

Roberto's Continuing Influence

Pivotal sire blending with Danzig, In Reality

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While one may not immediately identify Roberto as a successful sire of sires, a quick look at the 2001 Kentucky stallion rosters shows that in fact he is. Kris S. (\$150,000 2000 fee), Silver Hawk (\$75,000), Red Ransom (\$75,000), Dynaformer (\$30,000) all commanded a pretty penny for their services. They also have the numbers behind them. All told, the foursome have sired 163 unrestricted stakes winners and 27 group/grade one winners. Their daughters have also produced a total of 35 unrestricted stakes winners.

Spending time looking at five generation pedigrees of unrestricted stakes winners has several advantages (and a few drawbacks as well). In this case, the advantage was the realization of not only Roberto's influence on the stakes population, but also what "works" with his offspring. It turns out that both In Reality and Danzig seem to blend especially well with the immediate ancestors of the late Darby Dan stallion.

First, a look at Roberto and Danzig. Danzig and his sons have sired 26 unrestricted stakes winners from the Roberto broodmare sireline. There are an additional four stakes

winners that show Danzig on top of the pedigree with Roberto elsewhere in the mare's pedigree: three by Danzig line stallions, and one by a stallion out of a Danzig mare.

Looking at the flipside, 10 unrestricted stakes winners have emerged from Roberto-line stallions out of the Danzig broodmare sireline. Another pair of stakes winners are by Roberto sons out of mares with Danzig as the broodmare sire of the second dam.

In all, 42 unrestricted stakes winners show a strain of both Roberto and Danzig in their pedigrees. Eighteen or 42 percent of these are graded winners, while nine (21 percent) are group/grade one winners. Breeders' Cup Mile winner War Charit, Hopeful winner Lucky Roberto, Super Derby winner Arch and Coronation Stakes winner Banks Hill are among the more notable products of the Danzig/Roberto combination.

A wide variety of both Danzig and Roberto strains are represented in the stakes winners as well. Fourteen different Danzig sons, as well as Danzig himself (7) have sired stakes winners with Roberto in the mares pedigree. Danehill (5),

Table I:
Bloodlines Working With Roberto Strains

| SW | GRADE | ROBERTO STRAIN | IN REALITY STRAIN |
|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Pedro The Cool | | Roberto | In Reality |
| Prominent Feather | | Lear Fan | In Reality |
| Elegant Warning | | Slightly Dangerous | Believe It |
| Intikhah | 2 | Red Ransom | Real Crafty Lady |
| Valid Repriced | 3 | Repriced | Prince Valid |
| Perfect Sting | 1 | Red Ransom | Valid Appeal |
| Youbetterbelieveit | | Kris S. | Relaunch |
| Jostle | 1 | Brocco | Sun Reality |
| Capital Request | 3 | Repriced | Relaunch |
| Fortifier | | Major Impact | Relaunch |
| Silk Prima Donna | 1 (Japan) | Brian's Time | Truly Bound |
| Collect The Cash | 1 | Dynaformer | Valid Appeal |
| Kumari Continent | 2 | Kris S. | Known Fact |
| High Margin | | Repriced | Conveniently |
| Four Plus Four | | Major Impact | Relaunch |
| Starrer | | Dynaformer | Relaunch |
| Queen Tutta | 2 | Kris S. | In Reality |
| SW | GRADE | IN REALITY STRAIN | ROBERTO STRAIN |
| Warning | 1 | Known Fact | Roberto |
| Markofdistinction | 1 | Known Fact | Cambretta |
| House Account | | Relaunch | Roberto |
| Garemma | 3 | Shananie | Darby Creek Road |
| Marylyn's Madness | | Shananie | Darby Creek Road |
| Moderinuse | 3 | Known Fact | Roberto |
| First Stage | | Relaunch | Roberto |
| So Factual | 1 | Known Fact | Roberto |
| Abduct | | World Appeal | Roberto |
| Ask Shananie | | Shananie | Darby Creek Road |
| Authorized Staff | | Relaunch | Tactic |
| Shananie's Wish | | Shananie | Darby Creek Road |
| Doc's Delimma | | Known Fact | Roberto |
| Valid Direction | | Captain Valid | Darby Creek Road |
| Bold Fact | | Known Fact | Kris S. |
| Ducth Daulton | | Zerelda | Robellino |
| Linda Coqueta | | Moon Glitter | Roberto |
| Cantbetouched | | Known Fact | Kris S. |
| Last Phone Call | | Phone Order | Pirateer |
| Aunt Sophie | | Altazarr | Pirateer |
| Trion Georgia | | Real Crafty Lady | Mistress Glendower |
| Rapid Ryan | | Mister Jolie | Dynaformer |

Polish Precedent (3) and Sejm(2) have all sired multiple stakes winners.

