



AP Indy – Miesque by Nureyev

"Magnificent Miesque. The alliteration remained appropriate right to the end as she took her total of Gr1 wins to ten, with an unprecedented Breeder's Cup Mile by another very decisive margin." Great praise from Timeform for the all-conquering French-trained daughter of Nureyev, who earned a superb rating of 133, and was elected to the US Hall of Fame.

Bred and owned by Greek shipping tycoon Stavros Niarchos, Miesque not surprisingly was given royal treatment at stud, visiting top stallions. She came to the party in great style.

Her first foal, by Mr Prospector, Gr1 winning miler and successful sire Kingmambo (TFR 125). A year later East Of The Moon (a filly by Private Account), winner of the Gr1 Prix de Diane (TFR 123).

Following her a year later Gr1 placed Miesque's Son (Mr Prospector), sire of Breeder's Cup Mile winner Miesque's Approval. After those, Mr Prospector's daughter Monevassia, who didn't win but produced multiple Gr1 winner Rumpelstiltskin. Then later still, Irish Gr1 performer Mingun and his full brother Judpot.

What made Miesque so magnifique? In the context of the kin-breeding concept, strong pedigrees appear to have a pivotal ancestor, one whose offspring consistently provides links into subsequent successful generations.

Miesque is the first foal of her American bred dam Pasadoble, who won 4 races in France, her career mainly one as pacemaker for a stable companion, French champion filly River Lady. Pasadoble is a daughter of Prove Out, a multiple Gr1 winner who soundly defeated Secretariat in the Woodward Stakes. Prove Out's female line appears to hold the key, through his dam Equal Venture and grandam Iqual. We find that Iqual's grandam is a full sister to influential sire Man O'War, and that Iqual herself is close kin to Man O'War's sire-son War Admiral.

Unraced Iqual had several liaisons with Bold Venture, winner of the

Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, and the first stallion to sire two winners of the US Triple Crown. One of these was Iqual's son Assault, US Horse of the Year in 1946. Our focus is on Assault's full sisters Equal Venture and Sin Iqual. The latter seems to provide clues to the future affinities of our subject stallion Judpot.

Sin Iqual is dam of Mono, a daughter of influential broodmare sire Better Self and like her dam a one-time winner. Mono produced 13 foals of which twelve won. Among them sire Rare Performer and his one-time winning full sister Mine Only, both by Mr Prospector. Mine Only is grandam of Tomahawk, a son of Seattle Slew and runner-up in 2002 in the Dewhurst and Middle Park Stakes (TFR 118 at 2). Tomahawk is kinbred 3x3 Fair Charmer x Mono. Take note (and hold the thought) of the sequence of Better Self (very close kin to dam of Buckpasser), Mr Prospector, Seattle Slew – it will re-appear.

Sin Iqual's unraced full sister Equal Venture is dam of stakes winners Heartland (by Bold Ruler), Saidam (by Never Say Die, and kin-bred 3x2 War Admiral x Iqual), and Prove Out (by Graustark).

Also of interest are two non-winning daughters of Equal Venture, Country Dream and Fairness. Country Dream is by Ribot and thus a 3-part sister to Prove Out. Country Dream produced English stakes winner & sire Midyan (TFR 124), by Miswaki, the latter by Mr Prospector out of a Buckpasser mare. Midyan is kinbred 3x3 Buckpasser x Iqual.

Country Dream's half sister Fairness is dam of Gr1 placed Equal Change (by Ribot's son Arts And Letters), in turn dam of Gr1 placed Make Change (by Roberto). Fairness also bred unraced Ethics (by Nijinsky), a full sister to Irish Champion miler and sire Solford. The latter did not make much impact as a sire, but his best son has a grandam with Better Self and War Admiral. Ethics bred French Gr2 winner Robertet (by Roberto), who is dam of English Gr1 winner Punctilious (by Danehill, whose dam is by Graustark's full brother His Majesty out of a Buckpasser mare). Punctilious is kinbred 3x2 Spring Adieu (grandam of Danehill) x Ethics.

Summarise this, and suitable connections with Prove Out's female line can be made, it seems, through Mr Prospector, Buckpasser, Roberto, Ribot (and sons His Majesty and Graustark), and Seattle Slew.

How then does Miesque's sire Nureyev fit in?

Let's first look at the kin-breeding in the four grandparents of Miesque's dam Pasadoble.

Graustark - 2x2x3 Romanella x Alibhai (Hyperion) x Beau Pere

Equal Venture - 2x4 St Germans x Mahubah

Sanctus - 3x3x3 Artist's Proof x Tarentella x Mahmoud

Neriad - 2x3 Cosquilla x Reigh Count

Remarkably, all of these ten ancestors are kin to each other.

Next Nureyev. He is kinbred 4x4 Sister Sarah x Dalmary and 4x2 Mahmoud x Thong (granddaughter of Dalmary, who is kin to Mahmoud as well). Compare this to Nureyev's half sister Fairy Bridge (dam of Sadler's Wells), who is kinbred 2x4 Hail to Reason x Dalmary and 2x3 Hail to Reason x Nantallah (sire of Thong). The conclusion is that Dalmary and descendants appear to be pivotal in the pedigree of Nureyev.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Judpot could include:

1. Mares with Mr Prospector, notably Seeking The Gold (Windrush, Lecture), Secret Prospector, Count Dubois, Dupont, Goldkeeper, Kahal, Kilconnel, Western Winter, Muhtafal, Parade Leader, Right Approach, Strike Smartly, Trippi, West Man, etc.
2. Mares with Danehill
3. Mares with Sadler's Wells, Nureyev, Golden Thatch/Thatching, etc
4. Mares with Lassie Dear and descendants, incl Al Mufti, Captain Al, Victory Moon, etc.
5. Mares with Graustark/His Majesty, notably Caesour, Secret Prospector
6. Mares with Hail to Reason/Halo, notably Rakeen/Jet Master
7. Mares with Buckpasser, Damascus
8. Mares with Irish River/Riverman, notably Spectrum, West Man
9. Mares with Affirmed, notably Argosy
10. Mares with Mill Reef, Shirley Heights



With this the remarkable sequence found in Pasadoble continues, as Sister Sarah and Dalmaty (and Mahmoud) connect to all of the kin-links identified in Pasadoble.

