

Classic Empire

Classic Empire was fast enough to take the Gr.3 Bashford Manor Stakes over six furlongs in early July, was much the best in the Gr.1 Breeders' Futurity and defeated leading Freshman Sire Not This Time in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Despite a demanding juvenile campaign he trained on well, notably taking the Gr.1 Arkansas Derby and being beaten only a head in the Gr.1 Preakness.

Classic Empire is bred along similar lines to Triple Crown hero American Pharoah, and like him he enjoys the significant benefit of having a pedigree free of such as **A.P. INDY**, **SEATTLE SLEW**, **DANZIG**, **SADLER'S WELLS**, **DEPUTY MINISTER**, **ROBERTO** and **HALO**. His two lines to Mr Prospector will be no closer than the fifth and sixth generations of his foals' pedigrees. Storm Cat will be back in the fourth generation and Fappiano in the fifth, allowing a second line to either.

Empire Maker sired Gr.1 winners from mares by three different sons of **SEATTLE SLEW**, including champion Royal Delta from an **A.P. INDY** mare. Empire Maker's son Bodemeister sired the fast Gr.2 winner American Anthem from an **A.P. INDY** mare. Classic Empire must be a prime candidate for daughters of **A.P. INDY** and his sons.

The similarly-bred American Pharoah sired his first Gr.1 winner from a **TAPIT** mare. **BERNARDINI** mares have 11% black-type winners with Pioneerof The Nile.

Empire Maker sired 14% SWs from daughters of **SEEKING THE GOLD**. There are numerous other options from this **MR PROSPECTOR** male line, including **KINGMAMBO**, **CARSON CITY**, **SMART STRIKE**, **CURLIN**, **DISTORTED HUMOR**, **SPEIGHTSTOWN** and **STREET CRY**. American Pharoah's first Group winner, the speedy Maven, is out of a grand-daughter of **DISTORTED HUMOR**, who also sired the dam of one of Classic Empire's high-priced first-crop yearlings and the 2nd dam of another.

American Pharoah has sired 2020 Gr.1 juvenile winner Van Gogh from a mare by **SADLER'S WELLS**. His first four starters out of **GALILEO** mares include Gr.2 winner Pista and Gr.1-placed Monarch of Egypt. His first starter out of a **MEDAGLIA D'ORO** mare is the Saratoga Listed winner Another Miracle.

MARIA'S MON sired the dam of American Pharoah's Gr.1-placed son American Theorem and Maria's Mon's son **LATENT HEAT** is dam sire of another of his Graded-placed winners.

Pioneerof The Nile did well with the **HAIL TO REASON** line, siring the Gr.3 winner Vinceremos from a **MORE THAN READY** mare and Preakness third Social Inclusion from a **SAINT BALLADO** mare. This line is well worth trying with Classic Empire, as American Pharoah is now replicating Pioneerof The Nile's success, siring the Gr.2 winner Four Wheel Drive and the Japanese Gr.3 dirt winner Café Pharoah from daughters of **MORE THAN READY**.

Mares by **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** and other sons of Storm Cat create only 4x3 to **STORM CAT**. Empire Maker sired Bodemeister and In Lingerie from daughters of **STORM CAT** and the 2019 2yo Gr.1 winner Eight Rings from a grand-daughter. Cairo Prince, another of Pioneerof The Nile's stallion sons, has Gr.2 and Gr.3 winners out of daughters of **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**, **HARLAN'S HOLIDAY** and **TALE OF THE CAT**. **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY** is also the broodmare sire of American Pharoah's useful French winner Ocean Atlantique, while his Gr.2 winner Sweet Melania has a dam by **STORM CAT**'s grandson **DISCREET CAT**.

Empire Maker did well with mares by **DANZIG** and his sons. American Pharoah already has the speedy Gr.3 winner Turned Aside from a **WAR FRONT** mare.

Empire Maker and Pioneerof The Nile have both sired SWs from a daughter of **TOUCH GOLD**. Pioneerof The Nile has a Gr.3-winning juvenile with a dam by **GHOSTZAPPER**.

A daughter of **IN EXCESS** produced Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming to Bodemeister and Gr.2 winner Positive Thinking to Pioneerof The Nile. This suggests that daughters of **UNCLE MO** are well worth trying with Classic Empire.

HOLY BULL is the broodmare sire of Cairo Prince, another of Pioneerof The Nile's best sons.