

Dynasty

Fort Wood - Blake's Affair by Commodore Blake

Dynasty, head and shoulders above the best of his generation at 3 and voted Horse of the Year, is the second Gr1 winning son of Fort Wood to enter stud, following Horse Chestnut. The latter has made his mark internationally with Gr1 & Gr2 winning offspring in his first two crops.

Locally, amongst Fort Wood's highest rated Gr1 winning performers three names stand out: Horse Chestnut, Dynasty and Fort Defiance.

Interestingly, the dams of all three show remarkable similarities in their interaction with Fort Wood.

The role of broodmare sires in a pedigree is often underrated. In the case of Dynasty, the presence of his dam's sire Commodore Blake appears to be a key one. Trained by Michael Stoute, Commodore Blake (TFR 123) is by English Derby winner Blakeney out of Ribamba, half sister to another English Classic winner, Bruni. Their dam Bombazine finished fourth in the Oaks. Bombazine is a daughter of Shantung, and here we get to the heart of the matter. Shantung also appears close up in the pedigree of Horse Chestnut's damsire Col Pickering, as the sire of this one's dam Julie Andrews. In fact, Bombazine and Julie Andrews are close genetic relatives, both by Shantung out of a mare by a son of Nasrullah.

Shantung (TFR 132) was sired by French Derby winner Sicambre and is out of the mare Barley Corn, by Hyperion out Schiaparelli. Barley Corn's lasting influence also comes through her daughters, who are found in the bottomline pedigrees of sires Roi Dagobert, Sassafra, Oak Dancer, Djakao, Polar Falcon.

Barley Corn is closely inbred, 2x2 to a son and a daughter of Serenissima - they are Selene (dam of Hyperion) and Schiavoni (sire of Schiaparelli). When these elements are linked back to the pedigree of Fort Wood, they are readily received.

Fort Wood's dam, champion broodmare Fall Aspen, is closely inbred. Imitation, the dam of her sire Pretense, and Khaled, the maternal grandsire of her dam Change Waters are genetic siblings, making for a snug 2x3 match in Fall Aspen. Imitation and Khaled are both by Hyperion. Better still, Khaled's pedigree make-up makes him a genetic sibling to Barley Corn, and the same goes for Imitation.

Further evidence of this genetic sibling link-up is provided by the dam of Fort Defiance, Lily of the Guard, whose dam is a daughter of Regent Street. The latter's pedigree elements make him a genetic sibling to both Khaled and Imitation. And if there were any doubts left, there's another of Fort Wood's Gr1 winning sons Celtic Grove. His dam's sire Welsh Saint is yet another Khaled genetic sibling.

Dynasty's damsire Commodore Blake averaged a mere 15 foals per crop during his South African stud career, and evidence of his affinities is thin. Even so, his best two sons General Blake and Wellington fit the expected pattern. General Blake is out of a mare by Turnkey, whose grandsire Tudor Minstrel is a Barley Corn genetic sibling. Wellington's grandam is by New South Wales, who with two lines of Hyperion and one of Nasrullah belongs in the Barley Corn genetic sibling camp as well. As a broodmare sire Commodore Blake has had (apart from Dynasty) the useful Casual Guy, whose dam is by Tudor Minstrel's grandson Sweet Song.

And so all roads lead to Rome.

The Fourth Quadrant

Still to consider is the not inconsiderable influence of Dynasty's bottom female line. His grandam Joy Petite is by Joy II (three-parts brother to My Babu) out of Lavenda Lady, by Abernant. The latter is by Hyperion's son Owen Tudor (sire also of Tudor Minstrel) out of a mare from Nasrullah's female line. Abernant, not surprisingly, turns out to be a genetic sibling to Khaled and Imitation.

Dynasty's grandam Joy Petite has more than that, however. Her sire Joy II and her dam Lavenda Lady have the same bottom female line. Joy II is out of Perfume, a daughter of Lavendula. The third dam of Lavenda Lady is Source Sucree, also a daughter of Lavendula.

Perfume is an important element in modern pedigrees, through her sons My Babu, Sayani and Joy. Source Sucree features prominently as the dam of influential stallion Turn To (sire of Hail to Reason, Sir Gaylord, Best Turn, First Landing), while her daughter Black Brook is not only the third dam of Joy Petite but also of highclass sire Irish River.

Finally, Lavendula is a granddaughter of influential mare Marchetta, which is of significance to those who want to delve deeper into pedigrees than space allows.

