

GRAND SLAM

Grand Slam ranks alongside Elusive Quality, Zafonic and Zamindar as one of the successful stallions sired by Gone West from grand-daughters of Northern Dancer. Inbreeding to Northern Dancer features in the pedigrees of many of the stakes horses by these stallions, including several of Grand Slam's Graded winners - Limehouse and Ball Four are inbred 4x3 and Strong Hope, Grand Hombre and Lady Digby 4x4. **DIXIELAND BAND**, **LYPHARD** and **DEPUTY MINISTER** are among the stallions involved.

NUREYEV and his three-parts-brother **SADLER'S WELLS** are important and Grand Slam has sired very talented performers from daughters of both these stallions, plus a Gr.3 winner out of a mare by Sadler's Wells's son **EL PRADO**.

Four other sons of Gone West have Gr.1 or Gr.2 winners out of grand-daughters of Danzig. Grand Slam's smart European colt Spring of Fame is out of a **POLISH NUMBERS** mare.

He has several stakes winners and Graded-placed horses out of daughters of **STORM CAT**, while his 2011 Carter H. second Apriority is out of a **STORM BIRD** mare and his 2011 Gr.3 winner Dilemma is out of a **TABASCO CAT** mare.

Grand Slam sired Strong Hope from a **DEPUTY MINISTER** mare, Gr.1 winner Visionaire from a mare by **FRENCH DEPUTY**, Gr.2 winner Fire Slam from a **SALT LAKE** mare and a stakes winner out of a daughter of **TOUCH GOLD**. Deputy Minister also sired the second dam of the 2011 Gr.2 winner Millionreasonswhy. This suggests mares by **AWESOME AGAIN**, **DEHERE** and **SILVER DEPUTY**.

Grand Slam is inbred 4x4 to Bold Ruler but could be suited by more **BOLD RULER** blood. Cajun Beat, Visionaire, Fire Slam and Grand Adventure all have Bold Ruler in the bottom half of their pedigree and his Gr.2 winner Millionreasonswhy are inbred to **SECRETARIAT**. Grand Slam is bred to the same pattern as Elusive Quality, who sired Smarty Jones from a mare inbred 4x4 to Bold Ruler.

Grand Slam's stakes winner, Big Score, was out of a mare by **COZZENE**, who also sired the dam of Gone West's Gr.1 winner Zaftig.

Grand Slam's 17 foals out of **CAPOTE** mares include three stakes winners (17%). His 2011 two-year-old Gr.2 winner Millionreasonswhy is out of an **A.P. INDY** mare.

Grand Slam also represents an opportunity to inbreed to **RAISE A NATIVE** or **MR PROSPECTOR**. Significantly, Gone West's son Mr Greeley has two Gr.1 winners, Whywhywhy and El Corredor, inbred to Mr Prospector, while another Gone West stallion, Elusive Quality, has a Gr.1-winning son inbred 3x4. Grand Slam is following suit, as Limehouse is inbred 3x3 to Mr Prospector and Grand Adventure and Dilemma are inbred 3x4. Café Olympus and Grand Hombre are among those inbred 4x4 to Raise A Native.

LORD AT WAR mares produced the Gr.3 winners Sprung and Amazing Results to Grand Slam, plus the top-class miler Raven's Pass to Elusive Quality.

TURN-TO is another name which crops up regularly in the pedigrees of Gone West's Graded Stakes winners, via such as **COX'S RIDGE**, **DRONE** and **SIR IVOR**. Grand Slam's Breeders' Cup Sprint winner Cajun Beat is out of a **CURE THE BLUES** mare inbred 4x3 to Turn-To. Grand Slam also has stakes winners out of daughters of **DYNAFORMER** and **KRIS S**.

The Ribot male line also merits consideration. Gone West has stakes winners from daughters of **ALLEGED** and **PLEASANT COLONY**, as well as the Gr.1 winner Link River from a **LINKAGE** mare.

Strong Hope is inbred 4x3 to El Gran Senor's dam Sex Appeal.