

Those magnificent classic winner producing mares

Belle Logan/Bonny Logan

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The fourth 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 and became the dams of classic winners/progeny and contributed to the genetic inheritance of numerous outstanding performers.

BELLE LOGAN (1916 Logan Pointer/Curfew Bell), NZ family of Bonnie Belle; 2:20¾; \$640, two wins; 11 foals, nine winners. Breeder : W.J. Morland, Rakaia. Foals - 1926 Dillon Logan bred by D. Rodgers, Rangiora, mare then shipped to Edgar Tatlow, Hayley, Tasmania in 1929; all others foaled in Australia including 1929 foal Pendant (in foal to Native King NZ).

Belle Logan's sire Logan Pointer (1909) was imported to NZ by Free Holmes in 1915. He sired 191 winners, Harold Logan being the stand out (two NZ Cups, three NZFFAs). His broodmare credits included Inter Dominion (ID) Champions Logan Derby, Grand Mogul and Springfield Globe. He was influential as broodmare sire of a number of the progeny of Bonny Logan (Admiration, Bayard, Captain Morant, Coquette, Safety Pin) as well as Belle Logan (Jean Logan, Logan Derby, Lone Raider, Pendant). A member of the Tom Hal sire line, Logan Pointer was leading sire on seven occasions in NZ in a career shortened by his death in 1924.

Curfew Bell (Wildwood/Bonnie Belle), a half sister to Country Belle was the dam of Belle Logan and grand dam of Logan Derby, sire of Johnny Globe, in turn sire of Lordship etc. Bonnie Belle (Lincoln Yet/arab mare from the stud of Sir John Cracroft Wilson, Cashmere), was the foundation mare of this classic winner producing family. Her daughter Country Belle (1915 NZ Cup) will be reviewed with regards to the deeds of classic winner producing mare Rustic Maid in a future article.

Belle Logan had four unplaced starts as a four-year-old in 1919/20 before recording her only two wins (FPTC and Waimate RC). She raced as a five- and six-year-old and she had one start as a seven-year-old. She only recorded one further placing. Belle Logan's progeny included the legendary Logan Derby, a son of Globe Derby and winner of 57½?



Master horseman Free Holmes pictured when 35 years old in 1906 (right) and in 1939 (left) when 68.

½½races for prize money in excess of £10,000. These included being undefeated in the inaugural IDs in Perth 1936 (three heats/final) and champion on points (heat winner, two thirds and fastest times from long marks) in 1940 also in Perth. Under the championship rules, Logan Derby with 18 points was proclaimed champion from Master Dixie (13½) and Grand Mogul (13⅓). Grand Mogul received £1,000 for his Grand Final victory, the same amount as Logan Derby who received a gold cup. During the ID carnival, Logan Derby established his 2:04TT record placing him among the first six horses to better the 2:05 mark in Australia.

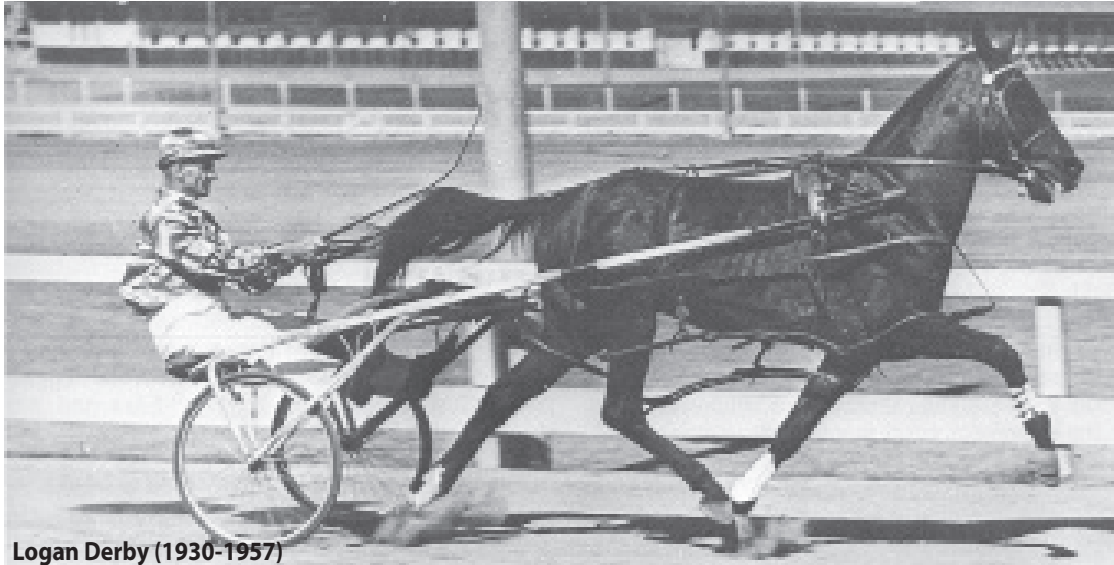
Logan Derby spent time in NZ in late 1938 where in seven starts he won on three occasions and placed in the other four starts. His record showed : thirds in NZ Cup (Morello)/Ollivier Hcp, second in Louisson Hcp before winning NZFFA—all during 1938 Cup carnival with three starts at Forbury Park resulting in wins in Forbury Hcp and Forbury Presidents Hcp before a second in his final NZ start, Recovery Hcp. His NZ earnings amounted to £1,795.

