



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

CAPE CROSS

by Jane Henning

Sir Patrick Hogan's Cambridge Stud has been the home of the Darley owned sire Cape Cross for the past four seasons. A successful performer in England and Dubai, Cape Cross counted the Newbury Lockinge Stakes (Group One), the Royal Ascot Queen Anne Stakes (Group Two) and the Goodwood Celebration Mile Stakes (Group Two) amongst his five wins.

The Champion Two Year Old Sire of Britain and Ireland last year and Leading First Crop Sire, Cape Cross's progeny include the very promising New Zealand two year old, Florilegium, already a Listed winner and Group 3 placegetter from five starts.

Darley is bringing Cape Cross back to the fold with the decision to stand him at their new Hunter Valley base for 2004.

By Green Desert, a top sprinter and winner of the Newmarket July Cup, he is out of Park Appeal who was herself a very fast sprinter. She won two Group One events, the Newmarket Cheveley Park Stakes and the Curragh Moyglare Stud Stakes before shifting her talents to the breeding barn.

Park Appeal and therefore Cape Cross, is a direct descendant of PRETTY POLLY. That outstanding English racemare hardly produced a winner herself, but her many daughters represented her admirably as broodmares, setting up a dynasty with enduring influence. In Cape Cross's own mating, another of Pretty Polly's family members, Nearctic, appears on his sire line. Nearctic's second dam Sister Sarah happens to be fifth dam of Park Appeal.

Breeders can exploit the linebreeding to PRETTY POLLY in Cape Cross by throwing in other members, such as **Donatello II, Colorado Kid, Persian Garden, The Cobbler, Don, Brigadier Gerard, Jungle Boy, Artaius, Great Nephew, Seventh Hussar, Indian Hemp, Romantic, Supreme Court, Arctic Explorer, Marsayas, Guersant, Huntercombe, Vienna, Luthier, St. Paddy and Pardao.** Maizcay, Catbird, County, Dieu D'Or and Half Hennessy are also from this line.

Pretty Polly's sister MIRANDA is the ancestress of **Tehran, Sind, Foxbridge, Aloe, Foolish Pleasure, Citidancer and Gold Nib.**

More Nearctic is also an option, bringing in another line to his most famous product, Northern Dancer. The N.Z. Cape Cross two year old stakeswinner Florilegium is actually inbred to Danzig 3m x 3m, which on the surface is a surprising success for this often unproductive pattern. My theory about the success in this instance is due to the fact that on both sides of the pedigree, Danzig is accompanied by both Sir Ivor and Never Bend who are sex balanced in this mating . Cape Cross's sire Green Desert carries all three while Florilegium out of a Danehill (by Danzig) mare whose damsire is Sir Tristram (by Sir Ivor) who is out of a J.O. Tobin mare (by Never Bend).

Therefore, I wouldn't be running out seeking Danzig line mares for Cape Cross unless there are other strong patterns to support her.

Park Appeal is by Ahonoora, a son of Lorenzaccio who is a member of the illustrious GOODY TWO SHOES family. This provides a hook for many broodmares in Australia to create linebreeding to this prepotent line. **Nureyev, Sadler's Wells, Fairy King, Tate Gallery, Yeats, Geiger Counter, Inflate, Festival Hall, Open Day, Thatch** and his son **Thatching** are all direct descendants with representatives in Australasia. **Val de Loir, Ridan, Marquis de Sade, Topsider, Windsor Slipper, Fox Myth** and **Reform** often appear further back in pedigrees and are also worth linebreeding to.

Some of the broodmare sires carrying this line which aren't mentioned above include **Scenic, Baratheia, Helissio, Archway, Rustic Amber, Canadian Silver, Encosta De Lago, Zabeel, Octagonal, Perugino** and **Fraar**.

Another interesting feature of Park Appeal's pedigree is her inbreeding to The Phoenix 4f x 4f. He traces to a half sister to PLUCKY LEIGE, who is a regular in pedigrees via her descendants **Bull Dog, Sir Gallahad III, Bahram, Dastur, Admiral Drake** and **Bois Roussel**. Cape Cross carries Admiral Drake, Bahram, Bull Dog (twice) and Sir Gallahad III (thrice) further back in his pedigree, but will be appreciate more of these individuals.

Green Desert has some lovely patterns which are easy to utilise. His sire Danzig goes so beautifully with the **Mr. Prospector** line, the **Star Kingdom** line (especially Bletchingly and Marscay). Being out of a daughter of Sir Ivor, he invites sons of Sir Ivor such as **Sir Tristram, Imperial Prince, Gielgud, Ivory Hunter** and **St. Hilarion**. Sir Ivor's sire Sir Gaylord will of course appreciate the presence of his half brother **Secretariat** in mares.

Green Desert also has a daughter of Never Bend, which means the successful Never Bend duplication can be created with mares from this sireline. Riverman (Brief Truce and Al Maheb) and Mill Reef (Marooned, Kingston Mill etc) are examples of sons of Never Bend.