Roberto was gone well before any Danzig mares could have visited his court, however, eight of his sons and a grandson (You and I) have sired stakes winners from mares carrying a strain of Danzig. Kris S., Silver Hawk and the Japanese-based Sunshine Forever all have sired a pair each.

This is for real

Roberto also seems to be blending well with In Reality. From the Roberto/In Reality sireline cross there have been 13 unrestricted stakes winners produced, with another three from the Roberto sireline with In Reality elsewhere in the pedigree of the mare. Additionally, Warning, by In Reality's son Known Fact and out of a Roberto mare, also has sired a stakes winner with a granddaughter of In Reality.

Conversely, the In Reality/Roberto sireline cross has yielded 16 stakes winners, with another six stakes winners showing a strain of In Reality elsewhere on the male side and Roberto elsewhere on the bottom of the pedigree.

In all, 39 stakes winners show the combination of Roberto and In Reality in their pedigrees. Fifteen (38 percent) are graded winners and seven (17 percent) are group/grade one

winners. Eclipse Champion Perfect Sting, top European milers Warning and Markofdistinction, and Coaching Club American Oaks winner Jostle are top examples of the Roberto/In Reality blend.

Listed stakes winner Pedro the Cool is the only stakes winner directly sired by Roberto out of an In Reality mare and there are no stakes winners by In Reality directly out of a daughter of Roberto. However, as with Danzig, there are several different strains represented in the 39 unrestricted stakes winners. Six individual sons of In Reality and a pair of grandsons have sired stakes winners with mares carrying Roberto within five generations. Known Fact is responsible for seven, while Shananie has sired four and Relaunch three.

Eight different sons of Roberto and one grandson (Brocco) have produced stakes winners with mares carrying a strain of In Reality. Kris S. has sired three, while Dynaformer, Red Ransom, and Major Impact have each sired a pair.

So, given a mare or stallion featuring Roberto in its pedigree, the recipe for success would seem to be to add a dash of Danzig or a jigger of In Reality, bake for 11 months and hope for history to take its usual course. 

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| STAKES WINNER | GRADE | ROBERTO STRAIN | DANZIG |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Hagino Real King | 2 (Japan) | Real Shadai | Danzig |
| Bahamian Sunshine | | Sunshine Forever | Danzig |
| Intikhab | 2 | Red Ransom | Zienelle |
| Grass Wonder | 1 (Japan) | Silver Hawk | Danzig |
| Sunshine Street | 1 | Sunshine Forever | Chief's Crown |
| Arch | 1 | Kris S. | Danzig |
| Zaajer | | Silver Hawk | Chief's Crown |
| Alistos | | Kris S. | Danzig |
| Azireprice | | Repriced | A Native Danzig |
| The Missing Key | | You and I | Chief's Crown |
| Comfy | | Lear Fan | Danzig |
| Minimalist | | Dynaformer | Danzig |
| STAKES WINNER | GRADE | DANZIG STRAIN | ROBERTO STRAIN |
| Danzig Queen | | Danzig | Roberto |
| Furiously | 1 | Danzig | Roberto |
| Dakota Danzig | | Danzig Connection | Roberto |
| Albertville | | Polish Precedent | Don Roberto |
| Excellence Robin | | Polish Navy | Roberto |
| Burooj | 3 | Danzig | Roberto |
| Istidaad | 1 | Chief's Crown | Roberto |
| Polish Spring | | Polish Precedent | Lear Fan |
| Sandstone | | Green Desert | Lear Fan |
| Yashmak | 1 | Danzig | Roberto |
| Almazvoon | 3 | Danehill | Roberto |
| Regal Revolution | | Hamas | Silver Hawk |
| Jibe | | Danzig | Roberto |
| Barracouta | | Corridor Key | Robellino |
| Lucky Roberto | 1 | Belong to Me | Roberto |
| Modern Day | 3 | Dayjur | Roberto |
| Sejm's Madness | | Sejm | Darby Creek Road |
| Time Changes | | Danzig | Roberto |
| Solar Bound | | Boundary | Lear Fan |
| Alliteration | | Polish Precedent | Roberto |
| Dansili | 3 | Danehill | Kahyasi |
| Whata Brainstorm | 2 | Honor Grades | Roberto |
| War Chant | 1 | Danzig | Kris S. |
| Aerobics | | Snaadec | At Talaq |
| Honours List | 3 | Danehill | Script Ohio |
| Vinnie's Boy | | Sejm | Darby Creek Road |
| Stephant | | Green Desert | Slightly Dangerous |
| Banks Hill | 1 | Danehill | Sookera |
| Barsine | | Danehill | Roberto |
| Trion Georgia | | Baltic Sea | Mistress Glendower |