

# THOSE MAGNIFICENT CLASSIC WINNER PRODUCING MARES: QUEENSHIP/ALL ACTION GAL

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**The fifteenth 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.

**QUEENSHIP** (1973 Lordship/Orange Queen), NZ family of Ruahine; q2:11.8, \$25. 12 foals, 6 to race for 6 winners. Breeders G Gutsell, CJ Kirby. Foals bred by Bill Piercy (Lord Hiliias, Queens Advocate, Carefree Princess, Noble Fella); Estate Bill and Marlene Piercy (Horatius, Sonny's Princess); all other foals bred by Southland Stables Ltd.

Queenship's sire Lordship was a champion racehorse, leading sire and outstanding broodmare sire whose contribution to the Australasian breeding industry has been immense. From the Globe Derby line his sire was Addington favourite Johnny Globe from Ladyship. Lordship won 45 races from 137 starts, including 16 Free-for-Alls for stake earnings of \$113,790 (among first 100 NZ \$100k earners) – a record for a thoroughbred or standardbred. His significant successes included 9 Gp 1 races (NZ Derby, NZ Cup (2), NZFFA (3), Easter Cup (2), Auckland Cup) together with Welcome/Sapling/Kindergarten Stakes at two, Champion Stakes - 3, Ashburton Flying Stakes and two ID heats. Lordship was leading Pacing Stake earner of year – 1963, 1965 and 1967 and his 1:58.4 was the fourth sub two-minute race mile recorded in NZ.

Lordship was leading sire on stakes (1980) and winners (1981, 1985). Among his 501 winners were Directorship, Enterprise, Inky Lord, Lord Module,

Noble Lord, Reba Lord, Starship, Tricky Dick, Trio, Victoria Star. He was leading Broodmare Sire on stakes (1985, 1987, 1996, 1997) and winners (1991, 1993-1998) with over 1,000 credits including Burlington Bertie, Impressionist, Dancin' on Moonlight, Laser Lad, Lenin, Master Mood, Race Ruler, Yulestar.

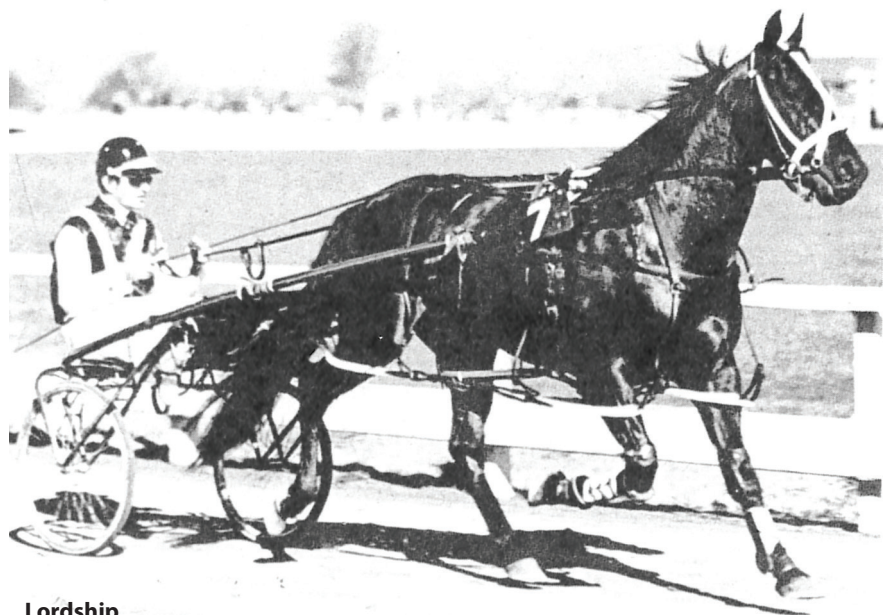
Dam Orange Queen apart from Queenship left Passform (QLD Futurity - 3, Gold Coast Derby). Orange Queen was six generations removed from founding mare Ruahine. Ruahine left six classic progeny including dual-gaited Dan Patch (AUS Pacers mile records set in Melbourne : 1907 2:11.0TT Epsom, 1908 2:10.0TT Richmond; Australasian grass track record of 2:09.4 Alexandra Park, 1910), St Kevin (Ashburton Cup), Innisfail (Dunedin Cup) whose branch of Ruahine family led to Orange Queen and Queenship. Ruahine (Prince Bismark/Fidget by Dexter) was bred on the Berlin (sire of Prince Bismark)/

