

THOSE MAGNIFICENT CLASSIC WINNER PRODUCING MARES: LOOKS THE PART/SEAMOON

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The sixteenth 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.

LOOKS THE PART (1985 Neros BB/Living Doll), USA family of Dairy Maid; 2:09.6, \$9,400; 1 win; 15 foals, 10 to race for 10 winners. Breeder: Wayne Francis. All foals bred by Spreydon Lodge Ltd except Lika Lot (Wayne Francis).

Sire Neros BB was poised to fulfil his rising champion sire tag when sadly lost to the industry in January 1990, aged 11. He was the first stallion to leave a Derby (QLD - Neros Jay) and Oaks (NZ - Adina Bebe) winner from his first crop. He died just a day and a half after his first crop four-year-old son Neroship had won the Auckland Cup (later same year won NZ Cup). Nero's BB sired 265 winners including Adina Bebe/Gypsy Winkle (NZ Oaks), Bee Bee Cee (NZ Cup/FFA), Dream Prince/Neros Jay (QLD Derby), Eastburn Grant (Rowe Cup), Neroship (AK/NZ Cup), Nevermore (NZSS - 2f, Caduceus Club Classic - 2f); dam sire of over 500 including All Hart (NZ C/S - 2, GN Derby), Badlands Bute (GN/NZ Derbies), Caps Off (NZ Oaks), Franco Enforce (AUS/QLD Derbies, NZSS -3), Franco Hat Trick (NSW Derby, Chariots of Fire), Franco Heir (NSW Derby, NZSS - 3), Gretamaro (NZSS - 2f), Major Decision (National Trot), Matai Mackenzie (NZSS - 2c, NZ C/S - 2, GN Derby), OK Royal/Pic Me Pockets (Messenger), Russian Road (NZ C/S - 2), Turkana (Nevele R - 3f, QLD Oaks).

Looks the Part's dam Living Doll was a Lordship mare from Queens Coronet, the dam also of Chief Command

(Ashburton Flying Stakes, NZFFA) and Indecision (Waimate/Ashburton/Rangiora Cups, dam sire of Sir Alba (Sapling, NZSS - 3c)); 3rd dam of Field Commander (ID heat); 4th dam of Dasher VC (WA Golden Nugget - 4, Fremantle Cup). Living Doll recorded five victories with her first at Rangiora at three followed by four at four (Timaru, Greymouth Presidents Hcp, Methven and CPTC LS Smart Stakes). Living Doll finished second in a World Drivers C/S event at Addington in 1975. After only placing at five she was retired for breeding purposes. A prolific producer especially of fillies (11 of 15 foals) with nine to race for 7 winners/3 qualifiers her progeny included:

Jonty Rose, dam of Riverboat Rosie (QLD Oaks)

Miss Tennessee, granddam of Tennessee Flight (Alexandra Park Winter Cup, Robin Dundee Crown)

Nardins Doll, dam of:

Seafield Holly, grand dam of Nick Off Holme (Firestone Junior FFA)

Seafield Inca, 11 wins, Sapling Stakes, Otago C/S - 3, Southern Supremacy - 3

Seafield Lisa, granddam of Miller (1:54.9TT), Well Caught Marsh (1:54.6)

Seafield Raider, 13 wins

Smooth Doll, dam of My Party Doll, NZYSS - 3f.

Looks The Part was from the family of Dairy Maid which appeared in the September 2014 Harnessed Classic winner-producing mares series (Norice). Winning her first start in a maiden event at Methven and three other placings as a three-year-old from 5 starts including a third in NZ Oaks, she retired to the broodmare paddock at the conclusion of her three-year-old career.

Looks The Parts male progeny included:

Franco Laden, unplaced at three/four, winner of 5 at five, the first three in successive starts (Invercargill twice, Winton) before a second in Wyndham Cup was followed by successive wins at Gore and Northern Southland Autumn Cup (Invercargill) before unplaced at six. Franco Look Alike, unraced in NZ, winner of five in WA/3 Gloucester Park (WA Caduceus Club Classic - 3) and one in Victoria.