Where From Here

The latch-up of Khaled, Imitation, Barley Corn and Abernant has Hyperion (and his female line elements of Selene and Serenissima) as the driving force. Khaled especially may be of significance. He is represented in the pedigree of Dynasty's sire Fort Wood through Swaps. The latter has a well documented affinity with the mare Flower Bowl (dam of Graustark, His Majesty). The pair are inbred 2x2 to Hyperion and genetic sibling Beau Pere.

In South Africa, Khaled and Imitation are found together (2x2) in the mare Mime, who is grandam of Badger Land. In Badger Land's pedigree, Khaled was mated to Bastogne to produce Mime's dam Avignon. Bastogne, interestingly, is by Djebel out of a mare by Badruddin - compare this to the pedigree of Joy II, who is by Djebe (a son of Djebel) out of a mare by Badruddin.

Dynasty and Badger Land mares might make interesting bed-mates indeed.

Swaps also pops up in the bottom female line of Rakeen. In addition, the latter's dam is a daughter of Halo, by Hail to Reason (Turn To).

Then there is Secret Prospector, whose dam has Flower Bowl and Swaps 2x3. And Rocky Marriage, whose damsire Candy Spots is a 3-parts brother to Swaps (Khaled x Beau Pere)

Pretense and Barley Corn are not readily available in South African based mares, with French Stress (grandson of Pretense) a limited source.

Abernant, on the other hand, is widespread. In this context the pedigree of Golden Thatch (and full brothers Waterville Lake and Thatching) is of interest. The trio are by Thatch (Hyperion male line) out of a mare by Abernant. Thatch, in addition, is a full brother to the mare Special, found in Dynasty's pedigree as the grandam of Sadler's Wells. Moreover, Golden Thatch is inbred to the female line of Thatch and Special.

Tudor Minstrel, Regent Street and New South Wales are well represented in the South African mare population.

Tudor Minstrel is a nice one in the mare Mixed Marriage (third dam of Gone West, sire of Western Winter and West Man who has the Irish River connection) and in the mare Aimee (grandam of Blushing Groom, sire of Jallad). There are other lines, of course.

Regent Street is the damsire of Soho Secret and of Miss Lily, who both have a host of good daughters at stud. Soho Secret is the dam of London News.

New South Wales is mainly found in bottom female lines, and getting further back now.

Dynasty



Hyperion - the driving force in Dynasty's pedigree through sons Khaled and Owen Tudor, and daughter Imitation

The Lavendula double from Dynasty's bottom female line leads to a variety of options. Turn To (already in Dynasty's pedigree through Sadler's Wells) has four sons to be noted:

- * Hail to Reason (widespread, notably as sire of Roberto, and Halo)
- * Sir Gaylord (sire of Habitat, damsire of Lassie Dear - leading to Al Mufti, by Roberto; Wolfhound, by Special's son Nureyev; and Sportsworld, whose dam, by Nureyev, is a half sister to Lassie Dear)
- * Best Turn (by Turn To out of a Swaps mare; sire of Best By Test)

* First Landing (damsire of top-mare Soho Secret, whose sire is Regent Street (!), which leads to Soho's son London News and his half sisters at stud)

Lavendula also appears in My Babu (wide-spread, damsire of Damascus among others) and Ambiorix (damsire of Impressive, in Western Winter; Impressive is a close genetic relative of Lavenda Lady).

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Dynasty could incl.

1. Mares with strong backgrounds of Hyperion, top and bottom
2. Mares with Khaled, Swaps (notably Badger Land, Rakeen), Flower Bowl (Graustark, His Majesty)
3. Mares with Abernant
4. Mares with Thatch (notably Golden Thatch, Waterville Lake), or Special (Nureyev, Fairy King, etc.)
5. Mares with Turn To through Hail to Reason (Al Mufti, Sportsworld)
6. Mares with Turn To through Sir Gaylord (Roberto, Al Mufti, Rakeen, Rollins)
7. Mares with Turn To through Best Turn (Best By Test) or First Landing (London News)
8. Mares with Turn To's genetic sibling Perfume (My Babu, Joy, Regent Street, Sweet Song, etc)
9. Mares with other Lavendula (Ambiorix, as in Western Winter; etc)
10. Mares with Regent Street (Soho Secret, as in London News and sisters), Miss Lily (notably Noble Thatch), New South Wales
11. Mares with Tudor Minstrel (notably Mixed Marriage, as in Gone West (West Man, Western Winter); Blushing Groom as in Jallad; etc)

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AFFINITIES

stallion progeny

When a stallion first goes to stud there is much guesswork of which mares he will work with. When more information emerges, crop by crop, the picture can become clearer. Sometimes overwhelmingly so, when sire and broodmare sire really hit it off.