Dexter cross combining Arab and thoroughbred blood. Ruahine family has left no champions, although numerous winners in NZ and Australia, apart from Queenships progeny, descendants include Uncle Remus (SA Breeders Plate - 2), Pressplay (VSS - 4m), Eringa (ID Consolation), Colonel Grattan (New Brighton Cup), Keyafella (Winton Cup, numerous VIC Country Cups), Remotes Dream (Methven/Wellington Cups).

Queenship had four unplaced starts as three- four- year-old before proceeding to the broodmare paddock.

Queenship's male progeny included:

Lord Hiliias, winner of 6 in NZ all as a 4yo including his first start at Wairio, Tiwai 4/5 C/S, John King Real Estate Southland Challenge Stakes - 3/4, NZ C/S - 4 heat at Forbury Park and twice at Addington. A third in Timaru Cup was his only placed return at 5 before export to North America. Man Of Steel, four-



**Lordship**

race winner from just 17 starts including first start as 3yo at Addington. A liking for grass tracks can be seen by his further three wins – Amberley (Rangiora as 3yo) and 4yo wins at Methven and in Waikouaiti Cup.

Noble Fella, 9 wins from how many? starts

in NZ before his export to North America (1:53.2US, quickest time for Ruahine family). He proved a bargain buy for Otago owners Syd Brown and Barrie Barber. He was purchased for \$2,800 at an Invercargill sale. Three consecutive wins in his first 3 starts at three were at Forbury Park and Southern Supremacy - 3, heat (Winton)/final (Gore) for part owner/trainer Mosgiel-based Syd Brown. A further 4 victories followed at four - Forbury Park (2), Addington and Alexandra Park. Noble Fella also placed second in Wairio Cup, third in NZ C/S - 4. Training duties had passed on from Syd Brown to Bryce Buchanan and then to Garry Smith (Pukekohe) as Noble Fella ventured to a northern stable. Fifteen months passed before Noble Fella was again sighted at the races. He won on one occasion at Alexandra Park and had several placings. His final NZ season at six, saw Noble Fella take out the Pukekohe Cup off 40m (Pukekohe clubs final on course only meeting at Alexandra Park) and in his final NZ run the Group 3 Franklin Cup. These wins were recorded together with numerous placings at Alexandra Park in good intermediate and better company.

Queenship's fillies included:

Carefree Princess, half sister to Noble Fella/Lord Hillas, 8-race winning mare. At three she won 3 – Southland Oaks heats at Winton/Invercargill, final at Wyndham and placed second in DB Fillies heat. Her 4 wins at four were at Invercargill twice (Invercargill Breeders Stakes), Wyndham Cup, Addington with third placings in Invercargill Challenge Stakes - 4, Gore Cup. Carefree Princess won one race at five, her second Invercargill Breeders Stakes in her final start coupled with several placings including 5<sup>th</sup> in Ashburton Cup. She is the granddam of Van Washing Man



Roydon Gal

(Winton Cup); 3<sup>rd</sup> dam of Adda Cool Mill (WA SS - 2f).

Horatius, winner of 4 including her first 2 starts at Gore and Addington. Her third and fourth wins came in consecutive races at Gore and Omakau (Central Otago Cup). She was not bred from. Sonny's Princess, unraced dam of 14 foals, for 6 winners including Lovers Wish (Southland Oaks). Of other 5 winners left, three won in NZ and all five won races in Australia.

