

Is MACHIAVELLIAN the new DANZIG ?

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DANZIG is currently the only true global sireline. There are lines that dominate in different regions but DANZIG is the only one that has been successful in every major region of the world.

STREET CRY in America and Australia, **MEDICEAN** in the UK, **NO EXCUSE NEEDED** in New Zealand, **KAHAL** in South Africa, **ALMUTAWAKEL** in Italy, **VETTORI** in Brazil - it appears the MACHIAVELLIAN line is doing a DANZIG and working in every region of the world.

Ironically, **MACHIAVELLIAN** over mares with **DANZIG** has produced 12 GSWs [Graded Stakes Winners] in 4 different countries with a **VGS of a high 3.6**. This means that this cross produces GSWs 3.6 times faster than statistically expected. Note that the VGS measures the impact of the ancestors appearing *anywhere* in the pedigree so for example, DANZIG can appear as the broodmare sire or the 2nd damsire or even the 3rd damsire.

The following **Affinity Tree** for MACHIAVELLIAN shows key ancestors and their sons/daughters so we can easily identify what strains of an ancestor work best.

DANZIG		VGS	3.6
└DANEHILL	VGS	3.5	
└GREEN DESERT		VGS	5.7
SIR GAYLORD	VGS	2.1	
└SIR IVOR		VGS	2.6
└GAY MISSILE (mare)		VGS	6.6
└LASSIE DEAR (mare)		VGS	8.7
VICTORIA REGINA		VGS	4.0
└VICEREGAL		VGS	2.6
└VICE REGENT		VGS	5.5
└DEPUTY MINISTER		VGS	5.9
FRANCIS S		VGS	4.5
└A WIND IS RISING (mare)	VGS	16	
└QUEEN NASRA (mare)	VGS	7.1	** refer to GEEK ZONE at end of article
KENMARE		VGS	5.7
└HIGHEST HONOR	VGS	9.4	
STORM BIRD		VGS	2.9
ALANESIAN (mare)		VGS	2.2
ALZAO	VGS	4.5	
BOLD LAD		VGS	3.8
THONG (mare)	VGS	1.7	
└THATCH		VGS	1.4
└SPECIAL (mare)		VGS	2.1
└SADLER'S WELLS		VGS	1.8
└NUREYEV		VGS	2.3

The Affinity Tree only lists ancestors in the mare that have a clear positive or negative impact. Study of the tree reveals

1. **SIR GAYLORD** is a good strain, especially **LASSIE DEAR**. If you have a mare with LASSIE DEAR anywhere in her pedigree, sending her to a MACHIAVELLIAN stallion is a **very high percentage play**.
2. **VICTORIA REGINA** and her sons and grandsons especially **DEPUTY MINISTER** are excellent
3. **KENMARE** is a very high percentage play especially his son **HIGHEST HONOR**

The best approach with this data is to look for mares that have 2 or more high impact ancestors. For example, a mare that has strains of THONG and ALZAO surely wouldn't be too difficult to find in Europe? a mare with VICTORIA REGINA and LASSIE DEAR surely wouldn't be difficult to find in America? and there must be plenty of paddocks with mares with SIR GAYLORD (via Sir Tristram) and STORM BIRD (via Storm Cat) in Australia?

A final note: MACHIAVELLIAN and DANZIG combine well, and MACHIAVELLIAN and SIR IVOR also combine well, so which leading sire has both DANZIG and SIR IVOR ?

GREEN DESERT. It would not surprise to see the MACHIAVELLIAN x GREEN DESERT cross become a force in the next few years, especially as GREEN DESERT is also becoming a major global sireline. Note that this cross works in reverse as well - GREEN DESERT over MACHIAVELLIAN has a VGS of 5.1 which is powerful reinforcement that the affinity is real.

DANZIG CONNECTION also has DANZIG and SIR IVOR so these mares would also be prime candidates for MACHIAVELLIAN line stallions

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The highest VGS scores for MACHIAVELLIAN was for A WIND IS RISING and her dam QUEEN NASRA.

A WIND IS RISING is only available through her daughters and is hard to find.

QUEEN NASRA was a little more promiscuous and she can be found in the following

Australia/NZ:	sire NATIVE ROYALTY
USA:	daughters & sire NATIVE ROYALTY
Europe:	daughters & sire NATIVE ROYALTY
South Africa :	QUI DANZIG (this ancestor also give you Danzig!)

Updates July 2012:

1. MOTOR CITY won a 2YO Gr3 in 2011. Pedigree is STREET SENSE x DANZIG CONNECTION
2. MACHIAVELLIAN over mares with CONQUISTADOR CIELO has produced 5 GSWs. *All 5 mares also have DANZIG*, so these 3 ancestors in combination seem to be potent.