Listed here are all his runners with an SSI of 1.00 or more (in other words, with the earnings index better than average). Shown are the horse (with birth year and sex), the dam (with her sire and damsire), runs, wins, Stakes wins & places. With that comes the SSI and the highest Merit Rating published. The minimum and maximum winning distance is there, as is the Sporting Post rating-by-distance (five categories, from sprints to long distance). If the horse was sold there is a sale price and Sale Index (to show how the price compared to the average at the sale).



DYNASTY

Horse	Dam	Year	Sex	Runs	Wins	Stakes Wins & Places	SSI	Merit Rating	Sporting Post Rating	Sale Price	Sale Index		
Al Mufti	Magical Miss	(08c)	M	9	2		100,800	1.60	85	1200-1400	80/86/-/-/-	170,000	2.14
Al Mufti	Sunset Sails	(07f)	F	28	6	2 2	420,225	2.38	94	1000-2000	88/88/81/86/-		
Al Mufti	Torrential Rain	(07c)	M	12	2	1	111,675	1.35	88	1200-2000	80/81/76/80/77	180,000	1.94
Aristis	Typical	(06c)	M	17	3		224,425	1.77	103	2000-2600	-/86/65/85/97		
Badger Land	Proud Petal	(06f)	F	10	2		121,750	1.90	82	1600	73/84/74/-	40,000	1.00
Badger Land	Proud Petal	(07f)	F	3	1		36,600	1.93	74	1200	76/-/-/-		
Badger Land	Sage Blue	(07c)	M	15	4	2	395,200	3.82	105	1600-2500	-/74/92/101/104	375,000	1.07
Badger Land	Sweet Blackberry	(06f)	F	14	2		130,875	1.46	71	1450-1600	63/77/-/-	200,000	1.45
Capture Him	Sun Coast	(07f)	F	15	7	4 4	1,121,828	11.65	110	1000-2000	101/100/106/104/-		
Counter Action	Countenance	(07c)	M	12	2		109,800	1.33	84	1200-1450	76/86/84/71/-	360,000	1.03
Counter Action	Dream League	(06f)	F	14	5	1	208,875	2.99	86	1000-1400	82/88/-/-	65,000	0.47
Cozzene	Moonlit Prairie	(08c)	M	8	5	3 1	1,256,205	22.37	116	1400-2000	53/106/96/108/-	1,000,000	10.71
Deputy Commander	Demanding Damsel	(08f)	F	8	3	1	347,275	4.52	87	1200-1600	75/88/88/81/-	135,000	2.45
Deputy Minister	Glowing Amber	(08c)	M	11	3	1	174,575	2.26	93	1200-1400	82/89/-/-	250,000	2.72
Diesis	Die Strand	(07c)	M	12	2		117,225	1.42	84	1450-1600	67/90/-/-	100,000	1.18
Diesis	Die Strand	(08f)	F	9	3		199,855	3.73	90	1200	91/84/-/-		
Ellinor	Royal Charm	(06c)	M	4	1	1	54,550	2.16	0	1400	71/82/-/-	125,000	1.51
Ellinor	Skid Alley	(06c)	M	18	5	1	347,275	2.58	91	1400-2000	-/90/83/93/-		
Flaming Rock	Clock The Rock	(06c)	M	11	6	4 2	2,740,825	33.36	113	1600-2450	65/94/98/106/110		
Harry Hotspur	Burning Tartan	(08c)	M	10	3		158,795	2.66	88	1200-1600	87/83/-/-	120,000	
Hermitage	Fairy Footprints	(08c)	M	8	3		159,920	2.85	87	1600-1800	71/92/92/-/89	350,000	3.75
Hobnob	Cholula	(07c)	M	3	1		59,625	2.88	87	1700	79/78/81/-	190,000	0.54
Home Guard	Dream Home	(06f)	F	17	3	1	284,550	2.61	91	1200-1600	88/88/81/-	35,000	0.25
