

TONY MORRIS



Pedigree analysis

THE world of thoroughbred racing and breeding lost a wonderful character with the death, in November 2000, of American horseman Marshall Jenney. A popular figure with legions in the industry, a man who could be depended upon to enliven any gathering, he was a sportsman of the old school for whom hunting, shooting and fishing provided the best fun in life.

Jenney acquired his first thoroughbreds in 1960, and formed a lifelong friendship with fellow Pennsylvania resident George Strawbridge, with whom he rode in steeplechases. When he set up as a breeder his Derry Meeting Farm also became home to Strawbridge's stock, and over the years both enjoyed many outstanding successes, but in Jenney's lifetime there was never quite such a weekend as the one just gone, when Lucarno carried the Strawbridge colours to victory in the St Leger, and Mrs Lindsay, running in the name of Bettina Jenney, carried off the Prix Vermeille.

In the early 1970s, Jenney raced horses in partnership with Will Farish, and together they won stakes races with Pas De Nom, an Admiral's Voyage filly who had been sold as a yearling for only \$4,700. In 1976, the pair sent Pas De Nom to Northern Dancer, with the consequential outcome of Danzig, whom they sold at Saratoga to Henryk de Kwiatkowski for \$310,000.

Subsequently a breed-shaping sire, the unbeaten Danzig is inevitably the horse most closely associated with Derry Meeting, but there have been plenty of others, and not the least of them was a filly who came out of the same Saratoga catalogue, knocked down to Ian Balding for \$40,000. Jenney had purchased the Wildenstein-bred Tananarive for Ff115,000 in October 1976, when the then six-year-old mare, who had won three races up to 1m6f in France, was carrying her third foal by Great Nephew. The produce, foaled at Derry Meeting the following March, would earn renown as Mrs Penny.

They don't come much gamier and tougher than Mrs Penny, who was England's top juvenile filly at two, successful in the Cherry Hinton, the Lowther and the Cheveley Park Stakes, and one of the best in Europe in the following year, when she won the Prix de Diane and the Vermeille, was placed in the Guineas at Newmarket and the Curragh, and finished second to Ela-Mana-Mou in the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes.

Mrs Penny was not the same force at four, when she was transferred to America after two disappointing runs, but she did claim a Grade 3 victory there in the Queen Charlotte Handicap at Meadowlands. Her owner, Eric Kronfeld, then sent her home to Derry Meeting, and her first four foals were bred in partnership with Jenney. The first died young and the next two proved woefully slow, but the fourth, a daughter of The Minstrel named in honour of her co-breeder's wife, won twice for Henry Cecil as a two-year-old and a couple of restricted stakes events, at Garden State and Penn National, when returned to America.

After her sale to Overbrook Farm, Mrs Penny was sent to Northern Dancer, and the result was the last of the great sire's products to be sold at auction. Like so many before him, Northern Park was the highest-priced yearling in the States in 1989, fetching \$2.8 million, and he became a Listed winner in the French



Mrs Lindsay holds off West Wind in the Prix Vermeille under a fine ride from Johnny Murtagh

Yet another class act for Theatrical Vermeille winner a fine advertisement for sire

SIRE THEATRICAL

Bred by Bert and Diana Firestone. Won 10 (8.5f-1m4f) of 22 races, viz. 1 out of 1 at 2 years, 2 (inc. Irish Derby Trial S.-Gr3) out of 6 at 3 years, 0 out of 6 at 4 years, 7 (Hialeah Turf Cup H.-Gr1, Red Smith H.-Gr2, Bowling Green H.-Gr1, Sword Dancer H.-Gr1, Turf Classic S.-Gr1, Man of War S.-Gr1, Breeders' Cup Turf-Gr1) out of 9 at 5 years. Also 4 times 2nd and once 3rd at Gr1 level. Timeform 80P at 2, 128 at 3, 125 at 4. Classform 133 at 5. Earned \$2,946,853.

