

Those magnificent classic winner producing mares

BY PETER CRAIG

This is the first 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.

There are currently 139 such mares worldwide of which 33 could be considered to be NZ based. These mares are a combination of imported and colonial bred stock. A number of them have been amongst our top producing mares.

Among these NZ mares, a number of multiple producing families are represented as shown in the following table:

Family	Broodmare
Bonnie Belle - NZ family	Belle Logan, Rustic Maid, Seamoan
Dairy Maid - USA family	Norice, Looks The Part
Black Betty - USA family	Bonny Logan, Admiration
Brown Lancet - USA family	Margaret Hall, Adio Star
Lady Ajax - AUS family	Leyava, Vonnell

There are other mares that successfully produced five or more offspring, but they do not figure in the CF database with the required number of elite progeny having classic race performances (history section), e.g. Scuse Me has six offspring in CF but only four have results information.

The resume of each mare will be brief, reviewing any applicable race record as well as breeding statistics focusing on immediate progeny and mention of any significant continuation of a mare's bloodlines. The review uses the mare's date of birth as a means of classification.

DIC (1894 Young Irvington/Flora), NZ family Flora by Berlin; 2:25.4; £51 (converted to \$102), one win; 11 foals, 10 winners. All but Peter Mac, Peterson and Downfall of her foals were bred by H Hendrickson; these latter three were bred by A E Ives.

DIC was by NZ's first natural pacer and sire of 47 winners Young Irvington (Irvington, Hambletonian 10's only son to come to NZ). Young Irvington mares left early champions

Ribbonwood (a leading NSW sire) and Our Thorpe (NZFFA, NZ pacers mile record of 2:06.2TT). Her dam Flora by Berlin was a successful winner producing mare, and one of a number of Young Irvington mares to prove very successful, including Dusky Morn, grand dam of Loyal Nurse (NZ/AK Cups) and third dam of Lady Joss (ID Pacing Consolation). DIC had her first start on 26 May 1900. She won one race, Electric Hcp at NZMTC meeting, Addington (1902/03 season).

DIC's progeny included Admiral Wood (Wildwood Junior), ultimately exported to Australia where he successfully stood at stud in Victoria for Bill Tomkinson leaving 32 winners (Diana Wood, The Admiral). His NZ record included wins in the NZ Derby (in winning set 3yo colts record for 1½ miles of 3:27.4), NZFFA and Auckland Cup together with a third in NZ Cup. (Derby winning driver Charles Kerr died following a car accident driving home after the Derby victory.) Full sister Mabel Wood bred on.

Miss Florrie C (Wildwood), winner of 1907 Easter Hcp at Addington. Full sister Monica is the ancestress of Hoover, among first 100 2:00 NZ Pacers (1:57.2US at Hollywood Park). This branch originating from DIC is still going strong today, particularly in Australia, through three foals from Safely Kept mare My Ami Lee: full brother and sister Renaissance Man (NSW SS-2c, SA Derby)/Louvre (NSW Breeders Challenge 2&3f, APG 3f) and half sister Miss Hazel (Australian Pacing Gold (APG) 3f, NSW Oaks). OIC by Australian bred sire OYM was by American bred Charles Derby stallion Owyhee, from the great Australian pacing mare Mystery, and held the Australian Pacers mile, Pacers mares' mile and Australasian Pacers mile records on a number of occasions in the early- to mid-1890s. Descendants from OIC include NZ Cup winner James, GN Derby winner Russley Rascal and glamour pacer Auckland Reactor (millionaire, 1:51.4US, 1:52.9NZ), winner of six Group Ones: NZSS -3, NZ Derby, NZFFA, Auckland Cup, Messenger, Taylor Mile.

Papanui won an Otahuhu Cup and was second in an Auckland Cup while Peter Mac (half brother to Admiral Wood, by Petereta) was successful in the NZ Derby. Sylvie was the dam of Norwood (Westport Cup) and later

descendants include Sylvia Mint (Fremantle Cup), Goldon (Rosso Antico Stakes 3T). DIC was the founding mare of a prolific winning family.

