

# Main Aim<sup>(GB)</sup>

## Oasis Dream – Orford Ness by Selkirk

As an illustration of the concept of female-line kin-breeding, the well performed members of the family of Oasis Dream make for an excellent example.

Female-line kin-breeding puts focus on the similarities in make-up of the pedigrees of female ancestors. Sires, in this context, are regarded not as breed-shaping individuals, but as progenitors of influential female lines.

In the pedigree of Oasis Dream the bottom female lines of his four grandparents are kin-linked to each other, through significant female line ancestors. Remarkably, the same is true for Oasis Dream's dam Hope, and for his grandam Bahamian.

The kin-linked significant (bottom) female line ancestors continue to kin-link in Oasis Dream's Gr1 winning progeny Tuscan Evening, Middy & Prohibit (from the same female line, also found in SA sire Modern Day), Power, Lady Jane Digby.

To add further fuel to the fire, Hope (the once-raced dam of Oasis Dream) is a full sister to Gr1 Irish Oaks winner Wemyss Bight, dam of G1 winner and sire Beat Hollow. Hope also produced a half sister to Oasis Dream named Zenda (by Zamindar), who won the Gr1 French Fillies Guineas. The same kin-links apply to these three Gr1 winners.

Invariably, successful female lines trace to a Significant Ancestor (SigAnc) whose pedigree elements continue to match the lines provided by the female lines of sires used in consecutive generations.

Looking at the four grandparents of Oasis Dream the following Significant Ancestors emerge (they are remote, but important).

His sire Green Desert's sire Danzig has as SigAnc Broderie. Green Desert's dam Foreign Courier has as SigAnc Uncle's Lassie. His dam's sire Dancing Brave has as SigAnc Some More. His grandam Bahamian has as SigAnc Thirteen.

All four of these SigAncs have enough common factors in their backgrounds to make all of them kin-related.

The dam of Oasis Dream is Hope. Three of her grand parents are Navajo Princess, Mill Reef and Sorbus. The same SigAnc kinships apply.

The dam of Hope is Bahamian, whose four grand parents Never Bend, Milan Mill, Busted and Censorship all have kin-linked SigAncs.

The relevance of this is that mares who have strong combinations of SigAnc kin-links which connect to those found in Oasis Dream, may have a better chance of producing good runners from matings to Oasis Dream than mares who don't carry such kin-links.

If it is not known how the SigAnc kin-link in a mare, a simple solution could be to use the relevant males from Oasis Dream's pedigree as important signposts, and duplicate them. Danzig, Dancing Brave, Mill Reef, Busted, Never Bend (Oasis Dream already carries a double Never Bend, from his sire's dam Foreign Courier, and his grandam Bahamian's sire Mill Reef).

Another way is to look at the dams of Oasis Dream's best runners, and the best runners from his female line. See what can be gleaned.

The trio of Middy, Prohibit and Zenda (by Zamindar) were highlighted earlier, as having close variations of the same kin-links. Also mentioned earlier was Beat Hollow. He is by Sadler's Wells, whose damsire Bold Reason is very close kin to Never Bend, and is noted for an apparent affinity with Mill Reef.

Another Gr1 winner by Oasis Dream, Tuscan Evening, has as her bottom female line SigAnc Broderie (also the SigAnc of Danzig).

Gr1 winner Aqlaam has as fourth dam the mare Orange Cap, who is close kin to Never Bend.

There are others, with less straightforward connections.

### On to Oasis Dream's son Main Aim, our subject stallion.

His bottom female line traces to SigAnc Ondulee, who is SigAnc also in the female lines of Mr Prospector, Seattle Slew, Elusive Quality and Tourbillon.

The third dam of Main Aim is English Gr3 winner Sylph, by Alleged out of Society Column, by Sir Gaylord. Alleged and Sir Gaylord have the same bottom-line SigAnc, Cinq A Sept, who kinlinks to Ondulee.

Main Aim's grandam Nesaah is by Topsider, who is close kin to Sadler's Wells and has the same fe-

male line, going to SigAnc Dalmaly, who is close kin to Ondulee. The dam of Dalmaly, Simon's Shoes, is close kin to Cinq A Sept and to Ondulee.