Tall (16.1hh), rangy, long-striding individual. Top-class performer in maturity, ideally suited by 1m4f and when allowed to race prominently. Powerful galloper who did not quicken instantly, but could develop and sustain a strong finishing run.

Well bred. From the first crop of a brilliant miler who became an outstanding international sire from the family of exceptional juvenile filly Landaluce and Arc winner Prince Royal. Half-brother to Japanese Gr2 winner Taiki Blizzard (by Seattle Slew) and to the dam of Paradise Creek (champion American grass horse) and Wild Event (US Gr1 winner).

Stands at Hill 'N Dale Farms, Lexington, Kentucky, at a fee of \$40,000. Sire of 17 crops of racing age, inc. major winners: Dahlia's Dreamer (Flower Bowl Invitational H.-Gr1), Golden Treat (Santa Anita Oaks-Gr1), Madeleine's Dream (Poule d'Essai des Pouliches-Gr1), Marchand De Sable (Criterium de Saint-Cloud-Gr1), Broadway Flyer (Sword Dancer Invitational H.-Gr1), Duda (Matriarch S.-Gr1), Hishi Amazon (Hanshin Sansai Himba-Gr1, Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Cup-Gr1), Pharma (Santa Ana H.-Gr1), Vaudeville (Secretariat S.-Gr1), Geri (Oaklawn H.-Gr1), Zagreb (Irish Derby-Gr1), Portland Player (Victoria Derby-Gr1), Auntie Mame (Flower Bowl Invitational H.-Gr1), Royal Anthem (York International S.-Gr1, Gulfstream Park Breeders' Cup H.-Gr1), Run Man Run (Malibu S.-Gr1), Astra (Gamely H.-Gr1 [twice], Beverly Hills H.-Gr1 [twice]), Media Puzzle (Melbourne Cup H.-Gr1), Startac (Secretariat S.-Gr1), Shakespeare (Joe Hirsch Turf Classic S.-Gr1), Mrs Lindsay (Prix Vermeille-Gr1).

DAM VOLE VOLE MONAMOUR

Bred by Derry Meeting Farm in Pennsylvania. Won her only start over 1m2f at 3 years in France. Earned \$8,655.

Well bred. Product of a successful sire and broodmare sire. Only winner from 3 foals out of her dam, a Listed winner in France and half-sister to US Grade 1 winner Unaccounted For (by Private Account). Grand-dam stakes winner in US, half-sister to French Listed winner Northern Park. Next dam outstanding racehorse who won Cheveley Park S., Prix de Diane and Prix Vermeille.

To stud at 4 years and dam of: General Sherman (2003 g by War Chant; unraced), Mrs Lindsay (2004 f by Theatrical; Gr1 winner). She has a yearling colt by Tale Of The Cat.

CONCLUSION

Perhaps owed her Group 1 victory to the enterprise of her rider, but a high-class filly, and another fine advertisement for her veteran sire.

MRS LINDSAY

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Nureyev	Nearctic	Nearco Lady Angela
	Northern Dancer	Native Dancer
	Natalma	Almahmoud
Theatrical (b 1982)	Forli	Aristophanes Trevisa
	Special	Nantallah Rough Shod
	Thong	
Tree Of Knowledge	Sheshoon	Precipitation Noorani
	Sassafras	Ratification Dame D'Atour
	Ruta	
Sensibility	Hail To Reason	Turn-to Nothirdchance
	Pange	King's Bench York Gala
Woodman	Raise A Native	Native Dancer Raise You
	Mr Prospector	Nashua Sequence
	Gold Digger	
Vole Vole Monamour (b 1998)	Buckpasser	Tom Fool Busanda
	Playmate	Swaps Glamour
	Intriguing	
Irish River	Riverman	Never Bend River Lady
	Irish Star	Klairon Botany Bay
A Votre Sante	The Minstrel	Northern Dancer Fleur
	Mrs Jenney	Great Nephew Tananarive
	Mrs Penny	
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