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DANEHILL (Q)	1	NORTHERN DANCER (B/C)	NEARCTIC
		DANZIG (I/C)	NATALMA
EXCEED AND EXCEL (2000)		PAS DE NOM	ADMIRAL'S VOYAGE
		HIS MAJESTY (C)	PETITIONER
PATRONA		RAZYANA	RIBOT
	1	SPRING ADIEU	FLOWER BOWL
LOMOND		NORTHERN DANCER (B/C)	BUCKPASSER
		MY CHARMER	NATALMA
GLADIOLUS	3		NEARCTIC
		WATCH YOUR STEP	NATALMA
PROSPECTIVE FOAL		BACK BRITCHES	POKER
		COSSACK WARRIOR	FAIR CHARMER
SHOW A HEART		BRAVE WARRIOR	CITATION
		NOTHING TO DO	STEPWISELY
MISS SANDMAN		REGAL ADVICE	CARRY BACK
		MISTY MORNING	FOXBRITCHES
MONALIESHA	3		BLETCHINGLY
		DANZIG (I/C)	MARY
CERTAIN		MONASHEE MOUNTAIN	NIJINSKY II
		PROSPECTORS DELITE	HEART A DANCER
SILVER TIP		RORY'S JESTER (Q)	VICE REGAL
			STRING OF PEARLS
NATALMA	1		BOUCHER
		NORTHERN DANCER	FARMER'S JOY
SUNWING		PAS DE NOM	NORTHERN DANCER
		MR. PROSPECTOR	PAS DE NOM

Sibling Identifier: odd numbers = same dam only; even numbers = same sire and dam

Roman Dosage Profile: (2-3-7-0-0)

D.I.: 2.43 C.D.: 0.58

Werk Quality Rating: Q 5

Dosage Points: 12 + Quality Points: 10 = Total Points: 22

5-Generation Inbreeding: DANZIG - 3m x 4m  
 NORTHERN DANCER - 4m, 4m x 5m  
 NATALMA - 5m, 5f, 5m x

**SIRE LINE**

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**EXCEED AND EXCEL****DANEHILL****DANZIG**

SHOW A HEART

0\*

1012

BRAVE WARRIOR

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COSSACK WARRIOR

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1113**BROODMARE  
SIRE LINE**

# GeoNicks™ Australasia

EXCEED AND EXCEL--GO DAISY

**A** (361%)

Based on the DANEHILL--SHOW A HEART cross



This cross has produced 10 stakes winners in Australasia, including:

Stakes Winner	Yob	Sex	Best	Dirt	AWS	Turf	Pedigree
DIAMOND MADE	2012	F	G3			Y	DUKE OF MARMALADE ex SHOWME THEDIAMONDS (SHOW A HEART)
SWEAR	2013	C	G3			Y	REDOUTE'S CHOICE ex CROSSYOURHEART (SHOW A HEART)
EVERY ROSE	2017	F	G3			Y	CHOISIR ex COUREGE (SHOW A HEART)
SOVEREIGN AWARD	2015	F	G3			Y	SHAMUS AWARD ex SOVEREIGN CHARM (SHOW A HEART)
SALUTER	2009	C				Y	COMMANDS ex ROSEKAY HEART (SHOW A HEART)
SPIRITUAL WARRIOR	2014	C				Y	BLACKFRIARS ex ANGELIC HEART (SHOW A HEART)
GRANNY RED SHOES	2015	F				Y	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT ex SHOBOARD (SHOW A HEART)
HAVASAY	2012	C				Y	ROTHESAY ex SHOWHAMA (SHOW A HEART)
OVER EXPOSURE	2014	C				Y	ROTHESAY ex SHOW A PRINCESS (SHOW A HEART)
THRILLSTER	2015	F				Y	STARSPANGLED BANNER ex HEART OF THRILLS (SHOW A HEART)

Grid based 5x5 Nicks report for  
 EXCEED AND EXCEL (AUS) 2000 (s), and  
 DANEHILL (USA) 1986 (ss), and  
 SHOW A HEART (AUS) 1997 (ds)