PALM BELL (1896 Brookholm/Puella), USA family of Brown Bread; unraced; 10 foals, seven winners. Breeder: H Mace. All of Palm Bell's foals were bred by P Davidson, Washdyke.

By Brookholm (Blackwood Abdallah), sire of four winners whose main success was as damsire to Palm Bell's progeny. Puella (Berlin/Woodburn Maid) was a full sister to Fraulein who is the dam of great trotter Fritz and brother Franz. In addition to Palm Bell, Puella was the dam of Almont (Rothschild), born in NZ and exported to Australia (1902), who in three successive weeks in 1903 at Ascot, Melbourne, set an Australian mile record (2:12.2TT), an Australasian two mile record (4:32.5TT) and a world record for three miles of 6:50.0TT. Almont was the sire of 54 winners and damsire of Albert Ching (NZ Derby, NZFFA) and Surprise Journey (Rowe Cup). She left a full brother to Almont in NZ Cup winner Belmont M, winner of numerous races in NSW and a successful sire in Australia – 20 winners. Her Jay Gould filly Sis Woodburn's son Woodburn Chief to Myrtle Girl produced Canzonetta, the third dam of another good trotter in Scotleigh (Rowe Cup).

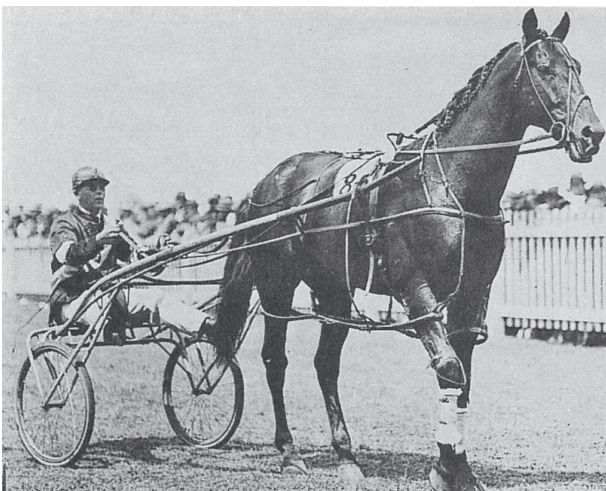
Born in North America, Palm Bell's progeny were adept at winning major cup races on the West Coast in the 1910s, often in the ownership of the Kitchinghams. Of her four Rothschild full brothers, Midas won the Westport Cup run at George Craddock Park, an 800m clay track used between 1903 and 1944 originally known as Mill St racecourse; Pactolus, Westport and Inangahua Cups (held at Reefton); Theseus (a trotter) and Croesus, both won Greymouth Cups. Other male West Coast cup winners left

by Palm Bell included Palmdale, a Westland Cup (Hokitika), and Wild Palm, Greymouth Cup winner. Wild Palm was one of three nominations made for the event in 1911 by Mr H W Kitchingham (Croesus and Jingle later withdrawn). Wild Palm (owned by Mrs C Kitchingham), as winner, received half of the stake of 100 sovereigns, not being required by stewards to "walk" over. Among her female progeny, Atlanta (winner) and Belle Audubon (unraced) bred on – good trotter Westham traces to this mare. Notable horses tracing back to Palm Bell include Olive Nelson (Dominion Hcp), Helium (Aust Trotters C/S), Spry Guy (Sapling Stakes) and Spry Joker (two Kaikoura Cups).

