



Oracy (IRE)

Zabeel - Lady Dehere by Dehere

The way the best runners from a female line are bred can provide interesting perspective on what works with the family. Sometimes the same sires re-appear, sometimes sires with similar backgrounds do the trick. When they do, windows open on how future success can be achieved.

The five stakes winners under the first two dams of new young stallion Oracy seemingly prove the point.

Oracy's Gr3 placed stakes winning half sister The Lady is by Stravinsky.

Oracy's dam Lady Dehere is half sister to Gr3 winner and sire Oratorio, also by Stravinsky. She's also half sister to stakes winner Discorsi, a son of Galileo.

Stravinsky is by Nureyev, Galileo is by Nureyev's 3-part brother Sadler's Wells.

Nureyev also is the damsire of Oracy's sire Zabeel.

That leaves Oracy's Gr2 winning dam Lady Dehere. She's a daughter of Dehere, a grandson of sire Vice Regent. The latter, like Nureyev, is by Northern Dancer, and the pair have several other matching elements in their female lines, notably Gold Bridge, sire of the mare Rough Shod in Nureyev and Sadler's Wells' bottom female line.

Stravinsky's sire-son Oratorio has several stakes horses from his first small crops.

In 2010, 2yo stakes placed Gr2 & Gr3 winner Motion Pictures and in 2009 Gr2 winner Clueless Angel. Both are out of mares by Marooned, whose damsire Lorenzaccio is from the Dalmary female line (as are Nureyev and Sadler's Wells). Marooned is by Mill Reef and is close kin to Shirley Heights, as well as to Bold Reason, damsire of Sadler's Wells.

Interesting to note that Stravinsky's best daughter Serenade Rose (multiple champion in Australasia) is out of a mare by Sadler's Wells (making her 2x2 Nureyev x Sadler's Wells).

Back to Oratorio, sire in 2009 also of multiple stakes winner Waratah's Secret, whose dam is by Zabeel.

The repeated occurrence of descendants from the Dalmary female line looks to be more than coincidence. Finding those in South Africa will not be difficult for Oracy.

When Oracy's bottom female line is analysed, starting with remote ancestors, other opportunities arise.

The chain starts with English bred mare Irish Candy. In Oracy's pedigree she's dam of the mare Morin, by Vilmorin and on pedigree very close kin to Rough Shod.

In Oracy's female line Morin is the dam of Kinmorin, whose close kin include the mares Special (dam and grandam of Nureyev & Sadler's Wells) and Aimee (grandam of Blushing Groom). Note that Stravinsky, who did so well with Oracy's female line, is by Nureyev out of a Blushing Groom mare.

Irish Candy had another daughter, West Shaw, dam of Golden City, whose sire Skymaster is a grandson of Gold Bridge (sire also of Rough Shod). That makes Golden City very close kin to Kinmorin. Golden City bred a daughter, Hillbrow, dam of successful sire Indian Ridge – a son of Ahonoora (by Lorenzaccio, from the Dalmary female line, and noted above as damsire of Marooned).

Indian Ridge has a sire son in South Africa, Imperial Stride, whose dam is by Sadler's Wells out of Madame duBois. Imperial Stride is kinbred 4x4x5x5 West Shaw x Bold Reason x Alcoa x Bally's Mill. The latter two lines are from Madame duBois, who is dam of another sire in SA, Count duBois. Both Imperial Stride and Count duBois might make interesting lines for Oracy.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Oracy could include

1. Dalmary female line descendants, notably Sadler's Wells (Casey Tibbs, Fort Wood, Doowaley), Fairy King (Second Empire, Tara's Halls), Nureyev (Caesour, Truely Nureyev), Golden Thatch (Goldmark), Waterville Lake, Ahonoora/Lorenzaccio (Malhub, Imperial Stride)
2. Bold Reason and kin-lines, notably Sadler's Wells (Casey Tibbs, Fort Wood/Dynasty, Doowaley), Never Bend (Mill Reef, Shirley Heights), Riverman (Irish River), Halo, Sir Ivor; Count duBois/Imperial Stride
3. Blushing Groom (Jallad, Spectrum, Saumarez, Kabool, etc)
4. Carry A Smile, in South Africa through Jessica's Melody/Lantana, Cutey Lee

Where From Here

The connection to the Dalmary female line seems inescapable.

Dalmary can be had through Sadler's Wells, Nureyev, Golden Thatch, Waterville Lake, Lorenzaccio (Ahonoora) – lines well represented in South Africa.

Sadler's Wells especially is of interest, through his damsire Bold Reason. The latter is close kin to Never Bend, which opens further avenues, notably Riverman, Mill Reef/Shirley Heights.

The stud career of Oracy's dam's half brother Oratorio should be followed closely, especially now that he's proven his mettle from limited opportunity. So far his best offspring and that of his sire Stravinsky point in the same Dalmary direction.

Blushing Groom could be interesting, given the kin-link of his grandam Aimee to Kinmorin in Oracy's bottom female line. Blushing Groom's son Jallad looks interesting in the context: he's kinbred 3x3 Aimee x Ajasco, and the latter is kin to Kinmorin as well.

Also interesting will be descendants of sire Carry A Smile, full brother to Oracy's 3rd dam Hold That Smile. Carry a Smile is sire of Jessica's Melody, dam in South Africa of Gr1 & Gr2 placed winner Lantana (by Model Man). Jessica's dam is by a son of Sir Tristram.

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On to Oracy's sire Zabeel, twice Champion Sire in Australia - and presumably many times more if Danehill hadn't been around at the same time. Zabeel's significant bottom female line ancestor is the mare Diseuse, who is close kin to Dalmary. Zabeel's dam Lady Giselle is kin-bred 5x5x5x4x4x5 Veneta x Dalmary x Fille de Soleil x Her Slipper x Fille de Soleil x Diseuse. In this context, Lady Giselle is by Nureyev (who descends from Dalmary) out of a mare by Val de Loir (who descends from Her Slipper) – Dalmary and the dam of Her Slipper are half sisters.

Zabeel is a sire of sires, his leading son Octagonal in turn the sire of champion (and sire) Lonhro. Interestingly, Octagonal's grandam Klairessa is close kin to Bold Reason, while Lonhro is out of a mare by Mr Prospector sire Straight Strike whose dam is a virtual clone of Bold Reason.