

THOSE MAGNIFICENT CLASSIC WINNER PRODUCING MARES: ADIO STAR/LEYAVA

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The twelfth in a series of articles reviewing multiple classic producing broodmares with five or more offspring in results information as shown on the Classic Families (CF) database. A number of these mares won classic races, became the dams of classic winners/progeny and contributed to the genetic inheritance of numerous outstanding performers.

ADIO STAR (1957 Captain Adios/Loyal Guest) USA family of Brown Lancet; 2:10.6, \$1,560; 3 wins; 15 foals, 13 to race for 10 winners and three qualifiers. Breeder: WF (Frank) Woolley. Foals bred by: Alastair Kerslake (Loyal Adios); Frank Woolley (Colonel Adios, Adios Wren, Bachelor Star, Garrison Adios); Francis Woolley/Betty Kerslake (Adios Bachelor, Telstar, Main Adios, Supreme Adios, Main Star, Bionic Star); Alastair/Betty Kerslake and Francis Woolley (Game Adios, Bionic Adios, Main Win, Star's Legacy)

Adio Star's sire Captain Adios was imported into NZ by Sir Roy McKenzie as a four-year-old in 1956 having won the Fox Stakes and Review Stakes at two in USA. He was a son of Adios from well-performed mare Shy Ann, dam of Adios Betty and fourth dam of Beach Towel. After three years at stud, he died prematurely suffering a broken thigh bone and a twisted bowel. Captain Adios left 49 winners, several successful sires and dams as well as four NZ Derby winners. His winners included Jay Ar, named after Sir Roy's father (ID Pacers G/F), Great Adios (NZ Cup/NZFFA/Easter Cup), Deft (dam of champion juvenile and sire Noodlum) and damsire of NZ Derby winners - Bachelor Star, Game Adios, Main Adios, Noodlum plus Main Star (GN Derby)[all except Noodlum were out of Adio Star], Leading Light (Ak Cup), Olga Korbut (NZ C/S - 2), Via Veneto (GN Oaks).

Dam Loyal Guest was a sibling of Margaret Hall, Paramount and Gypsy Belle from grand producer Tondeleyo (Wrack/Estella Amos). Apart from Adio Star, Loyal Guest left True Guest (5 wins), dam of New Guest (dam of Hilarious Guest - Sapling, NZ C/S - 2, NZ Derby, NZ/GN Oaks, Messenger, NZ Breeders Stakes; Speedy Guest - GN Derby, Messenger). The Loyal Guest branch of Tondeleyo includes recent stand outs Village Hero, Champagne Princess, Lancome, Estella Rose, Fiery Falcon.

Adio Star was from the family of Brown Lancet who appeared in the April 2015 Harnessed - Margaret Hall.

Adio Star's race career spanned three seasons hindered by unsoundness during which she recorded three wins (five-year-old - Timaru, Hororata; 6yo - Westport) before commencing her broodmare career. She was an immediate success being rewarded with the 'NZ Broodmare of Year' title (1978). Adio Star has the unique distinction of producing four Derby winners - Bachelor Star, Game Adios, Main Adios and Main Star. All of her progeny were raced by Alastair and Betty Kerslake of Lauriston together with Frank (Alastair Kerslake's father in law) or Francis Woolley (brother-in-law), one time Hamilton motelier. Frank Woolley passed Adio Star onto his son Francis and daughter Betty in 1969 after breeding Garrison Adios.

Adio Star's male progeny included:

Adios Bachelor, placed at two before his only success at three (Waikouaiti Stakes - 3). He sired Bachelor Creed (Marlborough Winter Cup) among his 23 winners (28 as broodmare sire).

Bachelor Star, nine-win horse with two-year-old wins in ATC Scotchman and Thames Juvenile Stakes. His five wins at three included New Brighton Stakes, NZ Derby (4th GN Derby) and

ATC Epsom Hcp - 3/4. Placed at four, he won twice from three starts at five (Addington - Spring/Smithson Hcps). Bachelor Star retired following a solitary start at six, placing in New Brighton's A.E. Laing Hcp. At stud, he produced 44 winners including Dundas (Oamaru/Ashburton Cups); damsire of 53 winners (Lady Franco: Cambridge Gold Cup, Morrinsville Breeders; My Hanover Nugent: Bathurst City Cup).

Bionic Adios, winner of seven (Ashburton, Rangiora (2), Methven, Forbury Park (2), Waimate Cup); sire of eight winners including Aratika (Rangiora Winter Cup).

Colonel Adios, five-race winner during three year career. Placed at three, before his first 2 wins at four (Methven, CPTC - Cressey Stakes). At five, winner at Forbury Park, NBHRC Raceway Stakes and Masterton Cup.

