reinforcement by individuals who are easy to access in Australia.

For example, the BOUDOIR family, represented by Whiskey Road in Admiralty, is best known for its members His Majesty, Your Host, T.V. Commercial, Crowned Prince and Secreto.

The SUNSHOT family has No Robbery as its descendant in Admiralty, whereas sires such as Never Bend, Bold Reason, King of the Tudors, Solferino and Grand Chaudiere are more commonly found.

In the same vein, Strawberry Road's damsire Rich Gift is from the KONG family, better known for producing Grey Sovereign and Nimbus. Raffindale is also a member of this family.

Admiralty himself traces to IDLE FANCY, who is the ancestress of Bluebird, First Landing, Silent Screen, Hill Prince and Dolphin Street.

Damsire to **DANEHILL** (and of course his brothers **EAGLE EYED** and Nuclear Freeze), His Majesty is also a half brother to Whiskey Road's dam. There are three strains to LA TROIENNE in Admiralty's dam and this is further boosted by Buckpasser in Danehill's pedigree. Furthermore, the duplication of Hail to Reason in Admiralty will appreciate the presence of fellow family member Admiral's Voyage in Danehill.

Crowned Prince can be found in the pedigree of **ZEDITAVE** and **PRINCE ECHO**. Another benefit of Crowned Prince for Admiralty is that he is bred on a combination of Native Dancer, Nearco, Alibhai and BOUDOIR, making him genetically very similar to Whiskey Road. Zeditave offers Nimbus to reinforce Rich Gift while Prince Echo offers fellow family member Grey Sovereign up relatively close.

Sadler's Wells carries the SUNSHOT member Bold Reason. Daughters of his sons such as **SCENIC** and **BARATHEA** look terrific. Bold Reason not only reinforces on his tail female line, but he is also a son of Hail to Reason. Admiralty carries two daughters of Hail to Reason, so this joining will create a desirable sex balanced pattern.

SNIPPETS is a maternal grandson of Grand Chaudiere, another relation of No Robbery. Grand Chaudiere is out of a Grey Sovereign mare, adding another point of interest. Apart from via Snippets, there are many broodmares out there carrying Grand Chaudiere.

Mares carrying **RAFFINDALE** create a lovely pattern. Not only does Raffindale trace to KONG, but he is also a grandson of Grey Sovereign. Therefore, three lines to KONG

through two full sisters and a son are created in a mating of Admiralty with a mare carrying Raffindale.

BLUEBIRD and his son **DOLPHIN STREET** are also very appealing with Admiralty. Bluebird and Hill Prince, his third damsire, trace to **IDLE FANCY**, reinforcing No Robbery. Bluebird's sire Storm Bird has a long standing affinity with Nijinsky II in Admiralty, being bred on the same Northern Dancer / Bull Page cross. Dolphin Street adds further dimension as he is already the product of linebreeding to **IDLE FANCY**, as his dam is also a direct descendant.