

MATING ANALYSIS

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LIAM'S MAP

Unbridled's Song - Miss Macy Sue, by Trippi
2011 Gray/roan | 16.1 1/2 Hands

Liam's Map possesses a unique pedigree that gives him an outstanding chance of carrying on the male line of the great sire Unbridled's Song. His second dam, Yada Yada, by Great Above, is inbred 2x3 to the great racemare and broodmare Ta Wee. That pattern of having a closely inbred ancestor close up, whether it be broodmare sire or along the tail-female line, is a pedigree pattern that has appeared repeatedly in the pedigrees of great racehorses and line-founding sires since the dawn of thoroughbred history, beginning with the horse generally considered the first great racehorse Flying Childers, whose full brother Bartlett's Childers is the grandsire of Eclipse, tail-male ancestor of more than 95% of modern Thoroughbreds. The most recent example is the unexpected leading sire Distorted Humor, whose second dam is inbred 3x3 to Turn-to.

Since Unbridled's Song's sire Unbridled is also inbred 4x4 to Aspidistra, through her immortal son Dr. Fager (sire of the dam of Unbridled's sire Fappiano) and his half-sister Magic, by Buckpasser, Unbridled's third dam, that means Liam's Map carries four crosses of one of the most influential broodmares of the 20th century, Aspidistra.

With any new stallion it is always a good idea to reinforce the most important strains of his pedigree, and it is abundantly clear that Aspidistra's influence was critical to the excellence of Liam's Map. Thus, I would recommend adding even more Aspidistra through mares whose pedigrees include Dr. Fager, Fappiano, or Ta Wee.

Perhaps the most concentrated source of Aspidistra is the good sire and outstanding broodmare sire Quiet American, who is inbred 3x2 to Aspidistra's son Dr. Fager. Quiet American is broodmare sire of top sire Bernardini, who has plenty of good daughters to breed to Liam's Map. There are also still a number of Quiet American mares in the breeding population, as well as mares by Quiet American's best son Real Quiet, and the latter's son Midnight Lute.

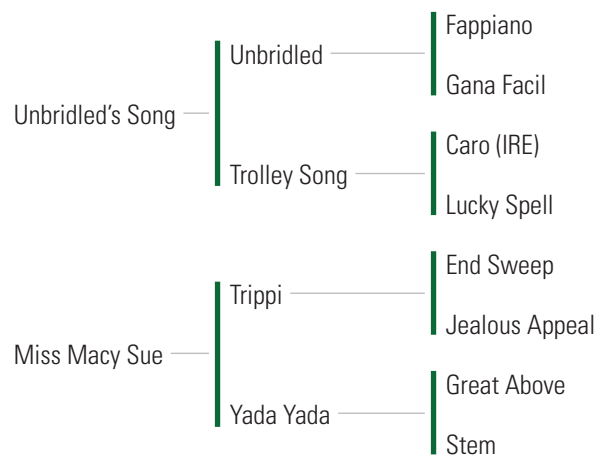
Other excellent sources of Aspidistra often pair with the most important overall influence in Unbridled's Song's success, In Reality, most notably in the pedigree of leading sire Tapit. His dam, Tap Your Heels is by Unbridled (inbred to Aspidistra) and she herself is inbred 4x3 to In Reality (whose dam, by the way, is by Dr. Fager's sire Rough'n Tumble). Tapit mares should be excellent mates for Liam's Map.

Other notable sources of Aspidistra include Holy Bull, whose sire Great Above is a son of Ta Wee, and Holy Bull's champion son Macho Uno, as well as top Florida sire Wildcat Heir, whose dam is by Pentelicus, who is by Fappiano out of Charedi, by In Reality, a granddaughter of Aspidistra and Unbridled's second dam.

UNBRIDLED'S SONG'S TENDENCIES

In Reality was the single most important name to appear on the bottom side of Unbridled's Song's best progeny. Six of his Grade 1 winners, including Liam's Map, are inbred to In Reality, and that pattern also worked for his sire Unbridled, whose best son, Empire Maker, is inbred 4x3 to In Reality. Both In Reality and Aspidistra are now far enough back in pedigrees that the inbreeding would not be excessive, but the technique of building up those kind of influences in the further reaches of pedigrees was long a staple of many successful breeders, most notably Olin Gentry (Idle Hour and Darby Dan) and Claiborne Farm.

Like most great sires Unbridled's Song was successful with a wide variety of broodmare sire lines, but any successful contemporary sire must cross well with Northern Dancer line mares, and six of his Grade 1-winning mares were out of Northern Dancer line mares.



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Liam's Map's pedigree carries only one cross of Northern Dancer in the sixth generation, so his pedigree will be an outcross for the thousands of mares inbred to Northern Dancer in the population. In fact, the more Northern Dancer you can find in mares for Liam's Map the better.

Liam's Map's status as an outcross for the many mares heavy in Northern Dancer blood cannot be emphasized too much, since there are so few viable outcrosses available. Many Kentucky breeders are always looking for an outcross, and Liam is such an attractive individual, he should be an automatic choice for those breeders. With such an unusual pedigree the majority of his foals will look like outcrosses on the catalog page, regardless of what is in the background.

Unbridled's Song also sired three Grade 1 winners (including Liam's Map) from Mr. Prospector line mares, and Mr. Prospector will necessarily appear in many of Liam's Map's mates. There are already thousands of GSWs inbred to Mr. Prospector, including over 250 G1 winners, so inbreeding to Mr. Prospector is highly recommended as well.

Since Liam's Map's pedigree largely consists of horses bred by or based on pedigrees of horses bred by John Nerud, it should also be a good ploy to emphasize female families associates with Nerud other than Aspidistra. There are plenty of good mares around descending from Quiet American's dam Demure, notably those owned by the Wertheimers through Partygoer. There are also good mares around descending from Cozzene's dam Ride the Trails.

Another great mare whose pedigree and descendants should mesh well with Liam's Map is Foggy Note, the dam of Relaunch and of his full sister Moon Glitter, dam of the good sire Glitterman, second dam of champion and fair sire Rubiano, and third dam of great sire Tapit.

- John Sparkman

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