

Royal Mo

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Uncle Mo – Royal Irish Lass by Saint Ballado

Look, it's simple. And it's complicated.

Royal Mo with Mr P., Hail To Reason and In Reality. Here's why.

He raced only five times, but made real impact, winning the Santa Anita Derby and running third in the Kentucky Derby. Next you know, Indian Charlie pulls a suspensory ligament. Racing career over, and off to stud, not with great expectations. His sire In Excess was a multiple G1 winner by Siberian Express, a son of Caro, from the female line of Mr Prospector. Which in 1998 wasn't quite a fashionable sire-line in the USA, so Indian Charlie started his stud career at a modest \$10k. In his fifth year at stud in 2002 this had risen to no more than \$15k, so the writing looked to be on the wall. Yet over the next decade he sired six G1 winners, of which four were voted Champion, the best one of them Uncle Mo in 2010. Indian Charlie's fee was \$75k when Uncle Mo was conceived.

In terms of kin-breeding theory, Indian Charlie's G3 winning dam Soviet Sojourn has the right pedigree. She's by Leo Castelli, a multiple G1 placed G2 winner who started his stud career in the USA, then shipped off to Russia after three years. When several useful runners emerged from his first crops (including Indian Charlie's dam), he was brought back and given his head in Kentucky.

Leo Castelli has a real racing pigeon pedigree: the product of two parents who both are closely kin-bred, but in unrelated ways. His sire Sovereign Dancer (half brother to National Assembly's dam) is kinbred 2x1 (Natalma x Bold Princess) and 3x2 (Almahmoud x Grey Flight). His dam Suspicious Native is by Raise A Native out of a half sister to Hail To Reason, and is kinbred 2x1 (Raise You x Be Suspicious) and 3x2 (Lady Glory x Nothirdchance).

The mating with Leo Castelli that produced Indian Charlie's dam Soviet Sojourn showed close kin-breeding, where Nothirdchance and Raise You kin-link to the bottom female line, notably the mare Bless The Bride. Aside, the latter's half sister Bless Pat is the kin-link in the pedigree of Pioneer of The Nile (sire of American Pharoah), who is by Empire Maker. The half sisters are from the same female line as stallion In Reality, and are close kin to In Reality's dam My Dear Girl. Interestingly, Empire Maker is closely kin-bred through daughters of In Reality.

Based on the above observations, lines to look for in mares for Indian Charlie should include Nothirdchance (best known as dam of Hail To Reason), Raise You, In Reality. An extension to this selection comes through the close kin-breeding in Mr Prospector (2x3 Raise You x Miss Dogwood). Noting that Nothirdchance is very close kin to Miss Dogwood, this brings Mr Prospector very much into the picture. Note that Siberian Express, grandsire of Indian Charlie, is from the same female line as Mr Prospector, the latter's fourth dam Myrtlewood the common bottom-line factor.

Then there's the 'other half' of Leo Castelli's kin-bred parents, from his sire Sovereign Dancer. This involves Natalma & Almahmoud with Bold Princess & Grey Flight. Given this it is hard to escape Halo, who is by Hail To Reason out of Natalma's half sister

Cosmah. Incidentally, Halo's pedigree makes him very close kin to Bold Reason (Hail to Reason), a noted influence in the pedigree of Sadler's Wells (by Natalma's son Northern Dancer).

A look at Indian Charlie's G1 runners.

Fleet Indian, Eclipse Champion Older Female. Her dam is by Afleet (by Mr Prospector, and a full brother to local sire Muhtafal) out of Bravo Native whose pedigree elements make her close kin to Leo Castelli.

Fleet Indian is kinbred through Indian Charlie's kin-bred Be Suspicious x Bless The Bride, going to the mare's fourth dam Batter Up as well as that one's dam Striking (the La Troienne female line).

Indian Blessing, Eclipse Champion 2yo Filly and 3 Eclipse Champion Sprinter. Her dam is by Flying Chevron, son of Carson City by Mr Prospector.

Indian Apple Is, Champion Female Sprinter in Canada. Her fourth dam Vase (by Native Dancer) is close kin to Leo Castelli's dam Suspicious Native. Vase is from the female line of Mr Prospector (going to Frizette) – the dam of Vase, Vashti, is close kin to Miss Dogwood.

Pampered Princess, G1 winner. Her dam is by Crafty Prospector, who is by Mr Prospector out of a mare by In Reality.

