



Duke Of Marmalade (IRE)

Danehill – Love Me True by Kingmambo

Horses for courses. That goes for stud as much as on the racetrack, or life in general for that matter. So, after starting his stud career in Ireland & Australia, Duke Of Marmalade will be exposed to whole new genepool opportunity in South Africa. How will he cope?

Duke Of Marmalade is a son of champion sire by Danehill, who made his mark explosively in Europe and Australia, first as sire, then as sire-of-sires and broodmare sire. Even so, Danehill is far less prominent elsewhere, notably in USA, and also in South Africa. No doubt opportunity has much to do with that.

The Duke's dam Love Me True is by Kingmambo, a sire-of-sires and broodmares foremost in Europe and on turf. For interest, the dam of English 2000 Guineas and Derby winner Camelot is by Kingmambo out of a Danehill mare from a very European female line. Kingmambo has just one important son in the USA, Lemon Drop Kid, who has an all-American female line, descending from Lassie Dear. That female line is hardly represented in Europe, but met with great success in the USA and SA. All of which suggests that Duke Of Marmalade should meet his new challenge with relish.

In South Africa, the Lassie Dear euphoria started with her son Al Mufti, and with Sportsworld whose dam Gallanta is a half sister to Lassie Dear. Both stallions are sire and broodmare sire of Gr1 winners. Several of these carry doubles of Lassie Dear and/or her half sister Gallanta, including Jay Peg and Hill Fifty Four.

Next came Wolfhound, half brother by Nureyev to Al Mufti and 3-part related to Sportsworld's dam Gallanta (also by Nureyev), and Tiger Ridge, whose dam Weekend Surprise is a daughter of Lassie Dear. Both have sired Gr1 performers, among others champion filly Cherry On The Top (by Tiger Ridge) and Gr1 Gold Cup runner-up Masai Warrior (by Wolfhound).

A recent addition is freshman sire Mambo In Seattle, whose dam Weekend In Seattle is half sister to Tiger Ridge. Pointedly, Weekend In Seattle is a full sister to US Champion sire AP Indy, the latter with several sire-sons in South Africa. Another full sister to AP Indy is dam of Houston Connection, sire of Gr3 winners Texan Summer and Procurer.

The first of the AP Indy sons to arrive in South Africa was Camden Park, who died from colic after just five seasons, having sired a mere 80 foals in all. He got champion Jay Peg from an Al Mufti mare.

Next to make his mark was Judpot, champion freshman sire in 2013, with a pair of Gr1 winners. He's a half brother by AP Indy to Kingmambo.

More recent additions to the SA sire ranks are AP Indy's sons AP Answer, AP Arrow, Just As Well and Marchfield.

On to Al Mufti's offspring. His leading sire-son Captain Al (Gr1 producing sire and broodmare sire, and in the latter role also the damsire of Gr3 winner Potent Power, by Jay Peg), and The Sheik (sire of Gr1 Gold Cup runner-up Knight To Remember). And the ill-fated Victory Moon (sire of champion filly Princess Victoria), who had just four crops to race. As broodmare sire Al Mufti is in the loop with Jay Peg and with Bold Silvano, who stood his first season in 2013.

In short, the Lassie Dear female line is very well represented in the SA broodmare band, and will remain that for years to come. Doubling up on the family has already shown to have no ill-effects, rather the opposite.

In terms of Lassie's female line prowess, where does it all come from? What kin-breeding stands out?

Lassie Dear is kinbred 4x4 La Troienne x Lady Lawless, both significant ancestors in the female lines of her sire Buckpasser and dam Gay Missile.

In more detail, the kin-breeding can be extended to 4x6x5x4 La Troienne x Assignment x Uganda x Lady Lawless, where Assignment is female line of Gay Missile's sire Sir Gaylord, and Uganda is female line of the sire of Lassie's 3rd dam Uvira (by Umidwar, and kinbred 2x1 Uganda x Lady Lawless).