Let Loose, winner of 3 in NZ; at two (Te Awamutu Juvenile - 2 at first start) with seconds in Morrinsville Juvenile/Welcome Stakes. At three, winner at Invercargill (Sires Stakes heat - 3c/5th final) and fourth in Rising Stars. Winner at first four-year-old start at Addington and placed during season. Placed at five before export to Australia where he won a further 7 races (Victoria 4/Moonee Valley 1; QLD 3).

Looks the Part's fillies included:

Labretta Franco, unraced in NZ, winner of 5 from 7 NSW starts/3 at Harold Park (NSW Golden Easter Egg - 3f (Fairfield)), dam of Lilac Stride (\$¼m, 1:54.4, Linden Huntly Little Memorial - 2f, AUS Breeders Crown - 4m, multiple group placings). Liberty Franco, winner in NZ (Geraldine) and five wins in NSW. The dam of six winners including Franco Liberty (25 wins, QLD Christmas Cup).

Lewinsky Franco, winner of 2 NZ races. At two in first start won Nevele R Stud Stakes (Leonard Memorial) - 2f, second in Sires Stakes - 2f heat. At three, second in Nevele R Fillies consolation and Addington victory in last start before export to North America. Winner in 1:51.2US, dam of Lucca Franco (3 wins, Mile High Mare series at Alexandra Park).

SEAMOON (1990 Smooth Fella/Maureens Dream), NZ family Bonnie Belle; breeders Mrs Julie Davie, Peter Cummings, Dan Cummings; 2:01.3TT,

\$5,255; 12 foals, 10 to race for 9 winners/1 qualifier.

Seamoon's sire Smooth Fella, was by Meadow Skipper, one of the breed's greatest sons. Smooth Fella's maternal grandsire Adios Butler completed the coveted Triple Crown (Cane Pace, Little Brown Jug, Messenger Stakes). Smooth Fella was a top Grand Circuit performer in USA, winning 5 of 16 starts including Lawrence Sheppard - 2c and Reynolds Memorial - 3c. He proved an exceptional stallion in NZ with 'a high winners to foals' percentage. Leading sire once on stakes (1984/5, from only five crops) and winners (1986/7) and leading broodmare sire twice (stakes and winners), Smooth Fella maintained a high overall position on the siring charts throughout his career producing over 880 winners worldwide. His star performers included Alpine Fella/Fellas Pride (NSW Derby), Ermis (Welcome Stakes), Jack Brandon (AUS Pacing C/S), Millies Brother (Federal Motors Peugeot 2000), Morano Magic (WA Golden Nugget), Rainbow Fella (GN Derby), Roydon Glen (GN Derby, Messenger, AK Cup, Pan Am Mile), Slugger (NZ C/S - 2), Smooth Dave (WA Derby), Smooth Falcon (VIC Derby), Smooth Gretna (GN Oaks), Tuapeka Knight (NZSS - 2c). His dam sire credits included Alta Serena (Nevele R Fillies, Easter Cup), Anvil Vance/Baileys Dream (Easter Cup), Classy Filly (NZ Oaks), Divisive (VIC/NSW/AUS/TAS Derbies, Taylor/Miracle Miles), Exceptionally Smooth (Ladyship Mile), Ginger Man (NZ/GN/QLD Derbies, Chariots of Fire), Jack Cade (NZSS - 3c, NZ Derby, NZFFA), Just An Excuse (Taylor Mile, Messenger, 2 NZ Cups, NZFFA), Monkey King (\$3m+, 1:50.8, GN Derby, Messenger, 2 Easter Cups/NZ Cups/NZFFA, AK Cup, Miracle Mile), Paula Michelle (GN Oaks), Scuse Me (GN Oaks, Taylor Mile), Seelster Sam (AUS Derby, WA Golden Nugget), Smooth Performer (NZ Oaks. Nevele R - 3f), Smooth Satin (NSW SS - 3, Ben Hur, Chariots of Fire, Miracle Mile, ID Pacing G/F), Sovereign Hill (AUS Pacing C/S), Tartan Lady (NZ Breeders Stakes).