Liaison, G1 winner. Strong bottom-line kin-breeding sequence: 2x3 Soviet Sojourn x Mirror Bright, 2x4 Soviet Sojourn x Pet Eagle, 7x6 Dog Blessed x Real Delight. The dam of Liaison is Galloping Gal, who is herself kin-bred (also involving Dog Blessed). Galloping Gal is by Victory Gallop (by Cryptoclearance, son of Fappiano by Mr P) out of a Vice Regent (Northern Dancer) mare, with the next dam by Halo.

Liaison's 4th dam Pet Eagle is close kin to Leo Castelli's dam Suspicious Native. Pet Eagle descends from the mare Real Delight and is very close in make-up to Alydar (and Plum Bold).

Uncle Mo, Eclipse Champion 2yo Colt. His dam is by Arch, son of Kris S. (Roberto by Hail to Reason). The dam of Arch, Aurora, is close kin to Leo Castelli (their dams Althea and Suspicious Native are also close kin, and Althea's sire Alydar is very close kin to Suspicious Native). There is remote

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Suitable mares for Royal Mo could include

Multiples of Fam. 13 (Mr Prospector (widespread), Seattle Slew, Tourbillon, Djeddah, Elusive Quality, Main Aim);

Hail to Reason - widespread (Bold Reason (Sadler's Wells, Fairy King), Al Mufti, Fort Wood, Jet Master, Flower Alley, Modern Day, Doowaley, Slew The Red, Cataloochee, Stage Call, Lundy's Liability, Jay Peg, Royal Air Force, Pathfork, Await The Dawn, Admire Main, Philanthropist, Albert Hall, Seul Amour, etc, etc);

Glorious Song - Rakeen (Jet Master; Call to Combat), Singpiel (Potala Palace, Lateral), Rahy (Noble Tune, Await The Dawn, Tiger Dance);

In Reality (Trippi, Gold Press, Baroon, King's Chapel, etc);

Grey Flight (National Assembly, Lecture, Philanthropist, etc);

Natalma/Cosmah – widespread (Coup de Folie – Mogok, Machiavellian (Kahal, Right Approach, Asaal, Mullins Bay, etc), Halo (Jet Master, Gimmethegreenlight, Brave Tin Soldier, Admire Main, Querari); Danehill, Announce; etc);

Real Delight – Alydar (Duke of Marmalade, Oratorio, Byword, Houston Connection, etc), Plum Bold, Badger Land (Badger's Drift), Visionaire, Lizard Island, etc.

Unbridled's Song – Noble Tune

Afleet (Global View), Muhtafal

bottom-line kinbreeding in Uncle Mo, through Indian Charlie's Blessed Again linking to the dam's bottom female-line.

On to Uncle Mo's G1 winners.

Nyquist. Equus Champion 2yo Colt. His dam Seeking Gabrielle is by Forestry, whose 4th dam Sequence is grandam of Mr Prospector. The next dam Seeking Regina is by Seeking The Gold, son of Mr Prospector, out of a mare by Buckpasser (La Troienne female line).

Outwork. G1 winner. His dam is by Empire Maker (Mr Prospector and double In Reality), with the fourth dam Juliet close kin to Leo Castelli.

Gomo. G1 winner. Her dam is by Elusive Quality, who is from the same female line as Mr Prospector (Fam. 13). The second dam is by Capote, son of Seattle Slew (Fam. 13). The third dam is by Alydar, the bottom female line going to Grey Flight.

Laoban. Multiple G2 winner. His dam is by Speightstown, who is close kin to Seeking Gabrielle, the dam of Nyquist. The grandam Chatter Chatter has a Hail To Reason double, one from Priceless Gem (Hail to Reason x Searching – from La Troienne female line).

Royal Mo. His dam Royal Irish Lass is by Saint Ballado, a son of Halo. Saint Ballado is (among others) full brother to Glorious Song who is dam of Rakeen, Singpiel, Rahy. As a result Royal Irish Lass is close kin to Rakeen.

The next dam Irish Linnet is by Seattle Song, who is by Seattle Slew (Fam. 13) out of Incantation, by Prince Blessed – whose dam Dog Blessed is very close kin to Nothirdchance. Incantation also is dam of Lucky Spell whose daughter Trolley Song (by Caro, same male line as Uncle Mo) is dam of Unbridled's Song.

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