In the context of Sir Gaylord and his female-line ancestor Assignment, we note that Sir Gaylord is half brother to Secretariat, the sire of Lassie's daughter Weekend Surprise. The latter is dam of AP Indy (by Seattle Slew, whose dam is 3x3 to full sisters Striking and Busher, granddaughters of La Troienne; Seattle Slew's grandam Fair Charmer is very close kin to Buckpasser). Weekend Surprise also is dam of Tiger Ridge (by Storm Cat whose dam Terlinga is by Secretariat, and kinbred 5x3 Assignment x First Rose, the latter very close kin to Buckpasser's sire Tom Fool).

It seems that Buckpasser and his background elements, notably those from La Troienne, are important in the context of Lassie Dear.

Duke Of Marmalade fits the pattern – he is by Danehill, whose grandam Spring Adieu is by Buckpasser and is close kin to the Duke's grandam Lassie's Lady.

US Champion sire **AP Indy** has many notable offspring. One of his best sons is US Horse of the Year **Mineshaft**, who has a Gr1 winning full sister and Gr1 winning 3-part sister by AP Indy. Mineshaft is kinbred 3x2 Lassie Dear x Up The Flagpole and 3x5 Lassie Dear x So Chic. So Chic is out of Striking, mentioned earlier with her full sister Busher in the kin-breeding of the dam of AP Indy's sire Seattle Slew – both mares are granddaughters of La Troienne. Buckpasser's dam is 3-part sister to Striking and Busher. The female line of Mineshaft is represented in the SA mare-band through Capture Him and Allied Flag.

In the South African context Al Mufti and his best offspring deserve scrutiny.

Al Mufti is by Roberto, who is kinbred 2x2 Nothirdchance x Rarelea, both close kin to Buckpasser's grandam Businesslike. Roberto's sire Hail To Reason is close kin to Buckpasser, as well as to Sir Gaylord.

Two of Al Mufti's notable sons are Captain Al and Victory Moon.

Captain Al's dam is by Complete Warrior, whose dam is close kin to Lassie Dear, and whose grandam is half sister to Buckpasser. Al Mufti also got Gr1 performer Roman Charger from a mare by Complete Warrior. The cross has been seen in some 16 runners, of which 4 (25%) are black type.

Victory Moon's dam is by Dancing Champ, whose dam Mrs Peterkin is close kin to Buckpasser. Mrs Peterkin is by Nijinsky, whose dam is close kin to Buckpasser, and whose grandam is close kin to Mrs Peterkin as well as Buckpasser. The cross of Al Mufti with Mrs Peterkin also gave Gr1 winner Gilded Minaret. There have been 23 runners bred on the cross, five of them black type winners (22%).

Interesting to note J&B Met winner Hill Fifty Four, by Captain Al out of a Sportsworld mare whose dam is by Dancing Champ.

Finally on to Duke Of Marmalade, who is kinbred 2x1 Razyana x Love Me True, 3x2 Spring Adieu x Lassie's Lady, and more remotely has significant female line ancestors 7x7 Mother Goose x Lady Lawless. He also has Buckpasser 4x4 (sire of the grandams of his sire Danehill and dam Love Me True).

Duke Of Marmalade's first Irish crop (2010) gives some clues. His best runners to date include:

Venus de Milo – dam by Galileo, whose dam is by Mi-swaki (Mr P x Buckpasser, and close kin to the Duke's dam Love Me True); 2nd dam is by Lomond, who is half brother to Seattle Slew; 4th dam is by Nijinsky.

Count of Limonade – same bottom female line as Al Mufti's champion filly Arabian Lass, going to Belle Sauvage, whose dam gives kin-breeding to Lady Lawless in Lassie's female line.

Childa – dam inbred 3x3 to the mare Fager's Glory (grandam of her sire and dam); Fager's Glory's grandam Native Street is close kin to the Duke's grandam Lassie's Lady; the dam of Native Street is Beaver Street, who is very close kin to Missy Baba (grandam of Lassie Dear).