Jallad	Elda Ribetti	(06f)	F	8	1		62,300	1.21	85	1600	61/87/-/-	400,000	1.08
Jallad	Live Your Dreams	(08f)	F	3	1		35,380	1.98	0	1600	1/72/-/-	90,000	1.14
Jallad	Ritualistic	(07c)	M	17	3		144,825	1.24	88	1400-1600	52/89/89/-	60,000	1.01
Jallad	Running Rhythm	(07c)	M	19	3	1 6	1,058,465	8.08	111	1200-1600	80/99/99/106/-	230,000	0.66
Jallad	Serengetti	(08f)	F	8	1		66,780	1.40	77	1400	72/72/-/-	70,000	1.27
Just Three	London's Delight	(07f)	F	18	1		148,100	1.30	75	1000	67/76/-/-	50,000	0.80
King Of Kings	I've Got It	(08f)	F	19	3	1	207,075	1.83	85	1200-1400	79/82/-/-	60,000	
Mecca Road	Going For Glory	(06c)	M	18	5		302,100	2.25	88	1400-1450	85/92/69/-/-	250,000	0.59
Model Man	Magic Girl	(06f)	F	18	4		217,875	1.89	81	1000	90/-/-/-	55,000	0.40
Model Man	Spanish Harlem	(07c)	M	9	1		62,930	1.01	82	1600	77/76/69/77/-	100,000	1.18
Nassipour	Watercolours	(06c)	M	27	9	4 2	856,821	4.25	104	1800-2900	55/73/91/106/99	130,000	0.31
National Assembly	Limber Pine	(08f)	F	12	1		103,200	1.44	76	1160	73/28/-/-	140,000	
National Assembly	Raise The Roof	(07f)	F	11	4		200,950	2.90	86	1200-1600	69/81/70/-	525,000	2.02
National Assembly	Scented Samantha	(07c)	M	20	2	1	167,225	1.21	84	1300-1400	80/81/-/-	100,000	0.29
Northfields	Southern Pride	(08f)	F	6	2	1 1	123,505	3.45	87	1600	62/80/-/79		
On Stage	Sandton Socialite	(07c)	M	9	2		129,525	2.09	76	1400-1600	35/80/-/77/-		
Our Casey's Boy	Scilly Isles	(08f)	F	9	2		142,350	2.65	91	1450-1600	-/86/75/83/92	200,000	0.75
Perfect Parade	Perfectia	(08f)	F	13	2		86,715	1.12	83	1000-1400	82/79/-/-	180,000	3.27
Pole Position	Forefront	(06c)	M	19	5	2 2	1,179,750	8.31	111	1200-3200	93/99/94/88/107	27,500	0.37
Pole Position	Winning Factor	(07f)	F	26	3		237,231	1.45	86	1400-1600	52/85/-/-	80,000	0.31
Prontissimo	Prussian Blue	(08f)	F	13	2		93,525	1.21	86	1200	86/-/-/-	300,000	1.12
Royal Academy	Royal Polly	(08f)	F	7	1		43,850	1.05	78	1400	53/80/80/-	120,000	
Saumarez	Prive	(08c)	M	4	1		37,130	1.32	81	1200	76/36/-/-	90,000	0.98
Spectrum	Tachina	(06f)	F	11	1		109,800	1.56	78	1000	84/56/-/-	300,000	0.81
Sportsworld	First World	(06c)	M	24	3	2	283,700	1.58	92	2200-2600	-/57/86/74/96	15,000	0.20
Sportsworld	Hockey Corner	(06c)	M	13	3		122,150	1.26	79	1400-1600	52/83/75/-	80,000	1.07
Sportsworld	Princess Kay	(07f)	F	21	4		214,935	1.62	85	1800-2000	52/71/78/84/75		
Twig Moss	Pacific Sunrise	(07f)	F	13	5		278,625	3.40	88	1000-1200	88/63/-/-		
Waldoboro	Calypso Cocktail	(08c)	M	5	1		35,380	1.01	72	1200	69/-/-/-	130,000	1.39
West Man	West Donegal	(06c)	M	19	3	3	315,725	2.23	105	1600-2400	47/101/93/100/95		
Western Winter	Winter Jewel	(08c)	M	6	1		46,548	1.11	87	1400	63/84/60/-	210,000	0.56
Western Winter	Winter Kill	(08c)	M	4	1		35,380	1.26	83	1400	67/77/-/-	500,000	6.30