

THOSE MAGNIFICENT CLASSIC WINNER PRODUCING MARES: FIRST WATER/AYR

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The fifth 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.

FIRST WATER (1921 Harold Rothschild/Red Diamond), NZ family of Red Diamond; 2:20.7; \$995; three wins; 15 foals, 12 winners. Breeder : J. Stevenson & J.J. McMath, Riversdale. All foals bred by H. Hunter, Wyndham.

First Water's sire Harold Rothschild was a line bred Childe Harold (Rothschild/Harolds Rest) homebred stallion foaled at Willowbank stud by Stevenson and McMath. Auckland Cup winner Harold Junior was one of his 49 winners and he was broodmare sire of First Water's Auckland Cup winning progeny Ned Worthy.

Her dam Red Diamond established a family that was set alight by First Water and her progeny. Red Diamond was by Prince Imperial from a Blackwood Abdallah mare. Prince Imperial came to NZ from Australia as a two-year-old. As a sire he left Lady Clare (NZ Cup) and was broodmare sire of many NZ provincial cup winners and Michael Galindo (Dominion Handicap). Prince Imperial left an indelible mark on NZ foundation maternal families. Red Diamond won her first start at Gore RC in 1911 (Labour Day Trot) was placed second in one of two other four-year-old starts and was unplaced at five before being bred from. Red Diamond also left Red Star and Diamond Child who founded successful families.

Red Diamond's family's greatest product is four time ID Pacing Champion Blacks A Fake (Victoria/Hunter Cups, Truer Memorial,

QLD Pacing C/S (2), \$4.5m). Rondel and Smooth Satin are other ID champions from the family. Leading juveniles descending from First Water are the 1970's champion Noodlum (Sapling/Welcome Stakes, NZ/QLD Derbies), multiple derby winning youngster of the 1960's in Tactile (Welcome/Kindergarten Stakes, GN/NZ/NSW/VIC/SA Derbies) and more recently One Dream (NZ/AUS Oaks). The quickest of Red Diamond's family members are Oneinamillion (1:49.3US, June 1998, 2nd NZ bred under 1:50) and in Australasia, Freyberg (1:51.7).

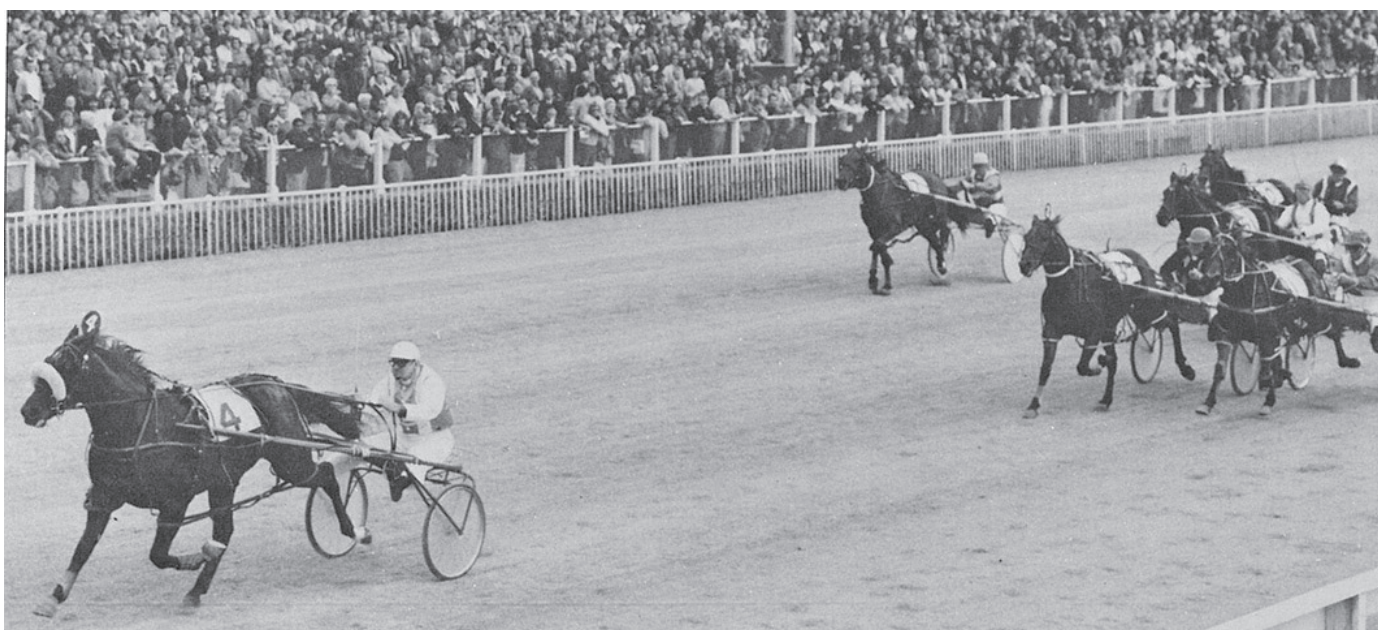
In her inaugural racing season (1925/6), First Water notched a win at Invercargill as a four-year-old. At five, two wins at Gore and Hutt Park while her final start as a six-year-old produced a £100 placing at Addington.

