



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Female-family inbreeding continues running 'roughshod'

by Rommy Faversham

Creachadoir, an Irish-bred four-year old, earned his first Group 1 victory on May 17 at Newbury with a win in the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes (Eng-G1) on the straight mile.



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CREACHADOIR

Last season, the bay colt captured a trio of Group 3 events in Europe and was second in both the Poule d'Essai des Poulains (Fr-G1) (French Two Thousand Guineas) and BoyleSports Irish Two Thousand Guineas (Ire-G1).

Creachadoir became the latest in a recent surge of major stakes winners throughout the Northern Hemisphere whose pedigree features the cross of breed-shaping sire Nureyev with an influential member of his family, most often his three-quarter brother Sadler's Wells.

Creachadoir's sire, the Kingmambo stallion King's Best, won the 2000 Sagitta Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1). Four of his 11 group stakes winners thus far have been out of Sadler's Wells-line mares, including his two richest—the newly minted millionaire Creachadoir and Best Name (GB), who was second in the 2006 Prix du Jockey-Club Mitsubishi Motors (Fr-G1) (French Derby).

Kingmambo, son of the great Nureyev mare Miesque, has meanwhile enjoyed his own considerable success with Sadler's Wells broodmares. This was most recently manifested by Henrythenavigator, who won the Two Thousand Guineas on May 3 at Newmarket. The successful Kingmambo/Sadler's Wells cross also is apparent in the pedigrees of multiple Group 1 winners El Condor Pasa and Divine Proportions.

Some of Kingmambo's other sons at stud have started showing similar broodmare-sire line preferences.

A couple of different variations on this same theme were highlighted at Sha Tin Racecourse in Hong Kong on April 27 when the Kingmambo colt Archipenko unleashed a powerful stretch run to win the Audemars Pignet Queen Elizabeth II Cup (HK-G1). Archipenko's dam, Bound, is a three-quarter sister to Nureyev, creating 4x2 inbreeding to Special, Nureyev's dam.

On the same Sha Tin card, Good Ba Ba became the first horse to qualify for this year's Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) when he won the

Creachadoir, b. c., 2004

King's Best 97 665 fls, 20 SWs SI 1.30 DI=2.06	Kingmambo 90 5 wins, \$733,139, SW 780 fls, 76 SWs SI 3.07 DI=2.72	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
	Allegretta (GB) 78 2 wins, \$22,088, Spl 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.60	Miesque 84 14 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.16	Nureyev 77	Northern Dancer 61 Special 69 Prove Out 69 *Santa Quilla 70
		=Lombard (Ger) 67 204 fls, 14 SWs SI 0.65 DI=0.71	=Agio (Ger) 55	=Promised Lady (GB) 61
=Sadima (Ire) 98 3 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.05	Sadler's Wells 81 6 wins, \$713,690 Champion 2064 fls, 296 SWs SI 4.19 DI=2.82	=Anatevka (Ger) 69 11 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.67	*Espresso 58	=Acropolis (GB) 52 =Babylon (GB) 40 =Birkhahn (Ger) 45 =Alameda (Ger) 51
		Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	*Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
	=Anima (GB) 89 Placed, \$1,729 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=3.00	Fairy Bridge 75 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.29	Natalma 57	Native Dancer 50 Almahmoud 47
	Aidal 84 32 fls, 2 SWs SI 2.51 DI=4.20	Bold Reason 68	Special 69	Hail to Reason 58 Lalun 52 *Forti 63 Thong 64
	=Cocotte (GB) 83 13 fls, 6 SWs DI=2.05	Northern Dancer 61	Native Partner 66	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
		=Troy (GB) 76	=Gay Milly (Fr) 77	Raise a Native 61 Dinner Partner 59 =Petingo (GB) 65 =La Milo (GB) 63 Mill Reef 68 Gaily 71

Champions Mile (HK-G1). Good Ba Ba is by Lear Fan and out of a Nureyev-line mare. Lear Fan's broodmare sire, Lt. Stevens, is a full brother to Thong, Nureyev's grandam. The heralded mating between Nantallah and Claiborne Farm blue hen *Rough Shod II also produced 1965 co-Horse of the Year Moccasin and multiple stakes winner Ridan.

As for the reverse, Nureyev sired just one foal out of a Lear Fan mare, the winning filly Mien. Sporting a 3x4 cross to the full siblings Lt. Stevens and Thong, Mien is the dam of American racing's latest sensation, dual classic winner Big Brown. The three-year old colt remained undefeated with a 5/4-length romp in the Preakness Stakes (G1) on May 17 after notching a 4/4-length triumph in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (G1) two weeks earlier.

Clearly, inbreeding to the family of Nureyev has been a particularly effective breeding strategy at top levels of late.

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