Sex	Named Foals	Rnrs	Runs	Wnrs	Wnrs/ Rnrs	Wins	GW	SW	SH
Colts	1	1	54	1	100.0%	6	0	0	0
Total	1	1	54	1	100.0%	6	0	0	0

Trick Star - Elite General (Sing.) (AUS) 2012 g, by Exceed and Excel - Mimi Lebrock, by Show a Heart. 6 wins to 1400m to 2020 in Aust., Malaysia and Singapore, Singapore TC Class 4 H., 2d Singapore TC Class 4 H., 3d ATC Schweppes P.

Stakes winners bred from the DANEHILL--SHOW A HEART cross

Stakes Winner	Yob	Sex	Best	Dirt	AWS	Turf	Pedigree
DIAMOND MADE	2012	F	G3			Y	DUKE OF MARMALADE ex SHOWME THEDIAMONDS (SHOW A HEART)
EVERY ROSE	2017	F	G3			Y	CHOISIR ex COUREEDGE (SHOW A HEART)
GRANNY RED SHOES	2015	F				Y	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT ex SHOBOARD (SHOW A HEART)
HAVASAY	2012	C				Y	ROTHESAY ex SHOWHAMA (SHOW A HEART)
OVER EXPOSURE	2014	C				Y	ROTHESAY ex SHOW A PRINCESS (SHOW A HEART)
SALUTER	2009	C				Y	COMMANDS ex ROSEKAY HEART (SHOW A HEART)
SOVEREIGN AWARD	2015	F	G3			Y	SHAMUS AWARD ex SOVEREIGN CHARM (SHOW A HEART)
SPIRITUAL WARRIOR	2014	C				Y	BLACKFRIARS ex ANGELIC HEART (SHOW A HEART)
SWEAR	2013	C	G3			Y	REDOUTE'S CHOICE ex CROSSYOURHEART (SHOW A HEART)
THRILLSTER	2015	F				Y	STARSPANGLED BANNER ex HEART OF THRILLS (SHOW A HEART)

Stakes winners bred from the DANZIG--COSSACK WARRIOR cross

Stakes Winner	Yob	Sex	Best	Dirt	AWS	Turf	Pedigree
BARBARIC	2017	C	G3			Y	I AM INVINCIBLE ex MIMI LEBROCK (SHOW A HEART)
DIAMOND MADE	2012	F	G3			Y	DUKE OF MARMALADE ex SHOWME THEDIAMONDS (SHOW A HEART)
DORF COMMAND	2005	F				Y	COMMANDS ex MEZDORF (COSSACK WARRIOR)
EVERY ROSE	2017	F	G3			Y	CHOISIR ex COUREGE (SHOW A HEART)
GRANNY RED SHOES	2015	F				Y	NOT A SINGLE DOUBT ex SHOBOARD (SHOW A HEART)
HAVASAY	2012	C				Y	ROTHESAY ex SHOWHAMA (SHOW A HEART)
MISS COVER GIRL	2011	F	G1			Y	MONASHEE MOUNTAIN ex TOLART (SHOW A HEART)
OVER EXPOSURE	2014	C				Y	ROTHESAY ex SHOW A PRINCESS (SHOW A HEART)
SALUTER	2009	C				Y	COMMANDS ex ROSEKAY HEART (SHOW A HEART)
SOVEREIGN AWARD	2015	F	G3			Y	SHAMUS AWARD ex SOVEREIGN CHARM (SHOW A HEART)
SPIRITUAL WARRIOR	2014	C				Y	BLACKFRIARS ex ANGELIC HEART (SHOW A HEART)
SWEAR	2013	C	G3			Y	REDOUTE'S CHOICE ex CROSSYOURHEART (SHOW A HEART)
THRILLSTER	2015	F				Y	STARSPANGLED BANNER ex HEART OF THRILLS (SHOW A HEART)

## **PEDIGREE RATING SCORES - “NICKS”**

It's a simple formula – It's all about risk reduction.