First Water's filly progeny :

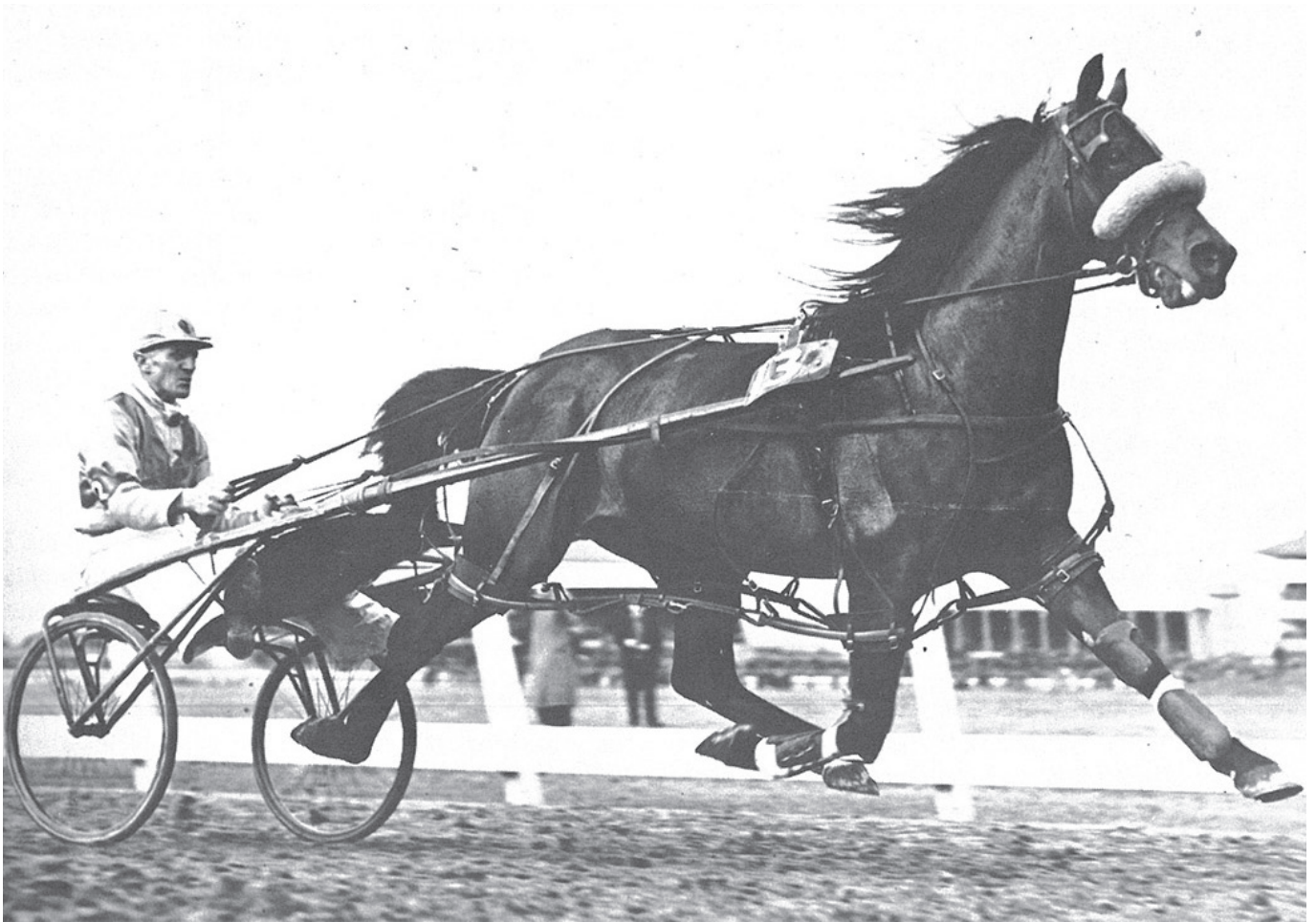
First Author, first foal, unraced, left a number of fillies who bred on especially First Moko whose descendants have included Freyberg, Malaz (Sapling Stakes, Southern Supremacy, Cross Stakes, Louisson Hcp, Invercargill Cup), Model Hardcraft (Timaru Nursery), Good Too (Dunedin Handicap).