**ALL ACTION GAL** (1982 Speed In Action/Roydon Gal), USA family of Medio; unraced; 18 foals, 12 to race for 8 winners and 4 qualifiers. Breeder : Sir Roy McKenzie. All foals except Ding/Gorgeous Gal (TN Guptill/Mrs LE Guptill) bred by Roydon Lodge Stud Ltd.

Sire Speed In Action traces back to Peter The Great on his paternal side incorporating rich trotting blood throughout his pedigree – 3 x 3 cross to Stars Pride. Speed In Action was a T1:57.0 trotter who had considerable success at 2- and 3yo level without winning a Group One race. He was leading sire of trotting winners in USA in 1991 and 1993. He left plenty of Gp 2/3 and listed winners but none at

Gp 1 level. His damsire credits include All Action Son (AUS Trotting C/S), Buck I St Pat (CAN Classic Oaks, 2 USA Breeders Crown - Open Mares Trot, 2 USA Allerage Mare, CAN Armbro Flight), Buzzin Brian (USA Valley Victory - 2cT), Housethatruthbuilt (USA Kentucky Futurity - 3fT, USA Breeders Crown - 3fT), Master Lavec (USA Breeders Crown - 2cT), Sunny Action (NZ Trotting FFA).

All Action Gal's dam Roydon Gal, was a wonderful producer for Sir Roy McKenzie, leaving 14 foals, 10 to race for 8 winners. She was purchased at the 1976 Adios sale for a tidy sum, later qualifying in T2:10.0 before being bred to Arnie Almahurst. The resultant foal was Arndon. Roydon Gal traces back six generations to Hanover Shoe Farms' founding mare Miss Bertha Dillon (see below). Roydon Gal was dam of:

world champion Arndon (Dickerson Cup, T1:54.0TT, sire of outstanding Australasian trotting sire Sundon)

Roydon Boy, at stud in NZ, sire of 67 winners including Call Me Now (Dominion Hcp, ID Trotters Final, National Trot, NZ Trotting FFA twice; damsire of 73 winners including Ginas Brightest (NZ Trotters Oaks), Solar Fire

(NZ Trotting/Rosso Antico Stakes - 3T, VIC/NSW Trotters Derbies, VIC Trotters Oaks; dam of Sheemon, Jewels - 4T)

Simon Royden, at stud in NZ, sire of 32 winners including TK Victor (SA Trotters Derby); damsire of 17 winners including King Denny (GN/NZ Trotters Derbies, Jewels - 3/4T)

Aspiring Lass (USA winner, Canterbury Park Trotting Cup), granddam of:

Royal Aspirations, Jewels - 2T, T1:56.5 at two, NZSS - 3T, Trotters C/S 4/5

Triumphant Monarch, AUS Breeders Crown - 3T

Jinja Gal, Jewels - 2T and Roydon Gal is 3rd dam of Sir Mauritius (Belgium Derby), Sun Seeker (NZYSS - 2T); 4th dam of Leader of the Gang (Yonkers Trot).

The family of Medio is the greatest standardbred maternal family. The trotting branches of the Medio family, include:

Miss Bertha Dillon, foundation mare of Hanover Shoe Farms. Her fillies included;

Miss Bertha Hanover, Hambletonian winners tracing to her are Egyptian Condor, Green Speed, Mack Lobell, American Winner, Chip Chip Hooray, Muscle Massive and 2014 winner Trixton. This branch also includes Peace Corps, Arndon (sire of Pine Chip) and the famous three Garland Lobell/Amour Angus full brothers of Andover Hall/Angus Hall/Conway Hall

Hanovers Bertha, winner of Hambletonian as was daughter Shirley Hanover and grandson Blaze Hanover. This years Elitloppet winner Magic Tonight traces back to Hanovers Bertha

Charlotte Hanover, third dam of Hambletonian winning full brothers Timothy T, Christopher T

Prominent from family of Medio in NZ trotting ranks have been Chiola Hanover (Yonkers Trot, USA Trotter of Year, multiple leading sire/BM sire of trotters in Australasia), Our Real Force (ID Final), Sundons Luck (NZ/GN Trotters

Derbies), Royal Aspirations (Jewels - 2T, T1:56.5 at two), Jaccka Justy (Dominion Hcp), Speeding Spur (GN/NZ Trotting Derbies).

