



Spotlight on Breeding

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COSMO Topper, Zip It Up and Wetherby Streak have been three of the best greyhounds racing at Albion Park in recent times.

They come from two litters by Just The Best-Flip It Up, a damline which was very prolific twenty and thirty years ago, but has not been in the headlines much since then.

Cosmo Topper, from the May 2001 has raced his entire career at Albion Park winning nine races four city class, with a best time of 30.03 which equalled Flying Amy's class record of the time.

His litter sister Zip It Up has won eight races (five city class. She has a best time of 30.30 recorded in 1st-2nd grade company.

A repeat mating produced the very promising Wetherby Streak (January 2002).

He has won six race.

After initially showing promise at the Gold Coast with victories in 26.04 and 24.54, he has found eye-catching form at Albion Park recently. His winning times there have been 30.14, 30.04, 30.08 and 30.11.

He started favourite in the Q.L.D. Group Statewide Challenge in June but after a chequered passage had to settle for third behind Jock's Girl.

Sire

Their sire Just The Best is one of Australia's best ever stud dogs. He has already sired 29 feature winners and

more than 20 track record holders including stars like Surf Lorian, Bogie Leigh, Big Daddy Cool, Elite State, Waterview Star, Greasy Grizzly, Lissiloo and Scottish Express.

Dam

Flip It Up (Worthy Reward-Tiny Flash) was a very handy racebitch and scored a couple of wins at Albion Park, the best being in 30.46. The same litter also produced Rusty Valley who won three races there (30.67).

Damline

For a few generations, this damline went a bit quiet. Third dam Tiny Brolga only left one city winner, Melville Patch, whose only Angle Park victory was in steady time.

Not much is known about the fourth dam Gold Cavala, but the next dam, Jalengla Joy, was a top class bitch, both on the track and at stud. She won the 1975 Beaumont Park Bracelet, a feature race for bitches at Newcastle which always attracted a good field.

Jalengla Joy's offspring won a host of races on the two Sydney city tracks resulting in her being Metropolitan Broodbitch of the Year in 1981.

Her two best were probably Electro Eagle and Star Medallion.

Electro Eagle won 25 races including the 1983 Haig Scotch Whisky Cup at Wentworth Park (in 30.91) and

set a track record over the 384m at Singleton which stood for nearly 20 years.

His full brother from a later litter, Star Medallion, was another fine sprinter/stayer who won 24 races from 300m to 722m.

He won 10 city races including a flying 30.73 over the 530m at Wentworth Park. He also broke the Taree 537m record.

Their sister, Jalengla Gipsy, was the dam of Pom Pom Girl who won 14 races at Wentworth Park (many in top grade) as well as the 1990 Dapto Silver Collar.

Jalengla Joy also appears in the damline behind 2000 Singleton Silver Bullet winner Boss Storm. Jalengla Joy's dam Just Jenny was a half sister to Proper Prince (Proper Streak*-Jenny Ante).

Although only lightly raced, he showed amazing pace to run 26.2 at Harold Park, one of the fastest times ever at the time.

He also ran a 26.3 in his five wins on that track. Proper Prince also got his share of feature winners at stud.

The most notable was Odious, the brilliant Sydney bitch who twice ran track records on her way to victory in the 1975 Sandown Laurels.

The following year she returned to annex the Australian Cup at Olympic Park.

Some of Proper Prince's other feature winners included Cool Rene, Cyclone Corsica, Heather's Fury, La Belle Star, Odd Wheel, Proper Calibre, Proper Duke, Sweet Pandora, Ultraway and Vulcan Rapid.

Many of Proper Prince's daughters bred on e.g.

Heather's Fury (behind Mint Magic, Super Mint, Rare Missile, Lindale Blue, etc), Odious (behind General Jeff, True Vintage, Dynamite Lad, Legendary Kid, Ultra Sense, Parwan Flyer, etc) and Odalisque (behind Warren's Flyer, Proper Tears, Henry Hand, etc).

Jen's Gold, a half sister to Just Jenny, was grand-dam of Nimity Streak who won the Gabba Galaxy in 1976. The following year she added the Ladies Bracelet at Harold Park to her resume.

Mach Three (1971 South Sydney Cup (Wpk), Lander's Lad (TR Taree 410y) & Neil's Treasure (TR Kempsey 365m) were also from this damline.

Flip It Up's 22th dam was the imported broodbitch Maid Of Dorset* (whelped in 1880), a daughter of Misterton (1879 Waterloo Cup) and Coomassie, the tiny English coursing sensation who won the Waterloo Cup in 1877 & 1878.

