

A Story of Success: Prospect Selection

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Isn't it every owners dream to celebrate in the winner's circle? Isn't it the fulfillment of all hopes if your horse crosses the finish line first? The excitement of horse racing is one of the most profound experiences.

The only issue: how do you find the yearling that will win for you down the road? How do you play this game successfully? Or can you afford to lose money head over fist? If there would be a strategy to win money consistently, would you apply it?

In the 1940's there was Tesio: the most successful breeder of Thoroughbred race horses of all times. Since 2010 there is the Triple Crown Syndicate in Australia who achieves industry-leading success rates. In 2019 the book "[Pedigree Patterns of Thoroughbreds and the Theory Behind](#)" was published. The book explains the concepts of successful breeding and prospect selection are based on - in regards to pedigrees.

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Success is not a coincidence. But there is never a guarantee either. Especially in horse racing! To be successful means to choose *on average* good race horses. This involves the study of pedigrees, the selection of the desired conformation, the ability to arrange an optimal training and racing environment. Pedigree alone is no guarantee. Conformation alone neither. And the best training doesn't help a horse that hates to run. The sum though is more than its parts and statistically leads to an industry-leading success rate.

The Triple Crown Team obviously has figured out each part of the puzzle and is able to put it together consistently. I would like to point out certain pedigree features of their most successful horses. There is much more to say about these pedigrees, but to highlight the importance of patterns in successful race horses, I only focus on the patterns. To correlate the patterns to the performance judged from money earned, a ROI (return on investment) is defined. The race money divided by the purchase price is defined as the ROI. Further income from sales is not considered.

Horse	Income [AUS]	Purchase Price [AUS]	ROI
Redzel	15'372'750	120'000	128
Hot Snitzel	1'334'850	60'000	22
Peggy Jean	920'525	46'000	20
Lotteria	1'483'960	260'000	6
Charlie Boy	907'175	80'000	11
Dothraki	1'463'135	45'000	33
Gold Symphony	528'875+	100'000	5+
Flying Snitzel	340'950	25'000	14
Moss Trip	467'035	32'000	15
Cavalry Rose	437'750	85'000	5
Brave Song	344'470	67'500	5
Patronyme	325'950	70'000	5
Secret Trail	503'871	120'000	4
Miss Independent	551'155	65'000	8

Redzel: Sire “Snitzel” has a top-bottom pattern to Northern Dancer and an inside-out pattern to Lunchtime. Dam “Millrich” has an emphasized Nasrullah/Nearco pattern that ties in with the Northern Dancer pattern of “Snitzel”. Summary: very strong pattern! ROI: 128.

Hot Snitzel: Sire “Snitzel” has a top-bottom pattern to Northern Dancer and an inside-out pattern to Lunchtime. Dam “Flames Of Paris” has an emphasized top-bottom Nearco pattern and an inside-out Tudor Ministrel pattern. The dam’s Nearco pattern ties in with the Northern Dancer pattern of the sire. Summary: very strong pattern! ROI: 22.

Peggy Jean: Sire “MyBoyCharlie” has an emphasized top-bottom pattern to Nearco (Northern Dancer / Never Say Die). Dam “Lady of Love” has the same pattern. While looks like Northern Dancer x Never Say Die is a very nice Nearco pattern! Summary: very strong pattern! ROI: 20.

Lotteria: Sire “Redoutes Choice” has an emphasized top-bottom pattern to Northern Dancer. Dam “Rose Reward” has an emphasized top-bottom pattern to Princequillo. The two pedigrees are tied together through an inside-out pattern to Sir Ivor. Sir Ivor not only provides an inside-out pattern but also re-enforces the Northern Dancer pattern through Mahmoud. Summary: very strong pattern! ROI: 6.

Charly Boy: Sire “MyBoyCharlie” has an emphasized top-bottom pattern to Nearco (Northern Dancer / Never Say Die). Dam “Maritime” has a top-bottom pattern to Nearco and line-breeding to Prince John and the outstanding mare Lalun. The pedigrees are tied together through an inside-out pattern to Nearco. The most obvious pattern is a “returning the blood” pattern: return to the sire the best blood of his dam. Pier is the full sister to Rousillion; but why is Rousillion considered the “the best blood”? Who is the mare Belle Dorine? She is by Marshuas Dancer which is a ¼ brother to Mr Prospector. Belle Dorine adds a cross to Bull Dog to come even closer to Mr Prospector’s genetics. Summary: strong pattern to Nearco combined with a “returning the blood” pattern based on Mr Prospector genetics. ROI: 11.