Main Aim's French Gr3 winning dam Orford Ness is by Selkirk, whose SigAnc Discovery is kin to Ondulee and Dalmaly.

In Oasis Dream the pivotal SigAncs are a remote mother and daughter pair, Credenda and Thirteen. They make for kin-links with all of Discovery, Dalmaly, Cinq A Sept and Ondulee.

Mission accomplished.

### What Mares for Main Aim

In the absence of specific information about female lines of mares to be mated to Main Aim, we concentrate on the sire signposts which emerged earlier.

These include Alleged and Sir Gaylord, and by extension the latter's close maternal relative Secretariat (fam. 2).

They include Never Bend, Mill Reef, Bold Reason - leading to Sadler's Wells, who is Dalmaly female line - the same female line also of Nureyev, Golden Thatch.

Then, from Oasis Dream's female line, Busted (with Mill Reef/Never Bend in his grandam Bahamian).

Mares who carry combinations of these sires should have increased chance of success with Main Aim.

Notable in this context is Elliodor, whose dam is a sister to Busted (by Crepello), and who is close kin to the dam of Oasis Dream. And also Sportsworld, a son of Alleged, and very close kin to Main Aim's grandam Nesaah.

Interesting to recall, in this context, the fruitful combination Sportsworld has had with mares by Elliodor and son Model Man.

Alleged leads to Joshua Dancer, a son of Danzig. Alleged also is in Stage Call, who is by Sadler's Wells out of a mare by a son of Seattle Slew, out of Alleged Devotion by

### PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable lines for Main Aim could include

1. Descendants from Main Aim's female line SigAnc Ondulee - Mr Prospector (Mr Brick), Seattle Slew, Tourbillon (Djebel, Djeddah, My Babu, Joy), and Vagrancy female line descendants (Elusive Quality, Our Table Mountain, Mild Deception/Mild Smoke, Ivory Wand)
2. Sir Gaylord (Sir Ivor; Al Mufti & sons, Tiger Ridge, Tara's Halls, etc.) and sibling Secretariat (Gone West, Western Winter, Windrush, Indigo Magic, Tiger Ridge, etc.)
3. Modena female line descendants Zafonic (Count duBois, Dupont), Zamindar, Modern Day
4. Busted (Lost Chord, Shaamit, etc.), Elliodor (Model Man)
5. Alleged (Sportsworld, Joshua Dancer, Stage Call, etc)
6. Danzig (widespread)
7. Dalmaly female line (Sadler's Wells, Nureyev, Golden Thatch, etc.)
8. Never Bend (Mill Reef, Bold Reason, Riverman, etc.)

Alleged. The two grandams of Alleged Devotion are very close kin.

Sir Gaylord and Secretariat are widespread. An interesting one should be Gone West, son of Mr Prospector (SigAnc Ondulee), out of Secrettame (by Secretariat out of Tamerett, both Fam 2.; Secrettame is closely kinbred through bottom line females from her sire and dam). Gone West is sire of Western Winter, whose SigAnc Golden Feast is very close kin to Main Aim's SigAnc Ondulee.

Then there's the female line of Oasis Dream where a Gr1 affinity emerged with the female line of Zamindar, full brother to Zafonic, both sons of Gone West. Zafonic is sire of Count duBois, whose dam is by a son of Lyphard out of a son of Sir Gaylord. Zafonic also is sire of Dupont, whose dam is by Sadler's Wells. In this group also belongs Modern Day, who has the same grandam as Zafonic.

Incidentally, one of the Gr2 winners for Oasis Dream, the colt Showcasing, is out of a mare by Zafonic (Gone West), the next dam by Warning (by Known Fact, half brother to the dam of Gone West), out of a mare by Lyphard.

Also of interest may be Windrush, grandson of Mr P., with his grandam Honor An Offer close kin to Main Aim's third dam Sylph. Honor An Offer is by Hoist The Flag (also sire of Alleged) out of Bridget O' Brick, by Mr Brick (female line of Mr P.'s Myrtlewood, going to Ondulee). The next dam Drop Shot is by Correlation, who is from the same female line as Zamindar and Zafonic, and kin-links to the bottom female line of Windrush. The same bottom line is also the one of Silvano (whose sixth dam Speedshot and Windrush' fifth dam My Alison are virtually full sisters).