Aqua Bond, winner of six races (Nelson Presidents Hcp) left May Grattan whose descendants include All Promises (AUS/QLD Oaks) and Trout Stream leads directly to the Southland bred 'Matai' branch. Standouts include : Matai Dreamer (Kindergarten, GN Derby, NZ C/S - 4), Matai Mackenzie (Welcome Stakes, NZSS - 2, NZ C/S - 2, GN Derby), Matai Bret (Bunbury Cup), Black Irish (Aust Pacing C/S, ID hts (2), Fremantle Cup), Helena Jet (Southern Belle Speed Series), Angelina Jolie (Delightful Lady Classic - 2f).

Nell Grattan, raced from three to nine years recording nine victories (Wanganui Cup, CPTC Mason Stakes, NZMTC Papanui Handicap). She and her daughters bred on : Mighty



Noodlum winning the Welcome Stakes.



Springfield Globe driven by Roy Berry.

Imp's descendants include Blue Water (Nevele R Fillies), Clancy (Hannon Memorial), Oneinamillion (QLD Derby), Winning Blue Chip (NZ Derby); Mighty Lass, Australian bred family of winners; Mighty Song, winner of eight to whom Best Deal Yet descends (QLD Derby) and Tactics, winner of eleven (New Brighton Cup) - dam of numerous winners including Tactile (six derbies) and Deft (won 10 derbies and was dam of Noodlum). This branch of the Nell Grattan (Red Diamond/First Water) family is responsible for wonderful horses such as Blacks A Fake, Olga Korbut, One Dream, Its Ella, Some Legacy.

Rocks Ahead, won 16 races and was a sub 2:10.0 performer (2:09.4). Her wins included Addington's Dash/Speedway/Heathcote Handicaps, Oamaru Presidents Handicap and Forbury's Dash Handicap [deadheat]/Flying Handicap/James Handicap (all told six wins at Forbury). Rocks Ahead was unplaced in 1938 and 1939 NZ Cups.

Rocks Ahead left seven winners including good pacer Navigate (11 wins, Ollivier Hcp/Hannon Memorial) and Dominion Hcp/Worthy Queen Trot/ID heat winning trotter Barrier Reef (13 wins). She also left Rendezvous who founded her own award winning branch of the Red Diamond/First Water family. Her filly Dismiss (Nelson Winter Cup) established a family that became a breeding goldmine for the Chins (Luk - trotters, Onn - pacers). Luk Chin's trotters descend through Dispense (dam Dismiss, eight wins, ID heat), including Gorbachev/Djokovic (Cambridge Trotting Stakes - 3), Lysenko, Lady Caballo (NZ Trotting Stakes - 3), Fayanni (GN Breeders Trot twice, Thames Trotting Cup), Kasyanov (six wins then sold to Australia) and many more. Others not raced

by Luk Chin descending from Dismiss include Godsun, Earl of Clevedon, Lord Burghley.