Game Adios, won eight beginning with placings at two. His initial win came in the First Canterbury Stakes at Addington, the first of seven three-year-old wins - Forbury Park, Addington - 3 (Metropolitan Show Day Stakes and NZ Derby), Hutt Park (Cardigan Bay Stakes) and Alexandra Park. Game Adios finished second in Champion (Ashburton) and Balance (Wanganui) Stakes at three His final victory was in the Ribbonwood Hcp at Addington in August 1980 and never placed from a further 12 starts over the next four seasons.

Loyal Adios, 7 career wins with 4 at age three (Canterbury Park Pioneer Stakes/two other 3yo CPTC wins). His lone four-year-old victory was at Addington before two successes at five (Addington - Wildwood Hcp, Timaru - South Canterbury Hcp).

Main Adios, 9 wins over three seasons starting with four juvenile age group wins at two (Hosking/Roydon



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Stakes at Wellington, Forbury Juvenile, New Brighton Festival Stakes), also placing second in Golden Slipper Stakes. At three, Main Adios's 3 wins included Flying Hcp on NZ Cup Day and \$19,000 NZ Derby (same night Kerslake won Spring Time Stakes with Watbro Trick and Harold Logan Stakes with In Or Out - NZ Oaks/Breeders Stakes). He finished second in the Champion Stakes. Main Adios' final season at four, saw two Addington wins from 5 starts, Ribbonwood Stakes, and appropriately the Final Hcp in his last start on 4th day (night) of NZ Cup meeting. Sired 22 winners and damsire of 20 (Young Whiz (Raith Memorial)).

Main Star, eight-race winner starting with a win at Alexandra Park at two and placed third in Timaru Nursery Stakes/NZ C/S - 2 and fourth in Welcome Stakes. A seven-win 3yo career brought victories at Addington (4) - New Brighton 3YO/Cross/Air NZ Stakes, NZ C/S - 3; Alexandra Park (GN Derby/Derby trial) and Hutt Park (Cardigan Bay Stakes), also placing third in Champion/Timaru Challenge Stakes. His only placing of significance at four/five was second to Miss Pert in New Brighton Cup. At stud, Main Star sired 17 winners (Rainbow Patch; Hororata Cup); damsire of 12 (Twinkle John; Ashburton Flying Stakes, Kurow Cup).

Adio Star's fillies included:

Adios Wren, two unplaced runs at three in NZ before exported to Australia, producing Wrengari, among first 100 2:00 pacers in Australia (Geelong 2:00.0TT, 1981). Stars Legacy, winner of RM Cameron Stakes (Ashburton), dam of winner.

Bionic Star, winner of 8 of 23 starts in a career impacted by unsoundness (tendon problems) starting with a sole three-year-old win at Addington. A dual winner at Forbury, then Addington before winning the Waikouaiti Cup in four successive starts before a further win at Addington was the fifth of her 4yo career. Two further Addington wins at five completed career successes. Bionic Star was dam of 10 foals for seven winners led by outstanding race mare

Bionic Chance (NZSS - 2c against boys, Leonard Memorial, Golden Slipper/Kindergarten/Timaru Challenge Stakes, Wellington Cup, NZ Breeders Stakes, Hannon Memorial, Premier Mares C/S, 2f/4m Pacer of Year; died of ruptured bowel, January 1993) with Bionic Raider the quickest - 1:56.2US.

Supreme Adios, unraced, dam of 16 foals, 7 winners including:

Oh So Fair, WA Breeders Stakes

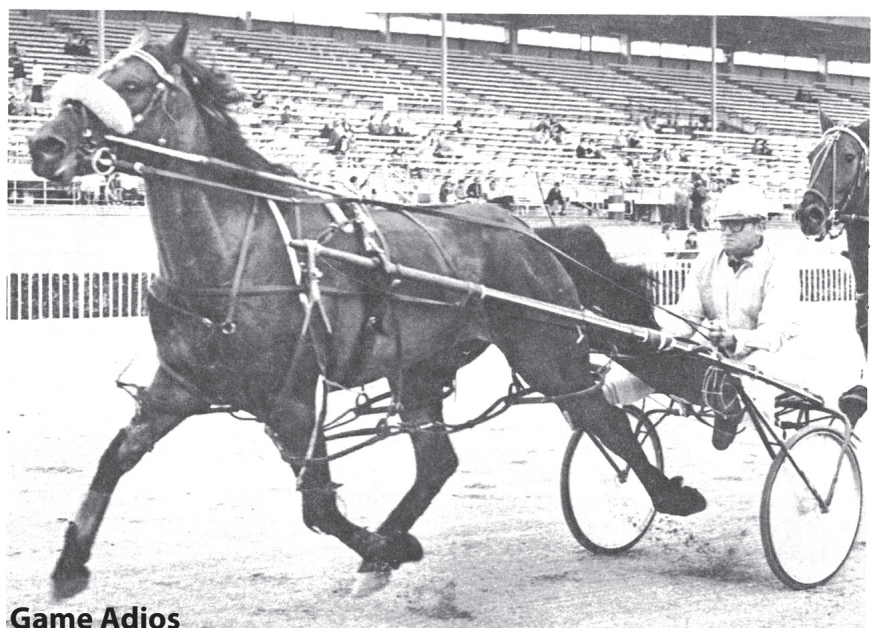
- Supreme Dream, granddam of Ballindooley (Invercargill Summer Cup, NZ C/S 4/5)
- Supreme Holmes, granddam of Supreme Mach (Redcliffe Derby)
- Most Happy Star, WA Triple Crown - 2f; dam of:
 1. Windshield Star (Leonard Memorial - 2f); dam of U Legend (GN Breeders Stakes - 4m, NZSS SI 4/5m), Top Of The Line (WA Gold Bracelet - 2f); granddam of Antares (Morrinsville Juvenile, NZSS NI Graduate - 2)
 2. Classic Speed, dam of Motu Speedy Star (Waimate/Kurow Cups)
 3. Star Rider, dam of Double R (Hororata Cup)
- Smokey Tabella, Morrinsville Breeders, dam of:
 1. Rocket Warrior, TAS Guineas
 2. Willie Walker, Bendigo Guineas/Derby, Geelong Guineas

- Supreme Knight, unraced, dam of:
 1. Supreme Award, Cheviot/Wellington Cups
 2. Supreme Chip, Triple Crown Classic - 3f; granddam of Caesar Supreme, 36 wins in Australia to date.

LEYAVA (1958 Garrison Hanover/Pollyapolis), Aus family of Lady Ajax; 2:09.6, \$1,710; 2 wins; 11 foals, eight to race for seven winners and 1 qualifier. Breeder JS Sellars. All foals bred by AM Sellars

Leyava raced briefly from four to seven winning at Roxburgh (four-year-old) and Winton (five-year-old). Placed at six and seven, she became a very successful broodmare.

Equal with Lordship for number of winners produced, Leyava's sire Garrison Hanover was imported to NZ in 1955 standing at stud for 28 years for Bill Denton having to be humanely destroyed in March 1981. His was a quality pedigree by Billy Direct from a Guy McKinney mare (Gloria Hanover) from Peter the Great mare Queenly McKinney. He was a good winner in USA against the best horses of his day. He was sire of Garry Rowan, who sired Garry's Advice and Classic Garry who left Chandon in Australia. Leading sire for three consecutive years 1966-7 to 1968-9, Garrison Hanover was leading broodmare sire in 1982/3.



Game Adios



His 501 winners included Caledonian Garrison (GN Derby), Cardinal Garrison (GN/NSW Derbies, AK Cup), Dandy Briar (AK Cup), David Garrison (NZ C/S - 2), Game Adios/Main Adios/New Law (NZ Derby), Garry Dillon (NZ Cup), Lady Nugent/Shalimar (NZ Oaks), Speedy Guest (GN Derby, Messenger), Waitaki Hanover (GN Derby, NZFFA, AK/Hunter Cups). Garrison Hanover's broodmare sire credits included Albas Reign (NZ C/S - 2, NZ Derby), Balgove (NZFFA, Easter Cup), Classiebawn (NZ Breeders Stakes), Harvest Oaks (GN Oaks), Hilarious Guest (see Loyal Guest above).

Dam Pollyapolis was by Indianapolis from Fortune's Favourite, a grand daughter of Miss Fortune, most prominent of Edith's foals. Pollyapolis was a six-race winner spread over four seasons (Invercargill, Wyndham, Ashburton twice, Addington, Forbury Park). Besides Leyava, Pollyapolis left Gore Cup winner Trigsid; Va Vite, dam of Calton Hill (winner inaugural NZ C/S - 4); granddam of Karalea (Roxburgh Cup), Glen Moira (Winton/Roxburgh/CPTC Winter Cups); third dam of Rapture (Southland Oaks), Kildonnán (Riverton/Yarra Valley/Warragul Cups).

