

## Barbaro

By Dynaformer 1985, and out of La Ville Rouge 1996. Here's why Barbaro is my favorite for the 132<sup>nd</sup> Kentucky Derby: You just can't beat the intensity of the females in X-position in this pedigree. Two things jump out at me, anyway: Nijinsky, and Nearctic. They both have daughters in X positions. Next, I am looking at Nashua, and hoping for some kind of duplication there, and there is... Nijinsky and Prides Promise produced a mare named Summertime Promise in 1972. She brought together the Omaha (2<sup>nd</sup> dam Flambette), and Johnstown hearts (2<sup>nd</sup> dam Flambette), and combined that with Blue Larkspur, and Haste (the BMSire of Count Fleet). Johnstown is the BMSire of the great horse Nashua, who is in turn the BMSire of Mr. Prospector... But this is just the beginning.

Runaway Bride brings in a Blandford X, and Lady Juror... a representative of the well known 9-c\* female line, which comes sailing through to Barbaro through Blushing Groom.

Now we look at Spearfish. A mare by Fleet Nasrullah, and out of Alabama Gal. Here we have, in X positions, a duplication of Haste, this time through Count Fleet. We have Bull Dog, the wonderful Teddy x Plucky Liege product, coupled with another instance of X position Bull Dog as the 3<sup>rd</sup> BroodMare Sire of Spearfish. Continuing the line up of X horses in X positions, we have the famous 9-c\* female line Mahmoud, and well, well, well... a full brother to Man O' War as 4<sup>th</sup> BM sire.

OK, not nearly done yet... Nearctic, the sire of Northern Dancer is 3<sup>rd</sup> BM sire of Barbaro. This is Canterbury Pilgrim, Pretty Polly, and Selene time...

And now, my personal favorite through Silver Abbey, comes Frizette in X position, along with the Man O' War granddaughter War Plumage. I am a real fan of Frizette, because she combines some of the greatest lines in history: St. Simon, Bend Or, Hermit, and Hamburg... and has them all in X-positions. I believe the 23-b line to be one of "Greatness", and have followed this line into the best horses the world has ever seen. One thing to note: Hamburg, the sire of Frizette, was an extremely fast, and strong horse. He has an unusual pattern in his tail female lines. That is one of much repetition. One of these lines is 12-b, and the other, 23-b. The Tranby Mare, and Lexington are the 12-b lines, and Reel, Lecomte (out of Reel), and Edith are the 23-b lines (essentially, this is a triple Gallopade, since Reel is out of Gallopade, and Edith is a great granddaughter of Gallopade). I believe these lines to be highly synergistic, and influential when they are positioned for this kind of expression in the pedigree.

It seems that this is all re-emphasized by the 9-c\* occurrences. Every time Turn-To, Nasrullah, Mahmoud show up, there is an emphasis of this fantastic phenomenon. Maybe it is the powerful Glencoe/Lexington nick making its way into the future. Whatever it is, I believe Barbaro has it.