Seamoon's dam Maureens Dream, has Rustic Maid as her fifth dam, sixth dam Country Belle and seventh dam

Bonnie Belle. Maureen Dream's dam Tuapeka Dream was a five-win mare, taking out the Roi L'Or Stakes - 3 at Waimate at her first start. Her other wins were at Gore (twice), Oamaru, Addington with seconds in Roxburgh/Wairio Cups and third in Southland Breeders Stakes. Tuapeka Dream was dam of boom juvenile and sire Tuapeka Knight (won 12 of 14 starts,

Welcome/Sapling Stakes, NZSS - 2c). Maureens Dream, like her dam won 5 races at Forbury Park, Wyndham, Oamaru, Addington (Show Day in a then stunning 2:27.7/1:58.9 for 2000mM), Gore and ran second in Triple Crown Classic - 3f. Aside from Seamoon, Maureens Dream was the dam of nine fillies amongst 14 foals:

Anvils Dream, grand dam of Mister Odds On (WA Country/August Cups), Styx It To Em (Otaki Cup)

Atom Queen, dam of Zacharia (Welcome Stakes)

Kokona, DB Fillies heat, grand dam of Lavros Jasper (Roxburgh/Gore Cups)

Reality Check, Delightful Lady Classic, NZYSS - 2f, NI 2f Gradulette

Tuapeka Dancer, grand dam of God Send (NSW Simpson Sprint, Hall Memorial), Jamie (Waikouaiti/Wairio Cups)

Tuapeka Melinque, dam of Mister Tuberts (VIC Graduate - 3)

Tuapeka Wings, dam of Ideal Scott (\$34m, GN Derby, QLD Blacks A Fake, Breeders Crown - 4h, QLD Pacing C/S)

Maureens Dream was the recipient of a NZSBA Broodmare Excellence Award in 2012. This is the breed brought to the fore by FR Dan Cummings along with sister Julie Davie and brother Peter Cummings.

Seamoon was from the family of Bonnie Belle who appeared in the Classic winner producing mares series - December 2014 Harnessed (Belle Logan) and March 2015 Harnessed (Rustic Maid).

Seamoon recorded a single win for Richard Brosnan at Claudelands together with two placings before being bred from.

Seamoon's male progeny included:

Ima Sea Storm, winner in NZ for Fred Fletcher at Waimate and 12 Queensland wins (6 Albion Park, RDS Civil Pace FFA, 1:53.4). Magical Mike, winner of only start in NZ at Forbury Park and 15 Australian wins (2 VIC/1 Moonee Valley; 10 NSW/3 Harold Park; 3 QLD/2 Albion Park; NSW Inter City Pace, Newcastle Oak Classic, NSW Winter C/S).

Seamoon's fillies included:

Letatalk, winner at Gore and dam of three-time NZ winner Machtu (Alexandra Park, Cambridge twice). In Western Australia, Machtu has now won 11 including 9 of his first 13 starts in WA (WA Spring Pace, Winter Cup, 2nd Caduceus Club Classic/Warwick Classic, 3d WA Derby/heat winner). Pacific Rapture, winner of 5 races starting with NZYSS Sales NI Gradulette (Cambridge, 3rd SI Gradulette), NZYSS (Alexandra Park) and second in Cheviot (Leonard Memorial) Stakes as two-year-old filly. Placed at three before winning at Alexandra Park at four, again there and at Cambridge at five.

The Neptunes Lady, winner of 18 of 31 starts in NSW/15 at Harold Park. She won her first 4 starts at Harold Park and had a consecutive winning sequence later of 9 at Harold Park (NSW Hall Memorial/Ranji Bill and Robin Dundee Mares Bonus). The Neptunes Lady is dam of Ocean Diva (12 wins; Newcastle Oaks, seconds in NSW Breeders - 2f&3f, NSW Oaks; third Raith Memorial). Tuapeka Osprey, placed at three and winner of 2 races at four (Blenheim, Motukarara for Colin and Julie deFilippi). She is the dam of Tuapeka Kahu (14 WA wins/11 Gloucester Park, WA The Schrader, listed classic).

Wave Runner, 8-race winner, the first win at Forbury Park with several placings at three. Her remaining 7 wins were all at four - first three in successive starts at the beginning of her four-year-old career (Ashburton, Amberley/Rangiora, Addington), Addington twice (one in Junior Drivers event for Dexter Dunn), Greymouth/Timaru Winter Cups. A non-winner in 22 starts as a 5yo, Wave Runner's only placing was finishing third to Kiwi Ingenuity in Premier Mares C/S.

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