



# New Predator (AUS)

*New Approach – Head Over Heels (Fastnet Rock)*

## **Northern Dancer, son Sadler's Wells, his son Galileo – which son will next to take up the mantle of world's best stallion?**

Galileo's champion son Frankel is widely touted as successor, but he'll have to pick up his feet to match the early achievements of New Approach.

Born when his high-achieving dam Park Express was 22 years old and nearly blind, New Approach as a foal was fitted with a bell on his halter so that she could know where he was. The pair were kept apart from other mares and foals, and the colt grew up without the play and education normal foals enjoy growing up. That didn't affect his ability. New Approach won five Gr I races including the Epsom Derby (and was a nose 2nd in the 2000 Guineas). He was Champion 2yo, and Champion 3yo, rated Timeform 132.

His stud career to date is equally remarkable. Sire in his first crop of 2000 Guineas winner Dawn Approach, Champion 2yo and Champion 3yo (and in his own first crop sire of highclass Madhmoon). Libertarian, Epsom Derby runner-up. Talent, Epsom Oaks winner. May's Dream, Australasian Oaks winner. In subsequent crops came Masar, Epsom Derby winner, and Gr I winners Sultanina, Potemkin, Elliptique. A host of Gr I placed performers knocking at the door.

Can the pedigree of New Approach throw light on his achievements at stud?

**T**he focus of kin-breeding in New Approach is a build-up of chained links through successive female line ancestors. These trace in his bottom female line to his Significant Ancestor (SigAnc) Sunbird, who is herself very closely kin-bred. She links to Galileo's bottom female line to give that all-important sire-dam bottomline kin-breeding.

Sunbird is half sister to Knockaney Bridge, the third dam of Lalun, who is dam of Never Bend and Bold Reason. The latter is broodmare sire of Galileo's sire Sadler's Wells.

New Approach is half brother to Gr I winner and sire Shinko Forest (Timeform 121), by Green Desert whose grandam Courtney Dee is by Never Bend, and makes for a strong link to Sunbird in the bottom-line.

An interesting son of New Approach is Gr I French Guineas runner-up Hey Gaman. His dam Arsaadi is by Dubawi out of Arsad. Arsaadi has a double Lalun, one from Shirley Heights (Mill Reef) in Dubawi. The other comes from Arsad's sire Cape Cross, by Green Desert. In addition, Arsad is inbred 3x3 to Ahonoora (damsire of Cape Cross and of Arsad's dam), which gives 3 lines of that stallion, as Ahonoora also is damsire of New Approach.



**New Approach**  
– Galileo's most successful sire-son

That draws attention to Masar, the Epsom Derby winning son of New Approach. Masar's dam is by Cape Cross, while his third dam is half sister to Galileo. This gives Masar doubles of Ahonoora (3x4) and of Urban Sea (3x4). Noteworthy, perhaps, in this context that Galileo's champion half brother Sea The Stars is by Cape Cross.

The significance of this will become clearer when looking at the female line of New Predator, our subject stallion.

## **PICK OF THE BUNCH**

*Suitable mares for New Predator could include*

Lalun's sons Bold Reason (as in Sadler's Wells) and Never Bend (as in Mill Reef, Riverman, etc) – thus, among others, Lalun leads to Fort Wood (Dynasty), Casey Tibbs, Kahal, Second Empire, Daylami.

In another kin-link, Better Boy is sire of Century (Seventh Rock, Time Thief), while his kin Klairon is in Ahonoora (Cape Cross, Great Britain, Malhub, Imperial Stride, Flying The Flag), in Twig Moss (Curved Ball, Fastnet Rock), in West Man, Irish Flame, What A Winter, etc.

Combining the two kin-links is Cape Cross, by Green Desert out of a mare by Ahonoora. Green Desert is damsire of Kahal, and grandsire of Querari (Oasis Dream) and his half brother Quasillo (Sea The Stars). Cape Cross is full brother to Great Britain.

The female line of New Predator (through Picture Play, Queen Of Light) also is in Saumarez, Second Empire, Daylami, Kildonan.

Knockaney Bridge and Sunbird have another full sister Sunbridge – the latter is ancestor of King Of The Tudors, Our Babu, Windsor Lad, the mare Soldumeno (who has female line descendants in SA). Then there's the third dam of New Approach, Lachine, half sister to the mare A20 who has female descendants in SA. They might make for suitable kin-links with New Predator.

The female line elements of New Predator fit the pattern from his sire New Approach, linking the Significant Ancestors of both: Sunbird and Granada. The sire of Granada is Alonzo, whose third dam is Plucky Liege, best known as dam of Bull Dog and Sir Gallahad. The dam of Granada comes from a female line represented in SA by Queen Of Light and Picture Play, among others. Granada is heavily kinbred: 4x3x3x3x3 Sun Worship x Bridge of Allan x Marguerite de Valois x Palmella x Dora; 4x4x3 Spean Bridge x Plucky Liege x Dora; 5x5x4x5 Santa Brigida x Concertina x Ascenseur x Absurdity. In addition, Granada's grandam is very close kin to Alonzo's grandsire Solario. The latter is an influential sire, but well back in modern pedigrees – even so, one to keep an eye on (notably in Royal Charger, that one's son Turn-To and grandson Hail To Reason (sire of Bold Reason) – who have pedigrees where Plucky Liege features as well).

The grandam of New Predator, Centaine's Gift, has Australian sire Better Boy (My Babu) 3x3. Better Boy is close kin to Klairon, the latter represented in the pedigree of New Approach through his grandson Ahonoora.

Klairon also appears in New Predator's damsire Fastnet Rock, as grandsire of Twig Moss. This makes Fastnet Rock's third dam Twigalae close kin to Better Boy – together making a triple in New Predator's dam, and then linking to Ahonoora in New Approach.