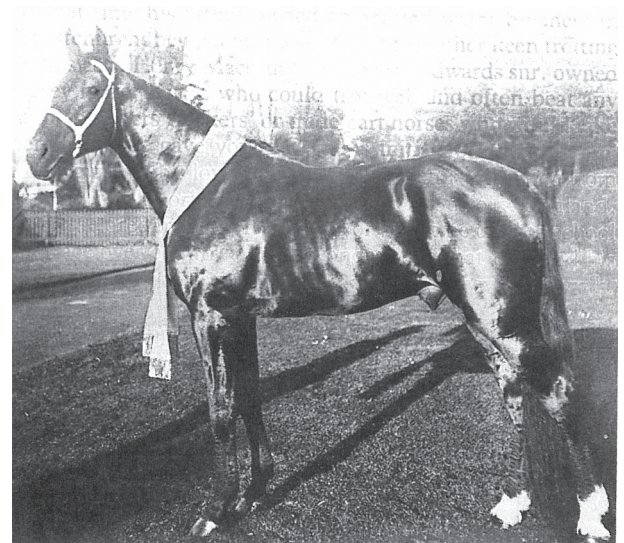
NORICE (1898 Charles Derby/Naulahka), USA family of Dairy Maid; 2:20.0; \$1,852, NZ earnings only, eight NZ wins plus winner in Australia; 11 foals, nine winners. Imported by James Pettie, Riccarton, in 1905. Purchased by Mrs Mabel Duncan, Coldstream Lodge, Fendalton (on current site of Fendalton shopping centre) from an Allendale Stud Farm dispersal for 95 guineas.

The great imported mare Norice was a high class race mare and the founder of a leading maternal family in Australasia. Born in North America, her sire Charles Derby was inbred to Hamiltonian 10, being by Steinway by Strathmore, a son of Hambletonian 10 from Katie G by Electioneer, by Hambletonian. He left 48 standard performers in the States (35 pacers, 13 trotters). Charles Derby was grandsire of Globe Derby through his son Owyhee siring Mambrino Derby. Globe Derby established the greatest siring influence in Australasia.

Dam Naulahka was by Balkan whose grandsire was George Wilkes out of a Black Walnut mare in Lucy E. Norice has six different strains of Hambletonian through six different sons (paternal side: Strathmore, Electioneer; maternal side:



Nelson Derby, after winning the 1925 Auckland Trotting Cup for George Barton, trained and driven by Bill Tomkinson. In this win, from the front mark, Man o'War's race-winning time of 4.292/5 was equalled. Nelson Derby, by Nelson Bingen from Norice, sired 107 winners headed by champion mare Haughty.



The 1916 Auckland Cup winner Admiral Wood, whose other wins included the first running of the New Brighton Derby, later to be known as the New Zealand Derby.

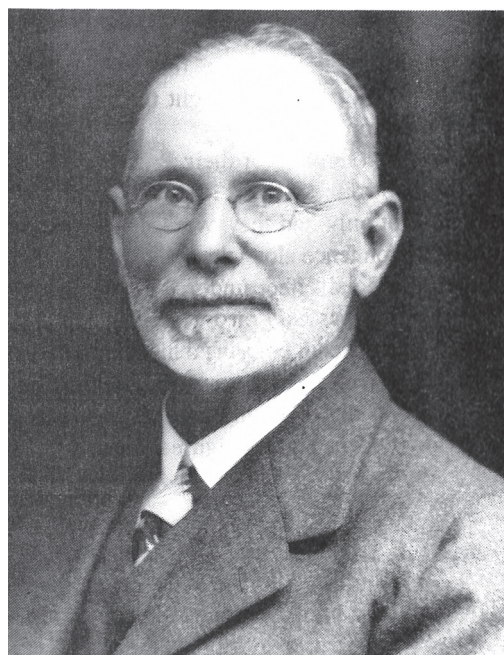
George Wilkes, Sentinel, Enfield, Administrator). The Dairy Maid family Norice belongs to is the second most prolific producing family of classic winners in Australasia. Charles Derby's granddaughter Trix Pointer won 1919 NZ Cup and is the only mare to leave a Cup winner – dual gaited Wrackler in 1930 (Dominion Hcp 1932).

The black mare Norice was exported to NZ in 1903, winning five of her first seven races as a 6yo in 1903/04 (Addington – Trial/Hornby/LeapYear/

Champion Hcps; Tahuna Park – High Class Hcp). A further two wins followed in 1904/05 (Plumpton Park – New Year Hcp; Addington – Grand FFA) together with running second to Monte Carlo in the inaugural NZ Cup (1904). Her final two NZ wins came in the 1905/06 season (heat/final of FFA Stakes at Addington). Retired in April 1906, first foal Lady Derby was produced later that year. Norice was a leading performer of her time (leading stake earner 1903/04, \$1,116), with overall stakes of \$1,852. Producing her second foal in 1907, then taken to Australia in 1908, she established an Australian mares pacing record of 2:20.0 at Richmond (Melbourne), her best mile rate. Norice returned to NZ in 1909 to continue her broodmare career.

