



# Coup de Grace (USA)

Tapit – Home Court by Storm Cat

**Kin-breeding is a fascinating concept, hidden from computerised pedigree programs in their quest to predict the future.**

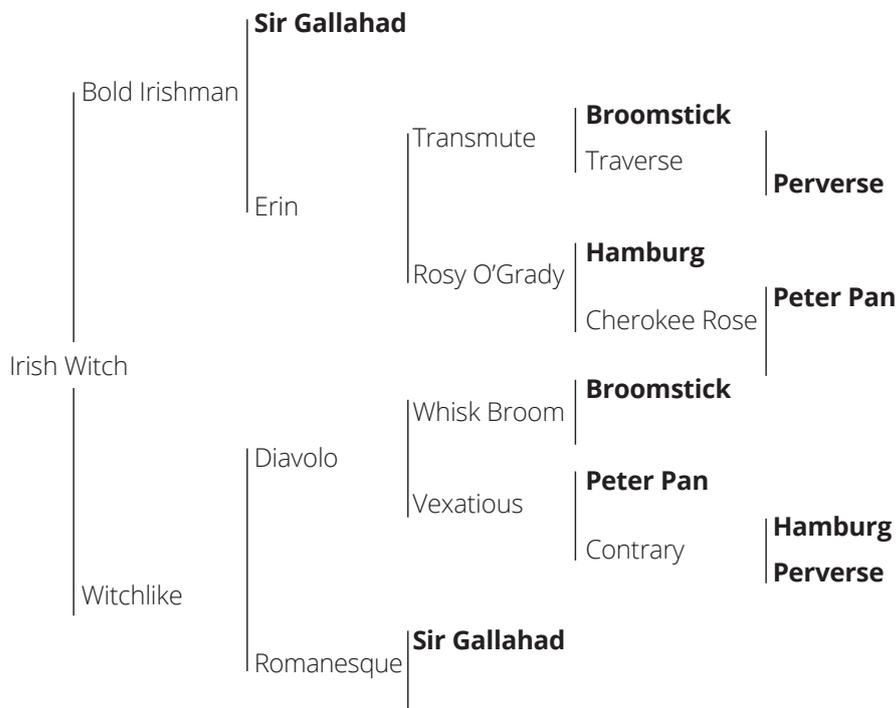
**Kin-breeding can be defined as inbreeding through ancestors whose pedigrees are different, yet have much in common.**

**The best results from kin-breeding are achieved when a sequence of female line ancestors builds on an original foundation mare, way back in time.**

The female line of Coup de Grace provides a striking example of the concept.

Go back along his bottom female line to the Irish Witch, born in 1946.

Her pedigree shows a very high degree of commonality between her sire and dam, and looks like this:



**I**rish Witch was mated to Double Jay, whose pedigree was very close kin to the one of Diavolo, who is the damsire of Irish Witch.

The resulting mare Irish Jay became the foundation for future generations. Irish Jay was a major stakes winner as 2yo and 3yo, winning the Demoiselle S., Schuylerville S., Spinaway S. (beating Natalma), Acorn S., Comely S.

At stud Irish Witch was virtually married to Bold Ruler. They had three sons who became stallions, including King Emperor, who was at stud in Ireland and has some legacy in the South African mare population (one of his daughters is 4th dam of King's Apostle, another is grandam of Lover's Bid; there are others). The union with Bold Ruler also produced a daughter, Queen Empress, the US champion 2yo filly in 1964.

Queen Empress made her mark at stud as dam of Buckpasser mare Royal Dilemma (from Damascus she produced Imperial Dilemma, who stood as stallion in South Africa), and through a daughter, Call The Queen by Hail to Reason.

Call The Queen was kinbred 2x2 to Nothirdchance, the dam of Hail to Reason, and Irish Jay. From a mating to stallion Judger she got stakes placed winner Say What You Mean. With Judger

being a son of Damascus, and Nothirdchance very close kin to Buckpasser, the pedigree of Say What You Mean makes her close kin to Imperial Dilemma, and in a different context the pair are close kin to Complete Warrior, who has a sizeable legacy in South Africa, notably as damsire of Captain Al. The latter is by Al Mufti, a son of Roberto, by Hail to Reason, and close kin to Call The Queen. Slowly the options to kin-link to Coup de Grace through his female line emerge.

A mating of Say What You Mean to Pharly's half brother Melyno got modest filly Jewell Ridge, who in turn got multiple G1 winner Jewel Princess, the champion older mare in USA in 1996. The sire of Jewel Princess

is Key To The Mint, whose third dam Risque Blue kin-links to Irish Jay. In the South African context Key To The Mint is sire of Plugged Nickle (from Al Mufti's female line), and second damsire of Philanthropist and of Grand Slam (sire of Visionaire).

