

A seven time stakes winning miler, Carl Spackler captured three grade one events. From the same Giant's Causeway sireline as Not This Time, he is by French 2,000 Guineas (G1) and French Derby (G1) winner, Lope de Vega, classic sire of more than 150 stakes winners, and out of a graded stakes winning More Than Ready mare.

Lope de Vega has done very well with Danzig line mares. From the Danehill branch, there are grade one winners out of mares by Danehill himself, as wells as Danehill sons, Fastnet Rock, Dansili, Holy Roman Emperor and Duke of Marmalade, graded winners out of mares by Kodiac and Danehill Dancer, and a stakes winner out of a mare by Exceed and Excel. The Green Desert branch has provided a graded winner by Green Desert himself, grade one winners out of mares by Oasis Dream and Cape Cross (and a graded stakes winner out of a mare by Invincible Spirit (sire of Kingman). In the U.S., Danzig could be brought in through Hard Spun, Langfuhr (also sire of Lawyer Ron and Imperialism), War Front (sire of Declaration of War, The Factor, Summer Front, Air Force Blue, Jack Milton and Hit it a Bomb), Exchange Rate, Belong to Me and War Chant.

Lope de Vega has also excelled with mares from the Sadler's Wells line. There is a graded winner out of a mare by his son, Galileo, and from mares by sons of that horse there is a grade one winner by Teofilo and graded winners from mares by Frankel (brother to Noble Mission) and Nathaniel. Galileo is represented in the U.S. by Magician and Cape Blanco. From other branches of Sadler's Wells there are also Lope de Vega grade one winners out of mares by Hurricane Run (by Montjeu, also sire of Camelot) and High Chaparral, and a stakes winner out of a mare by Kitten's Joy, a son of El Prado, also sire of Medaglia d'Oro (sire of Bolt d'Oro and Violence), and El Prado is also sire of Artie Schiller. Sadler's Wells was also represented in the U.S. by Powerscourt.

Nureyev is a three-quarters brother to Sadler's Wells, and Lope de Vega has stakes winners out of mares by Nureyev grandson, Pivotal, and his son, Siyouni, and there is a grade one winner by a son of Lope de Vega out of a mare by Stravinsky. Nureyev could also be found through Fasliyev and Spinning World.

Danzig, Sadler's Wells and Nureyev are all Northern Dancer line, and from the Try My Best branch of that line Lope de Vega has graded stakes winners out of mares by Royal Applause and his son Acclamation (sire of Dark Angel and Mehmas).

Lope de Vega has done well over a wide variety of Mr. Prospector line mares. He has a grade one winner out of a mare by Whipper, a son a Miesque's Son. Miesque's Son is a brother to Kingmambo, and there are graded stakes winner by Lope de Vega out of mares by Kingmambo son Lemon Drop Kid, and a stakes winner out of a mare by Kingmambo son, Dubai Destination.

The cross with mares from the Gone West branch of Mr. Prospector has done well, including grade one winner Rouhiya out of a mare by Raven's Pass (by Elusive Quality, sire of Quality Road, Smarty Jones and Omega Code). There are two Lope de Vega line group winners out of mares by Xaar (by Zafonic), a stakes winner out of a mare by Zamindar, a brother to Zafonic, and a stakes winner out of a mare by Grand Slam, with other Gone West options including daughters of Mr. Greeley and Proud Citizen.

From the Fappiano branch of Mr. Prospector, Lope de Vega has sired two stakes winners, one grade one, out of mares by Unbridled's Song, and Unbridled's Song could be introduced through Liam's Map, Cross Traffic, Rockport Harbor, First Defence, Songandaprayer, Midshipman, Even the Score, Half Ours and Old Fashioned.

Unbridled's Song is by Unbridled and it would also be worth trying mares by Unbridled son, Empire Maker (sire of Pioneerof the Nile and Cairo Prince, grandsire of American Pharoah and Classic Empire). The Storm Cat line – from which Lope de Vega stems – has done well over Candy Ride (sire of Twirling Candy and Gun Runner), from the Cryptoclearance branch of Fappiano which also supplied Victory Gallop.

Lope de Vega is sire of a grade one winner out of a mare by Distorted Humor, from the Forty Niner branch of Mr. Prospector, with Distorted Humor being sire of Maclean's Music, Jimmy Creed, Alternation, Brethren and Khozan. Lope de Vega and sons have a trio of stakes winners out of mares by Dubawi (sire of Zarak, New Bay and Too Darn Hot).

Lope de Vega is inbred 3x3 to Mr. Prospector son, Machiavellian, and has a graded winner out of a mare by Titus Livius, a son of Machiavellian. Lope de Vega's sire, Shamardal has Machiavellian through Helsinki a sister to Street Cry, and it would be worth trying Carl Spakler over mares by Street Cry and sons, such as Street Sense and Street Boss.

From the In Reality line Lope de Vega has a grade one winner out of a mare by Warning, a graded stakes winner out of a mare by that horse's son, Diktat, and a stakes winner out of a mare by Diktat's son, Dream Ahead. From the cross of Giant's Causeway line stallions over In Reality line mares through Relaunch, there are graded stakes winners out of mares by Relaunch himself, and his son, Honour and Glory (sire of Put It Back), as well as a pair of stakes winners by Tiznow, sire of Tiz Wonderful, Colonel John, Gemologist, Morning Line and Strong Mandate

Crossed back over the broodmare sire line of Giant's Causeway, that of Blushing Groom, Lope de Vega has graded stakes winners out of mares by Noverre (sire of Le Havre) and Kafwain (by Cherokee Run, by Runaway Groom).

There is a grade one winner on a Lope de Vega cross over a mare by Mizzen Mast, a son of Cozzene. This is the Caro line, and from the Siberian Expresss branch, Giant's Causeway line stallions have sired such as Champion Mitole and grade one winner Sacred Wish out of mares by Indian Charlie, and grade one winners Vexatious and Creative Cause out of mares by Siberian Summer. Indian Charlie is a son of In Excess, also sire of Rocky Bar, Notional and Bring the Heat (broodmare sire of a Giant's Causeway line stakes winner), and Indian Charlie is sire of Uncle Mo, Adios Charlie, Bwana Charlie, Liaison and Cinco Charlie.