Norice's progeny extending her maternal line included Cole Queen, dam of Queens Gift (WA Pacing Cup) who left Admiral Royal (Fremantle Cup). Theda Bara (Van Corando) bred on with Rose Warton and Una Dillon leaving minor winners. Lady Derby (Rothschild) was dam of a number of offspring including winners Derby Dillon (sire of two winners) and trotter Sister Beatrice (Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa Cups). Lady Derby's daughters bred on: Her Ladyship's branch left Harogwen (Dullard Cup); Lady Pointers descendants include Nephew Bye Bye, Yarki (damsire Yvette Bromac, Nevele R Fillies), Don Ngaree (NSW Derby/Welcome Stakes), and Te Kanarama (NSW SS 3c, Golden Nugget); Sister Maud commenced a prolific branch of this family with descendants including Chief Command (NZFFA), Ardstraw, Debbies Chance (Leonard Memorial) granddam of Fake Chance (Pelorus/Rangiora Classics), Adios Court (Hunter Cup, sire of 79 winners), millionaire Sokyola (two NSW Miracle Miles, Victoria Cup), Im Victorious (WA Derby, Golden Nugget, Fremantle Cup), and Dasher VC (Golden Nugget, Fremantle Cup).

Queen Cole (King Cole) provided the greatest producing line emanating from Norice with three notable fillies. Colene Pointer (Timaru/Methven/New Brighton Cups) left several good winners in Kingcraft (NZ Cup ht), Village Guy and Kilrea. Tracing back to Colene Pointer are Bat Del (Ladyship Mile), Ashlees Babe (VIC SS 3f/4m, Qld Oaks), and Ringo, sire of 33 winners, damsire of Willadios (Fremantle Cup). Albena won races and bred on. Queens Treasure leads to some very impressive modern day descendants including Mount Eden, Camelot, Brad Adios, Tuapeka Star, Starship, Our Ian



H.W. Kitchingham

Mac, Ima Rocket Star, Giovanetto, Holmes DG, Hexus, Saab, Talladega, Impressionist, Anvil Star, Karloo Mick, The Warp Drive, Ermis, Iraklis, Lavros Star, Brabham, Elect to Live, Monkey King and Gaius Caesar.

Bingen Boy and Derby Chimes both stood at stud in Australia. Bingen Boy was sire of eight winners, damsire of Jovial Joy (NSW Trotters Derby). Derby Chimes sired 58 winners and was damsire of Johnnie Lawn (NSW Derby), and Grand View (VIC Trotters Derby). Derby Bells was a minor winner who bred on.

One of three full brothers by Nelson Bingen, Native King was a leading trotter who took out the Dominion Hcp/Rowe Cup double before becoming a most successful sire. Among his 58 winners was Royal Romance (Dominion Hcp) and he was damsire of Maori Home (NZFFA, ID Pacing Consolation). Nelson Derby was a classic winner of races such as AK Cup and GN Derby. He performed splendidly at stud leaving 107 winners including Haughty (granddaughter of Norice, first mare in Australasia under two minutes, two NZ Cups, NZFFA, Easter Cup, dam of Brahman sire of 110 winners), and Plutus (NZFFA). As a broodmare sire, his credits included Casabianca (Dominion Hcp, Rowe Cup), Glint/Petro Star (NZ Oaks), Massacre (ID Pacing G/F), Oreti (USA Governors Cup) and Willie Win (NZ Derby). He was sire of Mount Eden's grand dam in Shepherds Brook. Nelson Fame, a speedy performer, died prematurely and left a few foals for six winners. Lord Derby, another siring son of Norice, left 16 NZ winners.

The family that Norice started can still be found in many modern day pedigrees. Her influence has been immense over the past century.

Next month: Vanquish, Gianella and Pearl Child.