



# Overlord<sup>(AUS)</sup>

## Danehill - Prawn Cocktail by Artichoke

What would you say to a son of world champion sire and successful sire-of-sires Danehill, out of a mare who not only is a half sister to Royal Academy but also to the dam of the world's most expensive sire Storm Cat? You'd give it a go, wouldn't you?

**Certainly that is what happened when Overlord came up for auction as a yearling, establishing a new Australian record price of A\$2.2 million when the hammer fell.**

**O**verlord has two Graded stakes winning full siblings, an unraced full sibling who is a stallion, a half sister who produced a graded placed colt by Danehill and half brother who ran second in the inaugural Breeders Cup Juvenile Turf in 2007. All of which suggests that the cross between sire and dam wasn't without merit.

Overlord's dam is by stallion Artichoke, who is inbred 3x2 to close genetic relatives Miss Disco (dam of Bold Ruler) and Rosy Prospect (grandam of Artichoke). The mating of Artichoke to the mare Crimson Saint (which produced Prawn Cocktail) was an extension of this, involving progeny of Ben Brush (Broomstick, Sweep, and the dams of Bubbling Over, and Black Tony) and stallion Discovery.

This throws the spotlight on Artichoke's grandsire Bold Ruler, as well as progeny of La Troienne conceived by Bubbling Over (Baby League) or Black Toney and/or his grandson Blue Larkspur (ten in all). This in turn leads to a host of big names to combine with Overlord's female line, including Buckpasser, Seattle Slew, Secretariat. We note that Storm Cat's dam Terlingua is by Secretariat.

**T**he bottom female line of Overlord also gives an interesting perspective. His grandam Crimson Saint is inbred 4x4 to genetic siblings Black Toney and Rows Bud, the latter the fourth dam of Crimson Saint. Rows Bud was mated first to Sir Gallahad, the resulting daughter Rare

Bloom to Menow, which gave First Rose. Through this build-up, First Rose becomes a member of a famous affinity group. First Rose is closely related to Flaring Top, grandam of Nijinsky. There are equally close relationships which lead to Buckpasser, Blushing Groom, Tom Fool, Admiral's Voyage, Dinner Partner. Overlord's sire Danehill has Admiral's Voyage and Buckpasser 3x3, linking to First Rose. Then there's Royal Academy, half brother to Prawn Cocktail, who is by Nijinsky.

As a sire, the career of Artichoke was unremarkable. What appears to have been his biggest earner was a Graded stakes winning filly named Brazen, whose dam was by Cornish Prince (Bold Ruler), which gave inbreeding to Bold Ruler 3x3. Interesting to note that the dam of Cornish Prince is by Eight Thirty, a noted War Admiral (the Sweep connection) genetic sibling. Brazen's dam was inbred to that pair 3x4. This draws attention also to another close relative of Eight Thirty and War Admiral, Prince John, who might be used to get back at Artichoke. We note that Eight Thirty is present in Overlord's female line as the sire of Bolero.

### PICK OF THE BUNCH

*Suitable mares for Overlord could include*

1. Mares with Danzig or Danzig affinities through Sharpen Up (eg Fine Edge, Only a Pound, etc), Swaps/Flower Bowl (Fort Wood, Graustark, His Majesty, etc.), Mixed Marriage/Court Martial/Abernant (eg Gone West, Elliodor, Averof/Foveros, etc, etc)
2. Mares with Bold Ruler and/or La Troienne, notably Seattle Slew, Secretariat (Gone West), Buckpasser (Northern Guest, Al Mufti, Lustra, etc)
3. Mares with members of the Tom Fool affinity clan, incl Buckpasser (Northern Guest, Al Mufti, Lustra, etc), Nijinsky (Dancing Champ, Russian Fox, Royal Academy, etc), Blushing Groom (Jallad, Winter Romance, etc), Dinner Partner (Caesour), Storm Cat (Mogok), etc.
4. Mares with combinations of Eight Thirty (Joshua Dancer, Lizard Island, Lavery, etc.), Prince John (Joshua Dancer, West Man, Riverman, etc), War Admiral (widespread)

### Where From Here

- In summary, there appears to be three ways to duplicate salient elements from Overlord.
- The first is by way of his sire Danehill, who seems to go the way his sire Danzig goes. That means Hyperion and related lines, possibly Sharpen Up or Swaps/Flower Bowl, Mixed Marriage/Court Martial/Abernant - there are others.
- The second is through his damsire Artichoke, which involves Bold Ruler and members of the La Troienne tribe. Possibles here are Seattle Slew, Buckpasser, Secretariat.
- The third way is through the bottom female line, by using the affinity group to which First Rose belongs. The group includes Buckpasser, Tom Fool, Nijinsky, Blushing Groom, Dinner Partner, Admiral's Voyage. There are others. National Assembly could be an interesting one, as he's by Danzig from a mare by Buckpasser, out of a mare by Bold Ruler and with a background of Sweep.

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