

# Miesque's Approval (USA)

*Miesque's Son - Win Approval by With Approval*

"Anything that has worked so well for a century is not apt to suddenly stop working - the gene pool cannot react that fast,"

-Kentucky pedigree analyst Les Brinsfield

Brinsfield refers to the art of predicting successful broodmare sires. His focal point is how the remarkable sire Domino and his daughters have shaped history. It goes like this.

Domino mares produced stallion sons Ultimus, High Tiem and Sweep.

Ultimus is the damsire of Case Ace (damsire of Raise a Native) and second damsire of Roman.

High Time is the damsire of Eight Thirty.

Sweep is the damsire of Bubbling Over and War Admiral.

*Now follow the latter tribe.*

War Admiral got Mr Busher from Bubbling Over mare Baby League, as well as full sisters Striking and Busher.

War Admiral got the dams of Better Self, Buckpasser and Hoist The Flag.

Better Self is the damsire of Dr Fager and Silent Screen (from an Eight Thirty mare).

Buckpasser and Hoist The Flag are damsires of horses as good as it gets.

"Now", says Brinsfield, "Comes the easy part, which some smarties have been doing for decades. Start accumulating gaggles of mares by sires out of Buckpasser or Hoist The Flag mares. There are dozens of maternal grandsons of Buckpasser and Hoist The Flag - their daughters will go producing more future damsires."

Brinsfield gives the example of a sire whose damsire is out of a Buckpasser mare and whose second dam is by Hoist The Flag. The horse in question is Our Emblem, a multiple Gr1 placed son of Mr Prospector. He surprised the world by siring Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes winner War Emblem in 2002, from his second crop. He's too young to properly have producing daughters yet, but somewhere out there something is waiting to explode onto the scene, the pedigree showing the combined legacy of the daughters of Domino.

The example of Our Emblem leads seamlessly to Miesque's Approval. His dam Win Approval is by With Approval (dam by Buckpasser) out of Negotiator (by Hoist The Flag). His sire Miesque's Son is by Mr Prospector. The picture is clear: Our Emblem all over again.

So if Miesque's Approval has what it takes in terms of potential, how can it be maximised?

In Brinsfield's world offspring of La Troienne is first prize, added to which sons of Sweep work like clockwork with Buckpasser and Hoist The Flag. That leads unfailingly to Seattle Slew, who has both (a son of Sweep from Bold Ruler, double War Admiral with La Troienne in the dam). The

Brinsfield theorem holds that Miesque's Son might do well with mares by Seattle Slew, or sons of Seattle Slew, preferably those who pack La Troienne in their dam.

There are other influences to consider.

Buckpasser's equivalent Hail To Reason, and his son Bold Reason.

The affinity group which encompasses Buckpasser, Nijinsky, Blushing Groom, and others.

Any Gold Bridge, notably the Rough Shod tribe, leading to Special (dam of Nureyev, granddam of Sadler's Wells, with Bold Reason added). Look at Natal sire Houston Connection, by Alysheba out of Lassie Connection. Alysheba's dam is by Lt Stevens (Nantallah x Rough Shod), the second dam by War Admiral. Lassie Connection is by

Seattle Slew out of Lassie Dear by Buckpasser. Lassie Dear is the dam of Al Mufti, who has shown a real Buckpasser affinity, notably with Dancing Champ and Complete Warrior.

Interesting to note that Miesque Approval's Gr2 winning brother Revved Up is by Sultry Song. The latter's dam is by a son of Buckpasser, while his grandsire Best Turn has a son of Sweep.

Also interesting to see that Miesque Approval's broodmare sire With Approval has a highclass son Talkin Man, whose dam is by Miswaki (Mr P. x daughter of Buckpasser).

More.

Hoist The Flag carries a daughter of Tourbillon, who can be duplicated straight, or through

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*Suitable mares for Miesque's Approval could include*

1. Mares with La Troienne duplications, notably Seattle Slew (AP Indy)
2. Mares with Buckpasser (Al Mufti) or others from his affinity group, incl Nijinsky (Dancing Champ), Blushing Groom, Dinner Partner (Caesour), etc.
3. Mares with Hoist The Flag (Alleged, Sportsworld (!), Joshua Dancer, Ginistrelli, etc.)
4. Mares with Tourbillon/Count Fleet (Mr P, Never Bend/Mill Reef/Bold Reason)
5. Mares with Gold Bridge, notably the Rough Shod female line (Sadler's Wells, Nureyev, Golden Thatch, Lt Stevens, notably Houston Connection)
6. Mares with Hail To Reason (Bold Reason, Roberto, etc)
7. Mares with Gulf Stream (Soho Secret, London News)
8. Mares with male lines of Sweep, as in Bold Ruler (notably Jungle Cove), Best Turn (Best By Test)

genetic sibling Count Fleet (Never Bend-Mill Reef, Mr P.). Brinsfield draws attention to the fact that Never Bend, Nashua and Nantallah are genetically close, and that Never Bend and Bold Reason are closer. Miesque's Approval has two of the three in his sire Miesque's Son, and should like the third, Never Bend. Follow this to a logical conclusion, and a mare with Sadler's Wells over Never Bend should be first prize for Miesque's Approval. It certainly was for his sire Miesque's Son, whose best runner Whipper (now a stallion) is out of a mare by Sadler's Wells from a Mill Reef daughter. The same mare produced Gr1 filly Divine Proportions from a mating to Miesque Son's full brother Kingmambo. It's easy when you know how!

Then there's Gulf Stream, in Miesque's Approval's third dam. He's three-parts to Heliopolis, and could be exploited in our context - he's found with Bold Ruler and Bubbling Over in Jungle Cove. That's one step. Two steps further is Jungle Cove's grandson London News, son of Soho Secret. She's by Regent Street (son of Gulf Stream) out of a mare by First Landing (dam Hildene by Bubbling Over).

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