**Gainesway stallion Tapit is carrying all before him in the USA, standing at a fee of \$300.000.**

**Tapit is closely kinbred**

Her champion status entitled Jewel Princess to several visits to champion sire Storm Cat. The mating resulted in stakes winner One Nice Cat, the unraced Fine Jewel (dam of G3 winner El Caballo), and G3 placed Home Court, dam of Coup de Grace.

Storm Cat's fourth dam First Rose gives kin-breeding with Jewel Princess, as First Rose is close kin to both Irish Jay and Nothirdchance (who appear 2x2 in Call The Queen).

Interestingly, the best other runner in the immediate family is My Princess Jess, whose dam Jewel of Jewels is half sister to Jewel Princess. My Princess Jess is by Stormy Atlantic, by Storm Cat out of a mare by Seattle Slew (sire of AP Indy).

The final step to Coup de Grace was through Tapit, a son of Pulpit whose dam Preach is full sister to Yarn, the dam of Tale Of The Cat (by Storm Cat). This causes Coup de Grace to be close kin to Tale Of The Cat. The sisters Preach and Yarn are out of the mare Narrate, whose grandam Monarchy is a full sister to Round Table. Narrate also produced stallion Lecture, who stood with success in South Africa. He did well with daughters of Al Mufti, who is half brother to Weekend Surprise – the dam of Pulpit's sire AP Indy. The combination of an AP Indy line stallion with a mare bred on the Lecture x Al Mufti cross can be found in Aurum Pot (MR 104).

## Where from Here

The kin-breeding in Home Court (dam of Coup de Grace) provides several clear signposts. She's kin-bred First Rose (Storm Cat's female line) x Nothirdchance (dam of Hail to Reason) x Irish Jay.

First Rose leads first of all to Storm Cat, who is widespread. First Rose is also in the female lines of Goldkeeper, Winter Romance, Royal Academy (sire of Tambur-



laine, and damsire of Fastnet Rock in Curved Ball), Lizard Island, Overlord.

Hail to Reason is very widespread, and will be hard to avoid! He might be interesting when combined with Buckpasser, who is close kin to his dam Nothirdchance. There are many, including Al Mufti (Captain Al), Albert Hall, Jay Peg, Judpot, etc.

Jet Master carries a double of Hail to Reason, while his damsire Rollins is by Damascus out of a Hail to Reason mare. Jet Master is by Rakeen, whose damsire Halo (by Hail to Reason) is very close kin to Call The Queen in the female line of Coup de Grace.

Then there are the kin-links involving Damascus, Buckpasser and Queen Empress. These lead to Imperial Dilemma, and more importantly to Complete Warrior and Roberto, and the female line of Al Mufti (by Roberto), Captain Al looks a sitter, being by Al Mufti out of a Complete Warrior mare.

Tapit's male line is AP Indy, from the female line of Al Mufti and a host of other stallions, including earlier mentioned Plugged Nickle.

Tapit's sire Pulpit leads to Tale Of The Cat (by Storm Cat), with the dams of the pair being half sisters to Lecture – who is close kin to Tapit. Lecture and his sisters have Round

Table's full sister Monarchy as their grandam. Also from this female line are sires Johannesburg (by Hennessy, son of Storm Cat) and Robellino (by Roberto). Mares by Lecture, and those bred on the Lecture x Al Mufti cross, look most interesting.

## PICK OF THE BUNCH

*Suitable mares for  
Coup de Grace could include*

descendants of First Rose, notably Storm Cat, Goldkeeper, Winter Romance, Royal Academy (Tamburlaine, Curved Ball), Lizard Island, Overlord, etc.;

descendants of Nothirdchance, notably Hail To Reason (very widespread), in combination with Buckpasser and/or Damascus, as in Al Mufti (Captain Al, Victory Moon), Albert Hall, Jay Peg, Judpot, etc.;

other combinations involving Damascus or Buckpasser, as in Complete Warrior (Captain Al), Imperial Dilemma, Jet Master, Rollins, Halo, etc.;

descendants of the mare Knight's Daughter, through son Round Table and daughter Monarchy, leading to Lecture (!), Tale Of The Cat, Hennessy (Johannesburg), Robellino, etc.;

descendants of the Missy Baba female line, incl AP Indy, Al Mufti (Captain Al), Plugged Nickle, Sportsworld, Mambo in Seattle, Duke Of Marmalade, etc.

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