Dothraki: Sire “Mossman” has an emphasized top-bottom pattern to the genetics of Klairon / Prince John. Dam “Voalntis” has an emphasized Northern Dancer / Mahmoud inside-out pattern. Summary: both parents have strong patterns but there is no overall-pattern in this pedigree. ROI: 33.

Gold Symphony: Sire “Reward For Effort” has an emphasized Northern Dancer pattern. Dam “Tzaress” has an emphasized pattern to Nearco through the great stallion Nureyev and two other sources. The pedigree is tied together through in inside-out pattern to Nearco. Summary: very strong pattern using different genetic sources. ROI: 5+ (still racing).

Flying Snitzel: Sire “Snitzel” has a top-bottom pattern to Northern Dancer and an inside-out pattern to Lunchtime. Dam “Hula Flight” has an emphasized top-bottom and inside-out pattern to Nearco. Summary: very strong pattern to Nearco! ROI: 14.

Moss Trip: Sire “Mossman” has an emphasized top-bottom pattern to the genetics of Klairon / Prince John. Dam “Space Trip” has an emphasized top-bottom pattern to Nearco coming through different sources. Summary: a combination of strong patterns. ROI: 15.

Cavalry Rose: Sire “Charge Forward” has a Nearco pattern on his sire’s side and a pattern to Bayardo on his dam’s side. Dam “Alberton Rose” has a top-bottom pattern to Nearco and through the sire side a top-bottom pattern to Star Kingdom which ties into the Bayardo pattern on the sire side. The Nearco pattern is overall reinforced. Summary: good patterns and combinations but not an overall strongly reinforced pattern; average patterns – good combination. ROI: 5.

Brave Song: Sire “Your Song” has an emphasized pattern to Northern Dancer. Dam “Brave Choice” has a top-bottom pattern to Nearco. This gives the whole pedigree a top-bottom pattern to Nearco combined with an inside-out pattern to Mr Prospector. Summary: fairly good patterns and combinations. ROI: 5.

Patronym: Sire “More Than Ready” has an emphasized pattern to Nearco through Turn-To. Dam “Descendant” has a top-bottom pattern to Nearco which gives the overall pedigree an emphasized pattern to Nearco. Summary: good pattern to Nearco but weaker combinations. ROI: 5.

Secret Trail: Sire “Denman” has a top-bottom pattern to Nearco with line-breeding to Bayardo. Dam “Trail Of Secrets” has a top-bottom pattern to Nearco with line-breeding to Bayardo. This gives the pedigree an overall emphasized pattern to Nearco with linked line-breeding to Bayardo. Summary: good pattern with focused line-breeding. ROI: 4.

Miss Independent: Sire “Choisir” has a Nearco / Native Dancer pattern through his sire and through his dam side he adds patterns to the genetics of Bayardo. Dam “Bomba” reinforces the Bayardo patterns on the sire side and adds a top-bottom pattern to Northern Dancer / Nearco and line-breeding to Buckpasser. This results in an overall pattern to Nearco and strong emphasis of the Bayardo genetics. Summary: good patterns and focused line-breeding. ROI: 8.

Pedigrees for reference:

<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/redzel>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/hot+snitzel>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/peggy+jean4>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/lotteria3>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/charlie+boy6>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/dotraki>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/gold+symphony2>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/flying+snitzel>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/moss+trip>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/cavalry+rose>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/brave+song2>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/patronyme>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/secret+trail>
<https://www.allbreedpedigree.com/miss+independent8>

IS THIS INVESTMENT RELIABLE?

I don't know how many horses were syndicated without published results. To select, train and race 14 horses successfully within 19 years is an achievement that is well-worth admiring!

Is it a reliable investment? No! If you go through the pedigree discussion above there is obviously some connection between the ROI and my judgment from point of pedigree. But there are also horses with strong pedigrees and lower ROIs (Lotteria) and vice versa (Dothraki). If you chose this avenue of investment, then it would certainly make sense to invest in an array of selected horses to leverage the risk. In contrast to the stock market though, you certainly get tons of excitement, friends and a deep connection to these beautiful creatures – the horses!

SUMMARY

Pedigrees do give a clue about potential under the circumstance that the potential can be harvested to its full extent! As these horses all go through the very same drill, it does allow for a more objective judgment of how pedigrees can influence performance.

Even though I don't consider it a reliable investment, it might be the best and for sure the most exciting you'll ever make in your life.