Interestingly, Pasadoble's dam Santa Quilla is half sister to Arc-winner Comtesse de Loir (by Val de Loir), kinbred 4x3x3x4 Fille de Soleil x Her Slipper x Cosquilla x Reigh Count. Her Slipper's dam is half sister to Dalmaty, making the pair close kin.

A look at Miesque's notable offspring:

Kingmambo – his sire Mr Prospector is kinbred 2x3 Raise You x Miss Dogwood. Both link to Prove Out's grandam Igual. Kingmambo is full brother to sires Kitalpha and Miesque's Son, and to the mare Monevassia. The latter has a daughter by Sadler's Wells, who bred Gr1 winner Rumpelstilkin (by Danehill).

East Of The Moon – her sire Private Account is by Damascus, and kinbred 3x2 Blade Of Time x Buckpasser. Both link in turn to the female line of Prove Out, notably Igual.

Mingun – Gr3 winning and Gr1 performer, full brother to Judpot, with kin-breeding 4x4x5 Fair Charmer x Buckpasser x Igual.

The pivotal line from Miesque appears to be Igual, grandam of Miesque's damsire Prove Out. Her connection with Nureyev's pivot Dalmaty seems to be important, too.

A look at Kingmambo's highclass offspring

Gr1 fillies Virginia Waters and Divine Porportions – out of mares by Sadler's Wells, with next dams by Shirley Heights & Mill Reef respectively.

El Condor Pasa – dam by Sadler's Wells, next dam by Seattle Slew out of full sister to Special (dam of Nureyev, grandam of Sadler's Wells).

Lemon Drop Kid – dam 3-part sister to AP Indy, by Seattle Slew x Lassie Dear (by Buckpasser).

Henrythenavigator – dam by Sadler's Wells out of Irish River mare (with Raise a Native and Busanda behind it).

Archipenko – dam is daughter of Special (dam of Nureyev, grandam of Sadler's Wells).

A daughter of Kingmambo produced new 2009 Coolmore stallion Duke Of Marmelade (5x Gr1 in a row). He's by Danehill, his dam by Kingmambo out of Lassie's Lady (by Alydar out of Lassie Dear).

A half sister to Miesque, Yogya, is by Riverman and kinbred 3x3 Nile Lily x Equal Venture. The mare bred multiple Gr1 winning filly Six Perfections. The latter's sire Celtic Swing (TFR 138) is by Damister (Mr Prospector x mare by Roman Line, the latter kin to Nile Lily).

Another big horse is Hong Kong multiple Gr1 winner Good Ba Ba. Same grandam as Miesque, and prominent in his pedigree are Nureyev and a full brother to the dam of Special.

Suitable Lines

Tying all of the findings together, suitable lines could be combinations of any or all of:

Mr Prospector; Danehill; Sadler's Wells, Nureyev and others from their female line; Lassie Dear and descendants; Graustark/His Majesty.

Other lines to be combined with the above (they really should be kin-linked) include Hail To Reason/Halo, Buckpasser, Damascus, Riverman/Irish River, Mill Reef/Shirley Heights, Affirmed, etc.

Female Line build-up

(the term 'kinbred' is used to identify close genetic relatives; a benchmark percentage of about 90% is required to qualify; for each dam the kinbreeding percentage is shown as well)

- 6th dam
- **That's That** (85%) (by High Time 90%)
- kinbred 4x3x3x3 Dancing Water x
- Sundown x Order x Singleton 90-93%

- 5th dam
- **Sea-Change** (82%) (by Count Fleet 88%)
- kinbred 2x4x4x4 Reigh Count x
- Sundown x Order x Singleton 90-94%
- kinbred 2x3 Quickly x Noonday 90%

- 4th dam
- **Neriad** (80%) (by Princequillo 87%)
- kinbred 2x3 Cosquilla x Reigh Count 91%
- kinbred 2x3 Prince Rose x Reigh Count 91%

- 3rd dam
- **Santa Quilla** (81%) (by Sanctus 86%)
- kinbred 4x3x3x4 Artist's Proof x Prince Rose x Cosquilla x Reigh Count 89-92%

- 2nd dam
- **Pasadoble** (73%) (by Prove Out 78%)
- kinbred 4x4x4x5x5x4x5 Romanella x
- Alibhai x St Germans x Mahubah x
- Artist's Proof x Cosquilla x Reigh Count 89-94%

- 1st dam
- **Miesque** (73%) (by Nureyev 83%)
- kinbred 5x5x5x5x6x6x5x6 Sister Sarah x Dalmaty x Romanella x Alibhai x St Germans x Mahubah x Artist's Proof x Cosquilla x Reigh Count

- **Judpot** (80%) (by AP Indy 91%)
- kinbred 4x4x5 Fair Charmer x
- Buckpasser x Igual 93%

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