

Go Deputy (USA)

Deputy Minister - Partygoer by Secretariat

Go Deputy's sire Deputy Minister has had a long and successful career at stud. Himself a champion 2yo in America, and Horse of the Year in Canada, his progeny includes a host of champions of both sexes. As a sire of sires he has made his mark as well, through Breeder's Cup winner Awesome Again (sire of three BC-winners in his first 3 crops), Belmont Stakes victor Touch Gold (four US G1 winners in his first 2 crops), Silver Deputy (sired champion filly Silverbulletday and six individual champions in Canada), Dehere (sire of Australian Golden Slipper winner), Salt Lake (sire of champions in Argentina & Canada), French Deputy (sire of champions in US & Japan), Edgy Deputy (three champions in Chile).

That's mighty impressive, and the list isn't complete.

What begs the question is what made Deputy Minister tick?

Deputy Minister is inbred 3x2 to close genetic relatives Victoriana and Bunty's Flight. A granddaughter and son respectively of stallion Bunty Lawless, the pair have a very strong background of descendants of the full siblings Alice Gray and Mannie Grey. These include the influential Domino, has full sisters Correction and Mannie Himyar, and half sister Lady Reel (dam of Hamburg). In addition, through Victoriana and Bunty's Flight, Deputy Minister has three lines of the mare Inaugural, a genetic sibling of influential mare Plucky Liege.

It is also of interest to note that the dam of Bunty Lawless, Mintwina, is a genetic sibling of Count Fleet, while Mintwina's sire Mint Briar is a genetic sibling of Plucky Liege.

Conventional wisdom has it that the combination of these elements leads to the expectation that Deputy Minister's successful offspring will come from mares carrying concentrations of any or all of the following: la Troienne, Plucky Liege, Count Fleet, Tourbillon. Major names with those lines in modern pedigrees are the likes of Buckpasser, Hoist The Flag, Seattle Slew, Mr Prospector, Never Bend. There are many other conduits. Let's look at some Deputy Minister's best to see how they conform.

Champion filly at 2 and at 3 Open Mind is out of a mare by Stage Door Johnny (by Prince John who has Count Fleet). The third dam is by Better Self (by Bimelech, son of la Troienne, and doubled through Deputy Minister's grandam).

Champion filly Go For Wand is out of a mare by Cyane (by Turn To whose damsire Admiral Drake is a son of Plucky Liege). The second dam is by One Count (Count Fleet), the third dam is by Tehran (sire Bois Roussel a son of Plucky Liege).

Awesome Again's grandam is by Mr Prospector, is inbred to Count Fleet and as damsire has Olden Times (dam inbred to Tourbillon).

Salt Lake's dam is by Queen City Lad (son of Olden Times, dam by son of Hill Prince). Now Hill Prince is a half brother to First Landing, by Turn To out of Hildene, a Domino carrier. First Landing is the damsire of Deputy Minister's champion filly Diva's Debut.

The dam of Touch Gold is by Buckpasser, while the dam of Deputy Commander is by Malinowski (Turn To male line; grandam by Mr Busher).

The dam of Victory Speech has four lines of Plucky Liege, and her damsire is Never Bend (his dam Lalun has Tourbillon & Bimelech).

Eloquent Minister's dam is by Speak John (Prince John x mare by son of Tourbillon), while the grandam is inbred 2x3 to genetic siblings Nellie Flag and Eight Thirty (strong Domino carriers).

Dehere's third dam is by Baybrook (Bimelech grandson) out of a mare inbred 2x3 to Bull Dog (son of Plucky Liege).

Go Deputy, who like Dehere is out of a Secretariat mare, traces in the bottom female line to Marguerite de Valois, a daughter of Plucky Liege and full sister to Bull Dog and Sir Gallahad. There is a longstanding genetic sibling affinity between Bull Dog and Nogara, dam of Nearco. The same affinity (through Nogara and Marguerite de Valois) appears 3x4 in Quiet Charm, the grandam of Go Deputy.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Go Deputy could include:

1. Mares with Mr Prospector (widespread) and/or Hoist The Flag (Alleged, Machiavellian)
2. Mares with Turn To, Hail to Reason (Roberto, Bold Reason)
3. Mares with Never Bend (Mill Reef, Riverman)
4. Mares with Seattle Slew
5. Mares with Buckpasser affinities (Al Mufti, Lecture, Dancing Champ) or Buckpasser genetic relatives (Nijinsky, Blushing Groom, Crimson Saint, Dinner Partner)
6. Mares with Alydar
7. Mares with Olden Times
8. Mares with Prince John (Stage Door Johnny), Hildene (Hill Prince, First Landing)

If Marguerite de Valois is a key influence in Go Deputy's female line, then other good runners from the family should show an affinity for Plucky Liege and her offspring as well.

Go Deputy's Gr1 winning half brother (and sire) Dare And Go is by Alydar. The latter comes with four lines of Plucky Liege (2x Bull Lea). Dare And Go has a 4x4 double of Alydar's second damsire Ponder and genetic sibling Boldness (dam of Cequillo in the bottom female line).

Notable progeny sired by Dare And Go include First Spear (dam has all of Bull Dog, Sir Gallahad, la Troienne, Count Fleet - our old friend Stage Door Johnny the dam's sire) and Delicatessa (dam by a son of Alydar's close genetic sibling Nijinsky, a 2x3 cross).

Go Deputy's half sister Wakigoer is by Miswaki (Mr P, Buckpasser and Bull Lea); she had 2 Gr1 horses by Royal Academy, a son of Nijinsky and with 3 lines of Plucky Liege, one from Nijinsky's damsire Bull Page.

A look at Go Deputy's grandam, Quiet Charm. She bred the mare Demure from a mating to Dr Fager. Demure is the dam of Quiet American, by Fappiano. The latter is a grandson of Quiet Charm's half sister Grand Splendor, which gives inbreeding to 3-part sisters Killaloe and Demure (2x1) in Quiet American. Both are by Dr Fager out of a daughter of Cequillo. Dr Fager is inbred 3x4 to Bull Dog.

Fappiano, a Gr1 winner and successful sire who died young, is by Mr Prospector, whose grandam Miss Dogwood is by Count Fleet out of a Bull Dog mare.

A half brother to Quiet Charm and Grand Splendor is Hot Dust, who stood as a sire in Argentina. He was by Jet Action (third dam la Troienne), genetic sibling of Cequillo's dam Boldness, making for a 1x2 cross in Hot Dust.

Cequillo and her descendants have done well with combinations of Dr Fager and In Reality. These two both have Rough 'n Tumble (Domino background, with Bull Dog) close up. The dam of In Reality, My Dear Girl, is a close genetic relative of Hostility, dam of Hostility (and grandam of Cequillo) along the bottom female line.

Where From Here

Pulling the finding from the male and female line together, it seems that Go Deputy could be well served through mares with concentrations of la Troienne and/or Plucky Liege in their pedigree backgrounds.

For the benefit of Deputy Minister should be added Count Fleet and Tourbillon.