Exported to NZ (1944) to F.J. Smith after initially standing at stud in Perth in 1943 for J.P. (John) Stratton) following his retirement at age 13, he sired 98 winners (36 in Aust). These included champion Johnny Globe (winner of 34 races/45 places, 15 FFAs, four world records, NZ/GN Derby, NZ Cup, NZFFA (2), leading sire/broodmare sire including Lordship, NZ Hall of Fame), Fabius (GN Derby), Jewel Derby/Tapuwae (Rowe Cup), Vodka ((Dominion Hcp, NZ Trotting FFA, first Australasian winner in North America, NZ Hall of Fame). He was dam sire of Logan Count (Dominion Hcp), Master Dean (NZFFA, five classic race mile wins). Logan Derby passed through a number of hands during his siring career—after Smith's death he went to Edgar Kennerley, then Tamahare owner R.C. Mason stood him for a number of years before being sold to George Youngson at Gore.

Pendant, was a winner in Tasmania including a heat of the 1939 IDs held at Elphin raceway, Launceston and grand dam of High Pendant (left four winners), sire of 16 winners including Sally Alla, Australian Broodmare of Year in 1987 & 1988. She was dam of Rowleyalla (\$½m, NSW Breeders Plate -2, NSW SS -3, QLD/NSW Derby, QLD Winter Cup, Aust 2YO mile record 1:55.0TT, Aust Mile record 1:52.6TT) and Grand Thor (ID heat). Jean Logan, won the Tasmanian Easter Cup but did not breed on.

Dillon Logan, recorded 11 wins (seven as a four-year-old) in NZ including Hawera/Dunedin Cups and Oamaru Hcp. Lone Raider (Raider) whose nine wins included the CPTC Winter Cup. Van Logan (Van Derby), a winner in Australia was exported to NZ (1947) to stand at stud being a minor sire leaving 15 winners (four Aust). Other minor winners in Australia included Beadesert, Speedy Logan and Logan Globe (dam of two winners). Non winning mare Para Belle left 11 foals for three winners.

BONNY LOGAN (1919 Logan Pointer/Bonilene) USA family of Black Betty; 2:09.8; \$14,514; 14 wins; nine live foals, eight winners. Breeder : F. Holmes and W.H. Norton, Christchurch and breeders of all foals except Captain Morant, Bonny Bridge, Admiration, Bashful - Miss P. Norton.



Logan Derby (1930-1957)

Bonny Logan's sire like Belle Logan was Logan Pointer, her dam Bonilene was also imported and the founding mare of a very successful family. From relatively obscure sire and broodmare sires, Bonilene's pedigree included infusions of leading American stallions: Baron Wilkes, Nutwood and Charles Derby, Steinway leading back to Hambletonian 10 through George Wilkes and Strathmore. The family of Black Betty faded out in North America but prospered in New Zealand through a number of her daughters (Bon Rey, Bonny Drusus, Bonny Norval, St Helena) led by Bonny Logan.

Notable descendants tracing back to Bonilene include her greatest performer in double millionaire and three time Australian Harness Horse of Year/Grand Circuit Pacing champion Westburn Grant (NZ/VIC/NSW Derbies, Golden Nugget, two Miracle Miles, Truer Memorial, QLD C/S, 2 SA Cups, Harold Park Cup, Aust Pacing C/S, two WA Cups, ID Ht/Final), NZ Cup winners Adorian/Lookaway, top race mares Hyperstat (VSS - 3f/4m) and Gina Rosa (NZ Oaks, Nevele R Fillies, NZ Breeders Stakes, dam of Allstar Blue Jean), Shattering Class (\$810k) plus fastest performers in Allstar Blue Jean (1:48.4US), Georgetown (1:50.0US) and Hillside Joe (1:52.0AUS).

Racing for 10 seasons from two till 11 years old, Bonny Logan was a very good class race mare. At two (1921/2), she won at New Brighton and was placed fourth in Sapling Stakes. Her three-year-old career included five victories (New Brighton, Alexandra Park, Addington, Forbury Park and Canterbury Park) and second placings in both NZ and GN Derbies (stakes of £1,608). Just the one solitary win at as a four-year-old at Addington (Craven Hcp) and at as a five-year-old in 1924/5 season in the New Brighton club's Telegraph Hcp. Bonny Logan's three six-year-old successes all came at Addington beginning with an early season feature, Lightning Hcp (Royal and Telegraph Hcps). Victories as a seven-year-old came in the High Class and Hagley Hcps, both at Addington. Bonny Logan's sole win as an eight-year-old was in the Henry Mace Memorial at Addington. She raced for a further three seasons (nine- to eleven-year-old) but recorded no further wins, just several placings before moving to the breeding paddock.