All Action Gal's male progeny included:

Action Game, winner of 16 (2 NZ, 14 AUS) commencing with 2 at Hutt Park for Stephen Doody. In Australia, he won 10 in South Australia (5 at Globe Derby. SA STA Trotters C/S), 2 in Victoria/Moonee Valley and 2 in Queensland. All Sundon, winner of 5 of 30 starts in NZ for Murray Edmonds. At four, won both days of Nelson Winter meeting, at Methven as 5yo and final 2 NZ wins were at Rangiora/Banks Peninsula at 6 before his export to North America where he had a best performance of T1:55.1US. Roydon Speed, winner of 15 (2 NZ, 13 AUS) starting with Addington and Rangiora for Ian Cameron. In Australia, his 13 wins came in Victoria (11 including 7 consecutive victories, Ballarat Trotters Cup, 7 at Moonee Valley) and 2 at Globe Derby.

All Action Son, won 3 from 13 NZ 3yo starts for Mark Purdon including twice at Alexandra Park and once at Addington. He placed second in NZ Trotting Stakes - 3 and third in NZYSS - 3T. Commencing his Australian career in the remaining 3yo trotting classics, he finished second in NSW Trotters Derby (held at Fairfield) and fourth in Holmfield and Breeders Crown. All Action Son went onto win a further 10 races in Australia (8 in Victoria/3 Moonee Valley; 2 at Harold Park) including AUS Trotting C/S (ht/final) with thirds in group threes Chris Howe Trot Cup and an ID heat (Ballarat). Following his export to North America, he took a time record of T1:55.3US, total winnings exceeded \$300k and 32 victories overall in three countries.

Solar Active, winner of 3 in NZ at Alexandra Park (2yo second start) and Addington twice as a 2yo. He placed second in NZ Trotting Stakes - 2, fifth in NZYSS - 2T and fourth in Hambletonian at Ashburton at 3. He had already had experience of Australian racing before his sale late in his 4yo season to Australian interests. Solar Active

ran second in AUS Breeders Crown - 2T (8th in 3yo final). A further 20 wins were achieved during his Australian career including VIC Coulters Crown, several Harold Park FFA's, Yarra Valley/SA Trotters Cups. Ten of his wins came in Victoria/2 Moonee Valley, 8 in NSW/6 Harold Park with 2 at Globe Derby. Solar Active had several Gp 3 3 third placings - George Gath twice, SA Trotters Cup, Sunnyfield Trotters Mile (Menangle), ID semi final (Ballarat).

All Action Gal's fillies included:

All Sunny, unraced, dam of All Action Man 4 NZ/2 AUS wins at Menangle (T1:58.8).

Sunny Action, will forever be known as the horse that brought Lyell Creek's 20 consecutive race winning sequence to a halt in the NZ Trotting FFA. A thirteen-race winner, Sunny Action won 5 of her 9 3yo starts (Blenheim, Addington twice [NZYSS Sales Series - 3T, NZ Trotting Stakes - 3], Alexandra Park twice). At 4, she won on five occasions at Alexandra Park, three in consecutive starts and placed fourth in NZ Trotting C/S. Sunny Action only recorded placings at five - third in Banks Peninsula Trotting Cup, ID heats (second, third, fifth; eighth in final), fifths in Ashburton Trotters Mile, City of Sails FFA and Rowe Cup. Two further Alexandra Park victories at six went together with a second in ID heat at Moonee Valley and fourths in National Trot and City of Sails FFA. Apart from her first few starts, she had been handled up till now by Mark Purdon. As a 7yo she reverted back to Jim Dalgety's care resulting in a second on NZ Cup day followed by her NZ Trotting FFA win and fourth in NZ Trotting C/S before being bred from. Dam of Flaming Action (3 NZ/3 AUS wins) and appropriately Mum Beat Lyell (5 wins); granddam of Vacanza (T1:59.8, 5 wins).

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