Dr. Onn Chin raced pacer Feverish from this family (1:50.4US at Meadowlands in early 2001, then fastest mare bred in NZ). Other good pacers descending from Dismiss were Disband for Chin Bing Foon (Luk/Onn's father), won 14 races in NZ including ID heat/3rd in 1965 Forbury final to dead-heaters Jay Ar/Robin Dundee and Black Duke (34 wins, 1:53.7TT in Australia). Rendezvous' fillies have left ID Pacing champions Rondel/Smooth Satin (\$1m, Chariots of Fire, Ben Hur), Light Buffy (SA Trotters Cup twice), The Private Dancer (Tatlow Memorial), Rare Touch (NZ C/S - 3) to name a few.

Salamis, raced once (unplaced), was a very productive broodmare. Among her descendants are Bitobliss (1:51.8, Kilmore Cup, Legends Mile twice), Born To Trot (NZ Trotting Stakes - 2), First Mate (USA Fireball series), Markalan (NZ Trotting Stakes - 3, Trotting C/S).

First Water's male progeny :

First Lord, an entire, recorded ten wins (Heathcote Handicap twice, Wairarapa Cup at Hutt Park, Auckland's September Handicap/FJ Smith Memorial). First Lord became a successful sire both in NZ and Australia—Cardinal King (numerous feature races in NZ, 1968 Yonkers International race series), Lord Mina (WA Cup) and broodmare sire of Idolmite (Hannon/Barton Memorials both twice, New Brighton Cup), John Craig (NSW/SA Derby).

Indemnity by Dillon Hall, like First Lord he recorded four wins (Nelson Cup). Ned Worthy, like Aqua Bond by Worthy Bond,

won seven races, winning the Winton Juvenile - 3 at his first start, Wyndham Juvenile - 3, 1940 Auckland Cup (trainer Bob Townley, driver Bill Doyle).

Minor winners produced by First Water include First Royal (3); Dark Water (2); Equery (2, one at Greymouth under saddle); Assault, one win from only two starts at Wellington; Paratrooper (1); Oasis (1).

AYR (1922 Logan Pointer/Precision) NZ family of Precision; 2:31.7; \$1,312; two wins; 12 foals, nine winners. Breeder : H.F. (Harry) Nicoll, Ashburton.

Ayr's sire Logan Pointer (1909) imported by Free Holmes in 1915 sired 191 winners with Harold Logan the stand out (2 NZ Cups, 3 NZFFA's). Broodmare credits included Inter Dominion (ID) Champions : Logan Derby, Grand Mogul and Springfield Globe (dam Ayr) who was influential as broodmare sire of all of Ayr's progeny. Logan Pointer was leading NZ sire on seven occasions.

Her dam Precision was by St Swithin out of a thoroughbred mare in Kildasa. St Swithin (Rothschild/Queen V) recorded several feature wins at Addington and Forbury Park. St Swithin was sire of 13 winners including Lady Swithin (GN Derby, Champion Stakes). Precision besides Ayr left fillies by Logan Pointer in Gatwick (descendant Valley Champ - Golden Nugget, ID Pacing Consolation), Maud Logan and Correct, a Wrack mare whose descendants include Armbro Lady (Dominion Handicap), Johnny Be Cool (\$½m, 1:49.4US), Lucky Creed (Miracle Mile, 24 successive wins), Maheer Lord (NZSS -3, WA Cup).

Commencing racing as a three-year-old in 1925/6, Ayr won her first start at Timaru. She won at Alexandra Park where she placed second in the GN Derby (won by stablemate Nantwich) and second in the Champion Stakes - 3 at Addington (later moved to Ashburton). A single placing at four and unplaced at five, she began her broodmare duties after being sold by Harry Nicoll for 37½ guineas to Edgar Tatlow (Tasmania).

Amongst her male progeny, Ayr left three influential sires.