Wannabe Better – 2nd dam by Habitat (son of Sir Gaylord and close kin to Gay Missile, the dam of Lassie Dear).

Quaduna – 3rd dam Qui Bid is half sister to Qui Danzig; Qui Bid's damsire Francis S is close kin to Lassie Dear (the dam of Francis S. is full sister in blood to dam of Buckpasser).

Morning Frost – damsire Keltos is by Kendor whose damsire Gay Mecene (by Vaguely Noble, whose female line is female line of Arabian Lass and Count of Limonade) is half brother to Lassie Dear (the two are close kin); the dam of Keltos has Buckpasser; Gay Mecene appears twice, as he's also the sire of the 3rd dam,



BUCKPASSER – US Horse of the Year and multiple US Champion broodmare sire, from the female line of La Troienne. He has many pedigree elements to fit in with Duke Of Marmalade, especially if they come through his daughter Lassie Dear.

Where From Here

Main focus should be on the elements from Buckpasser. His sire Tom Fool is by Menow, his dam Busanda is by War Admiral out of Businesslike, a daughter of La Troienne.

Businesslike has a host of siblings, many of them notable producers. But it all leads back to La Troienne.

Buckpasser is widespread in the South African mare population. He's the damsire of Northern Guest, National Assembly, Wolfhound, Damascus Gate. He's second damsire of brothers Announce & Sarge, and of Tiger Ridge and Houston Connection who both have Lassie Dear as grandam. Then there's Secret Prospector, who is close kin to Love Me

True (the dam of Duke Of Marmalade) - his grandam Numbered Account is by Buckpasser out of a mare from the Striking-branch of La Troienne. Very anecdotally, the 2014 US Triple Crown contender California Chrome is out of the mare Love The Chase, who is by a grandson of Numbered Account, the 2nd dam is by a son of Numbered Account, the 3rd dam is by a son of Sir Gaylord, and the 4th dam by Vaguely Noble (whose grandam is Belle Sauvage, noted earlier in Count Of Limonade). The similarities in make-up between Love The Chase and Count of Limonade are striking, as are those between the dam of Love The Chase and Duke Of Marmalade.

Lassie Dear's descendants (and those of other mares from the same female line) should make for potent targets for Duke Of Marmalade. Many were identified above, including lines which were successful with Lassie Dear-line sires and their descendants.

Then a mention must go to Caesour, whose make-up makes him very close kin to Buckpasser, and whose dam is close kin to the dam of Danehill (Caesour got international Gr1 filly Dane Julia from a Danehill mare). Caesour got Gr1 winner O Caesour from an Al Mufti mare, while Captain Al has Gr1 winner Emerald Cove from a Caesour mare. Caesour's Gr1 winning daughters Iridescence and Perfect Promise are out of Dancing Champ mares (Caesour's dam is close kin to Dancing Camp's dam Mrs Peterkin, both by Buckpasser's sire Tom Fool).

Further sleuthing along these lines may unearth more nuggets. Home-made Marmalade is best!

PICK OF THE BUNCH

*Suitable mares for
Duke Of Marmalade could include*

- 1. La Troienne female line descendants;** widespread, but specifically Buckpasser, Seattle Slew (Argosy) – Buckpasser notably in Al Mufti, Northern Guest, National Assembly, Damascus Gate, Secret Prospector
- 2. Lassie Dear female line descendants** - numerous, incl Al Mufti (Captain Al, Victory Moon, The Sheik; Jay Peg, Bold Silvano; Arabian Lass), Sportsworld & Gay Mecene, Tiger Ridge, Wolfhound, Houston Connection, Mambo In Seattle; AP Indy (Camden Park & son Jay Peg, Judpot, and numerous new local sons)
- 3. Lines that have been successful with sires descending from Lassie Dear** – incl Complete Warrior, Dancing Champ, Capture Him, Allied Flag, Qui Danzig, Arabian Lass & Vaguely Noble, Caesour