Bonny Logan's progeny included many top performers on the track and in the breeding barn. Admiration's deeds will be more fully reviewed in a future article where she is one of our classic-producing mares. She was a winner of Timaru Nursery as

a two-year-old (three wins). Bashful (Grattan Loyal) was unraced but proved a prolific and successful breeder. Included amongst her progeny were Cup class performers:

1. Damian - AK Cup, ID heat and his full brother
2. Diamond Hanover - ID heat, Ashburton Flying Stakes
3. Guiseppe - GN Derby, ID heat; minor sire, dam sire of Rundale (SA Trotters Derby). Note - Damian, Diamond Hanover, Guiseppe all started in 1961 ID G/F at Addington (Bashful only mare to achieve this feat)
4. Torrent - Easter Cup, ID Consolation; dam of Amaze (NZ Derby), Elite Del (dam of Cavaliere Servente, Sossy - Hannon Memorial, Chch Airport Travelodge FFA), Our Flawless (descendants include Step Outside, NSWSS 3f), Prima Vance (grand-dam of Grenadier - Junior FFA, Nursemaid - Southland Oaks), Surge (grand-dam of Misjudge - Sapling, Woodlea Life - Delightful Lady Classic - 2f) as well as Bashful Hanover, unraced sire of 88 winners in Australia including Run Joe Run (NSW/QLD/AUS Derbies), dam-sire of Executioner (NSWSS - 3c) and Shy Songster, winner and sire of 63 winners in Australia. Other progeny included Firth (unplaced in eight two- to three-year-old starts) who bred on with descendants including One Way Traffic (NZ C/S -2); and Kai Tere, non winning mare whose descendants include Hushed World (several Victorian provincial Cups).

Another filly in Coquette (Grattan Loyal), a winner of eight races including National Cup Hcp, left the very good winners and sires in:



Johnny Globe

1. Adorian - from Springfield Globe's first crop, was the winner of 12 races including NZ Cup, National and Louisson Hcps, 2nd in NZFFA, sire of 50 winners and dam-sire of New Law (NZ Derby), Swift Princess (NZ Oaks)

2. Forward - leading juvenile pacer, winner of eight races including Welcome/Sapling Stakes; sire of 83 winners including Avante (Ashburton Cup), Bambi, Le Char, Max Brydon, Pancho Boy and dam-sire of Ascot Arrow (Rosso Antico Stakes), Bad Luck (Kaikoura Cup, Ashburton Flying Stakes), Cinimod Junior (TVNZ Mile), Precious Sally (GN Oaks), Watbro (Hannon Memorial)

3. Morano - winner of nine races including Timaru Nursery and Metropolitan Challenge Stakes; sire of 102 winners including Courtier (Welcome Stakes, Timaru Nursery), Diarac (Hannon Memorial, Ashburton Flying Stakes), Have Care (NZ Oaks), Humphrey (NZ/Kaikoura Cups), Manaroa (Kaikoura Cup, six ID heats, 2nd ID G/F), Marius (BPTC/Ordeal Cups, Trotting C/S), Martinique (Kaikoura Cup), Sam Carter (Sapling Stakes), Semioh (Welcome Stakes) and dam-sire of Barbara Del (Welcome Stakes), Captain Harcourt (GN Derby, AK/Easter Cups, ID Consolation), Michele Bromac (Kaikoura Cup, Junior FFA), Micron (Kaikoura Cup), Morano Magic (Golden Nugget), Palestine (two Hannon Memorials, Kaikoura Cup, ID Consolation, Matson FFA), Royal Lopez (Sapling Stakes), Saucy Star (ID Consolation), Shalimar (NZ Oaks), Tonton Macoute (Messenger)

4. Vigilant (gelding) - Welcome Stakes

Safety Pin (Rey De Oro) was a winner eight times including the Armstrong Memorial at Trentham in 1944 (Hutt Park was by military during WWII : Sept 1942 - February 1946 meetings). She bred on leaving a number of winners including Secure (Otahuhu Cup, sire of Safe Return, Kaikoura Cup, ID Consolation) and was grand-dam of good trotter Forward March.

Captain Morant (Rey De Oro) proved a good youngster winning Sapling and Champion Stakes amongst five age group races as a two-, three- and four-year-old.

Bonny Logan also left a number of good sires in :

1. Bayard (Frank Worthy) - good winner of 11 races (placed 2nd/4th AK Cup and 3rd NZ Cup) and sire exported to Australia in 1945, he stood mainly in SA but had his last season in NSW. He sired 57 winners, being dam-sire of Mercedes (good class Perth pacer), Simpsonic (VIC Sapling), Weezy Anna (SA Oaks)

2. Gaillard (Rey de Oro) - winner of five races and sire of 63 (five Aust), damsire of Great Adios (NZ Cup/FFA, Easter Cup), Petite Yvonne (ID heat), Portree (WA Cup), Sibelia (Hunter Cup), Smoko (VIC Derby)

3. Bonny Bridge (Grattan Loyal) - winner of NZ Derby and two other races, sire of winners in Tasmania including Young Noddy (TAS Derby) and dam-sire of Wendy Dawn (NZ Oaks)

Prosecutor (Rey de Oro), a 2:50.0 pacer also won three races for his dam Bonny Logan.

Next Month : First Water and Ayr.