Nicks have become an integral part of the decision-making process in the mating and purchasing of thoroughbreds. Most breeders recognise that an affinity or compatibility can exist between two thoroughbred sire lines, such that, when crossed, those lines yielded a greater proportion of superior runners than when either one of them are crossed with any other sire lines. Great breeders, from Federico Tesio to present-day breeders around the world have relied on observed nicks to help guide their breeding plans and buying decisions.

### **Over 70% of ALL Stakes Winners are “A” Rated Nicks**

In order to identify nicks in a systematic way, the software database we use developed an evaluation method based on sire-line analysis. Ongoing studies by researchers show that approximately 25% of the Thoroughbred population is the product of highly successful nicks ("A" rated nicks) while over 70% of stakes winners come from these "A" rated nicks!

#### **Statistics:**

There are approximately 20,000 live foals born each year –  
25% (5,000) are A Rated whilst 75% (15,000) are rated below.

There are 541 Stakes Races in Australia this racing season.

70% (379) will be won from the 5,000 A rated foals born (7.6%)

30% (162) will be won from the 15,000 foals in the lower rated group (1.08%).

For a practical businessperson seeking a return on money invested, it makes no sense to ignore statistically unfavorable odds. Buying a superior racehorse is already a difficult enough proposition. The Rating systems we use allow us to see into the future by looking into the past and thereby to avoid those mating patterns that have failed. The Nick Rating enables us to avoid crosses that have had little or no success in the past. At the same time, it enables us to identify and thus duplicate successful sire-line crosses, dramatically increasing the chances of success.

Over the years evaluating Nicks have proven to be an invaluable tool in the stallion selection process when identifying yearlings for purchase. Dean Watt, Managing Director of Dynamic Syndications has enjoyed great success as a result of utilising such information. For example:

**SAVABEEL, POLAR SUCCESS, HE'S NO PIE EATER, ATOMIC FORCE, ECONSUL, DE BEERS, BRADBURY'S LUCK, TENANT'S TIARA and REWARD FOR EFFORT** were all superior racehorses who had superior pedigree ratings.

<b>ECONSUL</b>	<b>A+ +</b>	<b>13,862%</b>
<b>SAVABEEL</b>	<b>A+ +</b>	<b>9,325%</b>
<b>DEBEERS</b>	<b>A+ +</b>	<b>4,270%</b>
<b>POLAR SUCCESS</b>	<b>A+ +</b>	<b>2,240%</b>
<b>REWARD FOR EFFORT</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>1,175%</b>
<b>ATOMIC FORCE</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>988%</b>
<b>BRADBURY'S LUCK</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>485%</b>
<b>TENANT'S TIARA</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>238%</b>
<b>HE'S NO PIE EATER</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>161%</b>

Further afield, in 2008 the Top 5 Racehorses in the world had the following ratings:

<b>1 CURLIN</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>1,375%</b>
<b>2 NEW APPROACH</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>1,472%</b>
<b>3 RAVEN'S PASS</b>	<b>A+ +</b>	<b>5,961%</b>
<b>4 DUKE OF MARMALADE</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>409%</b>
<b>5 HENRYTHE NAVIGATOR</b>	<b>A+ +</b>	<b>1,531%</b>

Then to further support the theories, in 2008 there was 67 Group 1 races run in Australia. These races were won by 48 individual horses. When these 48 individuals' pedigrees were analysed it showed:

**35 / 48 Rated A or above = 73% of Individual Group 1 Winners Rates A or above**

Affinity between sire lines was long ago observed by the world's best thoroughbred breeders. Today through modern technologies we are able to quantify what was once only a subjective judgment based on the observations of a relatively small equine population.

Ratings are essentially the objective measurement of success, or lack therefore, of sire-line crosses. Success is quantified by being the winners of stakes races with a prizemoney of at least \$50,000. Through software databases, containing the pedigrees of all such winners since 1977 (over 30,000 winners), we are able to more easily identify what sire-line crosses have succeeded in producing stakes winners and compare those numbers with the stakes winning population on the whole.