Some of the well-known greyhounds who trace back to Maid Of Dorset* are Andy (1929 NSW Waterloo Cup, 1927 NSW Champion Cup, outstanding sire), Dennis Direct (1961 Australian C'ship Wpk, Holiday Hdcp Spk, Moomba Cup(North Melb), Golden Terms (1931 Victorian Coursing Derby, NSW Coursing Derby), Kil Coy (1936 NSW Waterloo Cup), Lightning Boy (1987

3DB Tphy Spk , 1986 Traralgon Cup, Cranbourne Cup), Roo Power (1974 Skippa Tphy Opk, 1973 Celebrity Stake Opk) and Stylish Teddy (1998 Easter Cup Hob).

Maternal Grand sire

The dam of these greyhounds, Flip It Up, was sired by the outstanding sprinter/stayer Worthy Reward.

He is also the maternal grand-sire of Sorcerer, Macbeth's Image, Kalka Jak, Smooth Syrah, Shooshla, Que Dee Tee, Little Things, Dream Hakka, Acola Sharky & Shapely Lass.

The next two dam-sires were not particularly well known stud dogs.

Second dam Tiny Flash was sired by Cheap Thrill (Chariot Supreme-Gold Country), a smart sprinter who won 25 races.

Cheap Thrill only sired 15 litters but none of his progeny were able to win a city race.

The third dam, Tiny Brolga, was by the beautifully-bred Brolga Park (Pretty Short Pitstock Park). From 37 litters Brolga Park sired just three city winners.

His best progeny were the smart Sydney stayer Sole Sensation (TR Forbes 608m, Cootamundra 518m) and Guy's Boy (1993 Teys Bros Puppy Classic at Lawnton).

Nicks

One of the recurrent nicks which can be seen in many of the better progeny of Just The Best is with Chariot Supreme and Pretty Short. This also results in linebreeding to those two great sires as they can be found in JTB's pedigree as well.

In this case, Flip It Up's dam Tiny Flash is by a son of Chariot Supreme out of a bitch by a son of Pretty Short.

Other progeny of JTB out of bitches with both Chariot Supreme and Pretty Short in their pedigree include Big Daddy Cool, Elite State, Alana, Cawbourne Claud, Hilary John, M'Lady's Fool, City Of Sydney and Woops A Daisy.

Linebreeding

The Just The Best-Flip It Up offspring have a 3x3 double cross of Worth Doing. Not too long ago, many were suggesting the double-up of Worth Doing was not going to prove a success.

However, in the past few years quite a few good gallopers carry this cross, some of them from other Just The Best matings such as his litters out of Kalka Kate (containing Kalka Jak, Smooth Syrah, Mylora Plain and Red Syrah), Shady Macbeth (Macbeth's Image, Boss Macbeth, Flying Macbeth and Young Macbeth), Black Tessie (George Black and Not Quite Keith), Fine China (Kyanne Brooke, etc) and Zulu's Reward (Zulu's Award, etc).

Other successful double-ups of Worth Doing include

the Faithful Hawk-Magical Omen litter (Oxley Tiger and Oxley Fawn), Faithful Hawk-Smiling Sunset litter (Nevada Sunset), Dalalla-Groovy Walk litter (Tilly Whim), Dalalla-Greedy Banner litter (Trappo Banner) and the Royal Assassin-Ariek litter (Aussie Country). Wetherby Streak and his brothers are also linebred to Brother Fox (4x4x4), Chariot Supreme (4x4), Pretty Short (4x5), Pitstock Park (5x5x5x5) and Waverly Supreme* (5x5x5x5)

Repeat mating

We have previously mentioned despite many claiming repeat matings don't work, they have a very good success rate. In the past, greyhounds the calibre of Roman Earl, Anne Lewis, Jurassic Vapour, New Fox, Ravello, Bomber Gleeson, Hay Dinney, Pure Talent, Silver Chisel, Swamper, Holstein Boy, Tegimi, Security Alert, Corcoran, Gotta Be Solid, Tell You Why, Saskaview, Drop Of Wine, Shantytown, Jack Junior, Lilli Pilli Lad, Red Mystique and Hardell have all come from repeat matings.

The past six months have seen yet another superstar result from a repeat mating ... Surf Lorian, winner of the Peter Mosman Memorial Classic at Wentworth Park and holder of track records at Albion Park (520m), Ipswich (520m) and the Gold Coast (457m and 429m).