Van Ayr, winner and time trialled in 2:06.8TT (Temora), was sired by the most prolific of Globe Derby's sons in Van Derby. Van Ayr produced 233 winners. His greatest success came as a broodmare sire; like his sire, neither managed to extend their line. Van Ayr sired Avian Again (14 successive wins) and was broodmare sire of Tenny Rena - dam of Jikk Adios (Aust Pacing C/S), grand dam of three time ID champion Our Sir Vancelot (\$2m, 1:55.4, Treuer Memorial/WA Cup twice, Miracle Mile, SA Cup, Aust Pacing C/S)/Quantum Lobell (SA Cup, TAS Pacing C/S) and third dam of Bonavista Bay (Golden Nugget, VIC SS -4h).

Our Globe, considered superior to Springfield Globe at the time of 1939 ID's in Tasmania, won his first two heats but was disqualified for six months for failing on the third day. He won another heat at Gloucester Park in 1940 (4th in final) as well as TAS Easter Cup. At stud, he sired 158 winners essentially all winners of Tasmanian features (Payray - 29 wins; Tipster, TAS Derby). His broodmare credits included TAS Derby winners

Gentle Armagh/Jimmy Maru/Our Cygnet/Standing Beauty/Jive (VIC Oaks).

Springfield Globe at five won the 1939 ID Pacing Final and was declared ID Champion (on points) when it was held at Elphin, Launceston. Following the ID's he was leased to Roy Berry to race in NZ. His NZ race career commenced with three starts at the 1939 Auckland Christmas carnival for a fourth in AK Cup. At six, he was unplaced in two starts at each of Addington's Easter and Ashburton's Queens Birthday meetings. At seven he recorded wins in Rattray/Mason/Paparua Handicaps; seconds in National/Ollivier Handicaps (to Gold Bar), Churchill Handicap FPTC, Canterbury Handicap and third in Easter Handicap. As an eight-year-old, he was unplaced in Easter Handicap, fourth in Champion FFA at Addington; second in Winter Handicap, fourth in All Aged Stakes at Ashburton's Queens Birthday meetings. In the 1943/4 season, Springfield Globe won August FFA, NZFFA (then called Premier Sprint C/S) and finished sixth in NZ Cup (Haughty's second Cup). His total NZ earnings were £3,088.

Springfield Globe sired 299 winners (73 NZ; 226 Australia) having stood in both NZ (1944-1947) and Australia (June 1947-1954). He was leading sire of winners in Australia in 1956 (70). Springfield Globe was the first ID winner to sire an ID winner in Tactician (ID Final, NZFFA, first pacer in two minutes in a race outside USA), dual Hunter Cup winner Sheffield Globe, Victorian Derby/Hunter Cup winner Mineral Spring, NZ Cup winners Adorian/Mobile Globe, AK Cup winning mare Thelma Globe and Aachen (SA Cup, won 27 of 32 starts), winner of record 20 consecutive races in Australia. The best of Aachen's progeny was Richmond Lass who won three Oaks (NSW/VIC/SA) and an Inter Dominion. Springfield Globe was the best broodmare sire left by Logan Derby - Cairnbrae/Invicta (NZ Cup), Scottish Command (AK Cup), Dignus (NSW Derby), Explicit (NSW Sapling, VIC Oaks). The Springfield Globe male line finished with his son Bylaw.

Tullochgorum, Tasmanian winner and successful minor sire. Cloudy Range, a gelding won 15 races including Greymouth Cup, CPTC Winter Handicap, Lightning/Craven/Clarkson/Mason/Presidents Handicaps at Addington and Presidents Handicap at Forbury. He was twice unplaced in NZ Cups.

Ayrs fillies were :

Ayr Derby, NSW winner who bred on. Ayr Lass, unraced left descendants in Cruikshank Lad (Shepparton Trotters Cup) and The Redgum Coach (Aust Trot C/S heat). Ayress, Sydney winner who bred on because she was granddam of Australian two-year-old pacing mile record holder Eden Monaro (2:09.8, NSW Sapling). Commotion, recorded five wins including Waikato/Otahuhu Cups. She bred on being granddam of Sydney trotter Meadow Vale and third dam of Bendigo Cup winner Freedom Day. Lindayr, unraced, bred on. Pauline, unraced third dam of Dollars Double (WA Golden Slipper, Fremantle Cup), Infield (Kilmore Cup). Raidare, winner whose descendants include Torque In Motion (1:52.5, Ladyship Mile).

Next Month: Regina Logan and Betty Wrack.