Often a sire line may appear to be successful with a particular broodmare sire line. However, if the level of success is no better than that sire line's success with the entire population, then there is not a true nick.

In order to understand the ratings for easy use, a letter-grade scale was developed. As in the scholastic setting, the scales ranges from F (Fail) through to A with A+ also A++ and now since 2011 the software system now identifies A+++ as possible to be achieved in some select instances. The Variants (percentages) shown in the table below are the deviation from the norm that has been observed by that sire line cross in question. On this



scale -15% to +15% (C) is considered average, meaning that the sire-line cross has yielded results that are statistically no better and no worse than what would be expected with the entire population.

An "A" rated nick indicates that a far greater percentage of stakes winners have resulted from that cross than expected. An "F" rated nick indicates that the number of stakes winners resulting from a cross is at least 50% below expectations. This does not mean that there cannot be success or will not be success from such a mating in the future. It does mean that in all the experience of the last 20 + years of winners of stakes races, that type of mating has had a significant lack of success as measured by stakes winner production.

It must be stressed that a below "Average" rating does not guarantee or even predict failure. It means only that, to date, the particular sire-line cross has fallen at least 16% short of what would be expected. Nicks can and do change over time.

Consequently, an above Average Rating must be kept in proper perspective as there are other factors that must be considered when selecting a horse for purchase. Specifically, conformation evaluation is critical. A thoroughbred may have a brilliant pedigree on paper that rates as either Excellent, Superior, Superb or Outstanding on our Ratings Score however if the skeletal structure and/or the overall constitution of the individual is lacking then the horse is rejected as a candidate for purchase.

**The Rating Scale is shown below:**

<b>Nick</b>	<b>Horse</b>	<b>Variant %</b>
A+++	Excellent	+20,000 and above
A++	Superior	+1,501 to + 19,999
A+	Superb	+500 to +1,500
A	Outstanding	+150 to +499
B+	Very Good	+100 to +149
B	Good	+50 to +99
C+	Acceptable	+16 to +49
C	Average	-15 to +15
D+	Weak	-16 to -34
D	Poor	-35 to -49
F	Unsuccessful	-50
0 SW	Zero Stakes Winners	0 SW

Dynamic Syndications uses these rating tools along with additional pedigree analysis systems from other software databases which skewer the data to local environmental factors and we have introduced a ranking on the class of Stakes Races which are won to establish what we consider is an inherent opportunity of greater racetrack success. Often a horse can have a very high Nick rating and yet score lowly on the variant and visa versa. We use this information to assist us in pedigree selections after the physical inspections have also been considered. Also we cannot blindly accept a rating score. For example Australia has only 2.9% of our races listed as Stakes Races whilst New Zealand has 9.7% and Ireland has 13.1%. Obviously the data will be weighted in certain directions if we did not counter this information with a ranking on the Stakes Races based upon country and class of race, racing region within the country and climatic conditions in the region. After adjustments the rating scale is presented below.

### **Quality Rating Summary**

It is undeniable that racing class is in great part a function of the *quality* of ancestors contributing to new individual. It follows that certain quality stallions tend to contribute more favorably than other sires. When Quality points contributed by such deserving sires are combined with dosage points, the total points more accurately reflect the overall class of a pedigree.

The *Quality sires* in a pedigree contribute quality points (QP) to the new individual in exactly the same way as ancestral sires contribute dosage points (DP). The total number of *Quality points* is added to the *Dosage points* to get *Total Points* (TP).

The Quality Rating, which ranges from zero, as the low, to ten, as the high, is scaled to the number of total points in the pedigree:

Total Points	Quality Rating
0	Q0
1 to 4	Q1
5 to 9	Q2
10 to 14	Q3
15 to 19	Q4
20 to 24	Q5
25 to 29	Q6
30 to 39	Q7
40 to 44	Q8
45 to 54	Q9
55 +	Q10