The Australian family of Lady Ajax was founded in 1880's, result of mating Ajax with Lady Fisher. Two of her offspring were sire Piccaninny (9 Sydney wins; sire of 46 winners; sire of third dam of Lawn Derby) and Edith, who when exported to NZ began a very successful branch of this family through her filly Miss Fortune. Those tracing to this family include Free Hall (ID Pacing Final), Tobacco Road (NZ Derby), Radiant Fortune (WA Cup), Trevira (Easter Cup), Pacific (USA Breeders Crown), Yankee Loch (Rowe Cup, ID Trot Final), Flight South (AK Cup), Pullover Brown (VIC/NZ/AUS Oaks, NZ Breeders Stakes), Moment In Time (AUS Oaks), Fleur De Lil (WA Oaks, AUS Breeders Crown - 3f, 1:53.4AUS), Sovereignty (GN Trotting Derby, National Trot, T1:56.7) with the quickest being Montecito (1:49.2US).

Leyava's male progeny include:

Profiteer, winner of 6 races, the first 2 at four (Wyndham, Forbury Park). The Reefton Cup and 2 Addington wins followed plus second in Hororata Cup at five with a final win at Addington as an eight-year-old. Profiteer sired five winners.

Ryal, a good Southland pacer for owner/trainer Jim Dynes, whose 9 wins were recorded from three to five. His single win at three was at Oamaru before finishing second in the Queens Birthday Stakes. At four, 7 wins with three at Invercargill, 1 at Wyndham and 3 at Addington (at Easter - Rattray/Plains Hcps, NZ Autumn Stakes). His single win at five was at the NZ Cup carnival in Canterbury Restricted FFA. Ryal was exported to North America.

Sassenach, a classy twelve-race winner before he was exported to North America. Sassenach recorded 4 wins at three. The major win was the NZ 3YO C/S at Addington. His outstanding season at four included NZ Cup meeting wins in the Hayward/Churchill Hcps, CPTC Presidents Hcp before 2 heat wins at 1971 Addington ID's (2nd another heat, unplaced final). His final 2 NZ wins were at Addington as a 5yo in Le Lievre/Ollivier Hcps. Sassenach placed in each of the following three seasons - at six, third in Miracle Mile, fourth Ollivier Hcp; at seven, third in Clarendon FFA and at eight, second in CPTC Presidents Hcp.

Shavande, winner of five races in Southland starting with 2 wins at three (Wyndham, Gore). Further 2 wins at Wyndham at four before his final win at five (Gore Cup). He raced for two further seasons without success before export to North America.

Stampede, winner of 11 races over four years reaching cup class. He started with 6 wins as a four-year-old (Winton, Invercargill, Hutt Park (2), Addington (2)) with a second in Wyndham Cup and fourth in NZ C/S - 4. Stampede's 4 wins at five were at Forbury Park, Addington and Alexandra Park twice including ID Pacing Consolation as well as running third in Easter Cup (Hands Down). A solitary win at six was recorded in the Ray Coupland

Stakes (previously Ollivier Hcp) during Addington Cup carnival. At seven, Stampede placed second in Kaikoura Cup and fourth in NZFFA. The Young Charles stallion sired 51 winners (Defoe 1:53.00TT, Taylor Mile, Superstars - 4, ID Heat; Lady Bonnie, Ashburton Cup; Stands To Reason, NZSS -2c, Cardigan Bay Stakes - 2); damsire of 35 winners (Wingandaprayer, Riverton Cup; Les Lisle, Waimate/Amberley/Tuapeka Cups; Onedin Crusader, Kurow/Timaru Winter Cups; Onedin Legacy, Invercargill Cup).

Zabadak, Stampede's half brother was an open class pacer who won on eleven occasions. A winner at three at Invercargill, where he also finished second in Futurity and third in Southland Challenge Stakes 3/4. At four, Zabadak won at Winton, Invercargill and twice at Wyndham (Wyndham Cup). At five, wins were recorded at Wyndham, Forbury Park and Addington (Pan Am Mile consolation) together with second in Gore Cup and fourth in Easter Cup. Zabadak's 3 wins at six included Forbury Park (beating Bonnies Chance) and a double at Addington (Firestone Junior FFA, Wee Win FFA). He finished second in White Heron Travelodge FFA, third in ID heat and fifth in Auckland Cup. He placed at seven and eight; second in Winton Cup, third Pan Am Mile consolation.

Leyava's fillies included:

(My) Saligna, born NZ, unraced dam of Silken Smooth (2 wins, 2:00.8, fastest progeny), exported to Australia, her 10 foals produced six winners from seven to race mostly for Solid Earth Pty Ltd, Queensland.

Socialite, unraced, dam of:

- Oh So Fair, WA Breeders Stakes
- Supreme Adios, unraced, dam of 16 foals, 7 winners including :
- Oh So Fair, WA Breeders Stakes
- Supreme Dream, granddam of Ballindooley
- Lady Megan, granddam of Greek To Me, Tom and Grace
- Susan Who, dam of Flashbang, 1:55.0 Menangle

Next Month: Desilu/Vonnell