

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 Chant, 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
Intikhab	2	Red Ransom	Real Crafty Lady
Valid Reprized	3	Reprized	Prince Valid
Perfect Sting	1	Red Ransom	Valid Appeal
Youbetterbelieveit		Kris S.	Relaunch
Jostle	1	Brocco	Sun Reality
Capitall Request	3	Reprized	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		Reprized	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
Maryilyn's Madness		Shananie	Darby Creek Road
Modernise	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	3	Known Fact	Kris S.
Ducth Daulton		Zerelda	Robellino
Linda Coqueta		Moon Glitter	Roberto
Canbtetouched		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. **JOE**

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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
Alisios		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		Snaadee	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