

Marchfield (CAN)

A.P. Indy – Pico Teneriffe by Red Ransom

Pedigree analysis, these days, is mainly done with computers. Vast databases of international black-type performances can be interrogated to try and discover what works – and what not. Most popular among analysts are the apparent affinities between male descendants of sire-lines and broodmare-sire lines, on which future predictions can be made.

This line of thinking is many miles removed from the information presented in sales catalogues, which is entirely based on the performances at stud of female members of a family. Affinities between sires and broodmare sires, let alone their male ancestors, get scant attention in catalogue pedigrees. It's all pretty weird.

The theory of kin-breeding takes a different view. Female lines are evaluated from the bottom-up, to discover which sires, in successive generations, add elements with which the family has affinities. The pedigrees of the best performers from the family are peeled to give insight. Often, similarities between what works for mothers and daughters are striking.

Pico Teneriffe is a multiple Graded stakes winner by Red Ransom, who got multiple G2 winner Marchfield (rated 118) from a mating to A.P. Indy. Pico's half sister Musical Minister, a 3-time winner, is dam of G2 winner and G1 Breeder's Cup Juvenile runner-up Minister Eric (rated 117). The latter is by Old Trieste, a son of A.P. Indy.

Minister Eric's non-winning half sister Kellis Ransom (like Pico's Teneriffe a daughter of Red Ransom) is dam of multiple G1 winner Devil May Care (rated 120), by Malibu Moon, a son of A.P. Indy.

It is interesting to note that A.P. Indy is by Seattle Slew, a son of Bold Reasoning, by Boldnesian whose grandam Alablue is also the 4th dam of Pico Teneriffe. More to the point, Bold Reasoning, in terms of pedigree elements, is close kin to Pico Teneriffe's grandam Aladancer. Then there's Bold Reasoning's dam Reason To Earn, who is close kin to Red Ransom's sire Roberto – both are by Hail To Reason, who in turn is close kin to both Aladancer and Alablue.

A close look at the pedigree of A.P. Indy shows that he is kinbred Fair Charmer x Lassie Dear, with an even closer kinship between Fair Charmer and Lassie Dear's sire Buckpasser. In South Africa, Lassie Dear is dam of Al Mufti, who has a strong Buckpasser affinity (noted in



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son of A.P. Indy, out of Group winning
Champion Broodmare

his sons Captain Al and Victory Moon). It turns out that Buckpasser's grandam Businesslike (a daughter of La Troienne) is very close kin to Alablue.

One generation further back is Marchfield's grandam Ballerina Princess. She's a daughter of Mr Prospector, a sire who is closely kinbred: 2x3 Raise You x Miss Dogwood. Raise You traces to the mare Padua. The latter is also ancestress of Blue Larkspur (who is inbred to Padua to boot). Raise You and Miss Dogwood are both close kin to Alablue, who is by Blue Larkspur.

Ballerina Princess is half sister to stakes placed River Lullabye, whose legacy is equally interesting. Both are daughters of Aladancer. River Lullabye is by Riverman, whose dam River Lady is very close kin to Aladancer's dam Mock Orange. Blue Larkspur is a significant line in Riverman (he has a double), and in the kinship with Aladancer.

River Lullabye is dam of French Gr3 winner Berceau, who is by Alleged. The latter's dam Princess Pout is close kin to both River Lady and Mock Orange (who represented the kin-breeding in River Lullabye).

Berceau had an unraced half sister Lakab, dam of non-winner Great Notice (by Nureyev), who got multiple Gr1 winner Anabandana (rated 112), by Anabaa. Close kin-breeding again, as Anabaa's grandam Baumieres is very close kin to River Lullabye (both daughters of Riverman).

Lakab had another daughter by Nureyev, 3-time winner Nureyev's Girl. She's dam of Gr1 NZ Guineas winner King's Rose (rated 118), by Redoute's Choice, a son of Danehill. Redoute's Choice is kinbred 3x2 Spring Adieu x Dancing Show (Spring Adieu is by Buckpasser), daughter King's Rose is kinbred 3x4 Dancing Show x Aladancer.

Further back, in a different branch of the family, is Aladancer's half sister Naval Orange. She is dam of highclass Cryptoclearance, who is by Mr Prospector's son Fappiano. It is of interest for future reference that Cryptoclearance is kinbred 4x2 Cequillo x Mock Orange, with further kin-breeding behind it, extending the kin-breeding found in Fappiano himself.

Where From Here

We're looking at a family of highclass performers, produced from a wide variety of sires, who all appear to have one thing in common: their kinlinks to the bottom female line of Marchfield, with Alablue the focal point. The very essence of kin-breeding.

