

Commander's Stud Muffin

SIRE LINE. Sire WGC [SA] Zovoorbij Commander In Chief was one of the greatest gaited horses I've ever seen. He comes from a line of illustrious sires, culminating in American-born Indiana Ace, who was exported to South Africa in 1954. Indiana Ace was the sire of show horses in this country [such as WC Big World – she the dam of CH Holiday's Happy World, and RWC Indiana's Highland Ace] as well as BHF's Hide-A-Way's Laura Belle, Indiana J E M, and Just Plain Jane. Among his famous sire sons is Indiana Peavine, sire of multi-titled WC CH Lily Merrill, multi-titled CH Burning Tree's Brandywine, WC and sire CH Wind-Sir, multi-titled CH Glenview's Warlock, and WC CH Star Scene. Indiana Peavine himself won the 5G 3YO Stake in 1958. ZCIC's broodmare sire line goes to Edna May's King, two time WGC and the first horse to win the WGC with an amateur rider. His superb manners and attitude can act to counteract the influence of too many heart traces [see below]. Extreme speed in this line.

BROODMARE SIRE LINE. Can't do any better than a line to CH Wing Commander, though I believe the best one is through CH Yorktown [which one you have in the broodmare sire line of Raytown Road]. One of the reasons is Yorktown's size, which was larger than most of the Wing Commanders. Both Wing's Fleet Admiral and CH Courageous Admiral were average in size, though extremely powerful. The other is that he was WGC not only three times, he sired a two-time WGC and is grandsire of a WGC. Also note Little Miss Stonewall and Little Miss Delano in the 4th and 5th generations. While it wasn't always so, many of the horses registered as "little" really were. I found one offspring that showed as a pony. Extreme speed in this line also.

FIRST DAM. Raytown's Sweet Revenge's sire line to Wing Commander, and Raytown Road's broodmare sire tracing to Yorktown should have produced a top notch gaited horse. By this time, the pedigree has gathered 83 traces to Rex McDonald [just on the dam's side] and is hot with Thoroughbred blood and the best of the Saddlebred world.

SECOND DAM. Denmark's Supreme Secret, the only foal of Reserve The Right. This is where it gets interesting, as the large measured heart found in Harlem Globetrotter comes into the line here through her sire Denmark's Supreme Stonewall. An examination of all his get that showed reveal primarily five-gaited and pleasure get. Among them are CH G.B.H. Smooth Operator, Josh By Gosh [RWC 1987 Show Pleasure Driving Division II], The Wesleyan Bishop, My Sunday Surprise, Park Place and Cedar Creek Royal Peavine [showed extensively in 5G and in 3G Show Pleasure, plus showed in 3G Pony at the KSF in 1998]. Denmark's Supreme Secret has 37 traces to Rex McDonald.

THIRD DAM. Reserve The Right is sired by the great show horse CH Courageous Admiral [as far as I know, he never showed at Louisville]. She has 23 traces to Rex McDonald. Her sire line is to Wing Commander and her broodmare sire line to Wing's sire, Anacacho Shamrock. Bred at four, she had only the one foal, so I think we can assume a problem or an early death.

FOURTH DAM. Mordele's Little Secret is sired by My King's X. When I moved to Kentucky in 1969, he was one of the most highly respected broodmare sires [sired by Wing x BHF Love Affair]. He was a full brother to sire Gay Lover and to the mare Bit O'Choice [WC 1953 3G JR Stake]. 8 of her 9 foals were by top sires. Two showed in pleasure, one was the dam of two pleasure horses.

FIFTH DAM. Kalarama's Little Secret must have been very hot, with a Kalarama Rex sire line and inbred to Rex McDonald.

Incidentally, seventh dam Lillian Monroe is the dam of respected sire Jean Lafitte.

HALL OF FAME BROODMARES. While there are only 8 in his five-generation pedigree, the problem here is that SA does not have a Broodmare Hall of Fame. If you go back six generations, you find an additional 16 BHF mares.

DOUBLE COPY MARES. 31 out of a possible 31 by pedigree. This is always the case with such a high percentage of Thoroughbred blood.

WORLD'S GRAND CHAMPIONS. Includes SA Grand Champions = 24, the majority 5G. The presence of WGC CH Valley View Supreme provides the "golden cross" [with Wing], and he is the only one in 3G. Several of the SA GCs are in hand.

CUMULATIVE SHOW RECORD. 58 firsts + 19 seconds = 77, in the "very good" category. I am sure that additional wins in the SA horses' records not available at this time will change this to "excellent."

POSSIBLE HEART TRACES. 242 traces in the entire pedigree is 87 over average. 72 just on the heart line is 29 over average. This indicates a high percentage of Thoroughbred blood, which can result in extreme speed and extreme stamina. Very patient handling of the great hearts can result in a phenomenal show horse.

TOP TEN SIRES OF HALL OF FAME BROODMARES LIST. He has 5 – one over average. He is distantly related to all the mares sired by these horses [list enclosed].

ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TRACES.

The number of traces to legendary show horse and sire Rex McDonald is unusual. WGC CH Boucheron had 29 of the 32 fifth generation horses trace to him. **Commander's Stud Muffin has 32 of 32 trace to Rex McDonald, 92 on his sire's side, 83 on his dam's side = 175.** Horses with the most traces include Bachelor's Dream [14], Cameo's Farewell [10], Supreme Sultan [15], The Royal Princess [10] and Indiana J E M [BHF] with 11. Caveat – Boucheron was one of the most talented and difficult WGCs of all time, on a par with CH Belle Le Rose and CH My-My.

There are also a very rare number of 6 traces to founding sire Denmark.

AMONG THOSE OF INTEREST OR NOT IN ASHA SHOW RECORDS.

[SA] Fair Ensign. Imported in utero, she was foaled May 9, 1956. She was a full sister to BHF Ensign's Fair Virginia.

Cameo's Farewell. GC Stallion 1958, 1961. Champion Purebred Stallion 3-4 1958. Champion Purebred Stallion Over 4 1961. Champion Single Harness Stallion 1958. Topped General Sire Ratings 1965-1972 and also topped Futurity Sire Ratings several times.

[SA] Cameo's Spring Cheer. Five Gaited Grand Champion 1971. Reserve GC 5G 1970. Champion 5G Mare 1969, 1970, 1971. Champion 5G Mare for Breeding Riding Horses 1967, 1968.

[SA] Adios Amigo. Champion Colt Under 12 Months 1963. Futurity Grand Champion Single Harness 1965. Reserve Champion Colt 3-4 Years 1965. Reserve Champion Single Harness 3-4 Years 1965.

[SA] Bachelor's Dream. Champion Sire Progeny Group 1971 [was 3rd in Champion 5G Stallion for Breeding Riding Horses the same year].

Indiana Ace. Grand Champion Stallion 1956.

Majestic Ensign. Grand Champion Stallion in Hand 1967, 1968, 1969. In the US – 1955 Reserve Champion National Futurity Yearling.

The Royal Princess. 1961 World's Champion Kentucky Futurity Weanling. 1962 Reserve World's Champion Kentucky Futurity Yearling. Full sister to Princess Commander [1973 RWC 5G Mare Stake].

[SA] Vidas Cameo's Rosa-Lee. Her son [SA] Teebes Prince Of All is the sire of CH [SA] Carlswald Prince's Domino.

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