An interesting note is that the kin-breeding in Alablue herself links the kin-breeding from her sire and dam. She is kinbred 4x5x3x4 Padua x *Padua x Plucky Liege x Sankara, the double Padua from her sire Blue Larkspur, Plucky Liege from her damsire Sir Gallahad, and Sankara from her bottom line.

Blue Larkspur may well be an important element. He's one reason why Alablue has such a range of kin-relatives, as outlined above.

Santa Anita Derby winner BOLDNESIAN, grandsire of Seattle Slew in the male line of Marchfield, is very close kin to Aladancer, the third dam of Marchfield. BLUE LARKSPUR is an important element in their make-up, and could be significant in Marchfield's future offspring.



American Horse of the Year and the youngest horse ever to be inducted into the Hall Of Fame, BUCKPASSER became an influential sire and broodmare sire. His grandam and Boldnesian's grandam are daughters of BLUE LARKSPUR. Buckpasser could be significant in Marchfield's future offspring.

They include (in no particular order):

***Alablue** herself, who in the South African context is female line ancestress of sires Home Guard and Peaceable Kingdom. She's in the male line of Seattle Slew, who can be found in some interesting places (other than A.P. Indy), such as Slew The Red, who is by Red Ransom out of Seattle Slew mare, and Joshua Dancer, whose second dam is by Boldnesian.

***A.P. Indy's female line**, notably Lassie Dear (dam of Al Mufti and Wolfhound, and grandam of A.P. Indy's half brother Tiger Ridge).

***Buckpasser**, who is widespread in the South African mare population. Of interest must be Al Mufti and Wolfhound (dam by Buckpasser), National Assembly (dam by Buckpasser), Northern Guest (dam by Buckpasser; close kin to Aladancer; same female line as Redoute's Choice, noted earlier as sire of King's Rose), Secret Prospector (grandam Numbered Account by Buckpasser out of a mare from Buckpasser's La Troienne female line). There are others, including Danehill, brothers Announce and Sarge, and Damascus Gate – all from the same female line. In this context also Caesour, who is close kin to Danehill, and whose grandam is close kin to Alablue.

***Mr Prospector**, whose sire Raise A Native is from the same female line as Blue Larkspur, and who is kinbred Raise You x Miss Dogwood, both close kin to Alablue. Mr Prospector is widespread, but notable in Secret Prospector (whose grandam is inbred to Buckpasser's female line of La Troienne).



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Suitable mares for Marchfield could include

1. **Alablue**; in Home Guard, Peaceable Kingdom; Seattle Slew; Slew The Red; Joshua Dancer;
2. **Lassie Dear**; in Al Mufti (Captain Al, Victory Moon, The Sheik), Camden Park (A.P. Indy son who produced Jay Peg from an Al Mufti mare), Wolfhound; Tiger Ridge
3. **Buckpasser**; widespread, but notably in Al Mufti (Captain Al, Victory Moon), National Assembly, Northern Guest (damsire of Victory Moon), Secret Prospector; Danehill, Sarge/Announce, Damascus Gate; Caesour (through kinlink)
4. **Mr Prospector** – widespread, but notable in Secret Prospector, West Man; etc.
5. **Hail To Reason** – widespread, notably Roberto (Al Mufti; Rollins/Jet Master)
6. **Riverman**; in Spectrum, West Man; also his sire Never Bend (in Bold Reason, Mill Reef)
7. **Alleged**; in Joshua Dancer (!), Anytime; Stage Call, Jam Alley
8. **Cequillo**; in Go Deputy, Fappiano
9. **Ashaawes**; Rakeen (Jet Master)

*Hail To Reason – widespread, but notably Roberto and his full sister (dam of Rollins)

***Riverman** is in Spectrum and West Man, and a host of newish stallions (Pathfork, Rock Of Rochelle, Seventh Rock, etc.). The sire of Riverman is Never Bend, whose grandam is very close kin to Alablue. He's in Sadler's Wells, Mill Reef, etc.

***Alleged** is damsire of Joshua Dancer, and second damsire of Anytime. Joshua Dancer looks a gem, as his second damsire is Boldnesian. Joshua's successful progeny include Rhythmically, a half brother to Variety Club, with Secret Prospector as damsire and Northern Guest as second damsire. And highly rated Joshua Day (AR 100), whose dam is by Peaceable Kingdom.

***Fappiano** highlights Mr Prospector together with his own female line, which goes to Cequillo. The latter found in Go Deputy, for one.

*Others to add include **Ashaawes**, whose female line suggests Blue Larkspur affinities, as does the one of **Rakeen** (which brings Jet Master into the picture).

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