



# PEDIGREE PROFILE

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## Hall of Famer Planet launched his own sphere of influence

It may have taken some time to gain his due but Planet, regarded by many to be second only to the mighty Lexington among the greatest American racehorses prior to the Civil War, was elected last week to the Racing Hall of Fame through the Historic Review process.

A winner at all distances but best in four-mile heats, Planet beat most of the top horses of his era over many of the principal racecourses between New Orleans and New York from the ages of three through six.



PLANET

Known as 'The Great Red Fox', Planet retired from racing with a sensational career mark of 27 victories and four runner-up efforts from 31 lifetime starts.

Even more remarkable, his total purse winnings of \$69,700 surpassed those of supermare Peytona to set a record as leading U.S. money earner, a title he held for more than 20 years.

As an aside, it is worth noting Peytona is another Thoroughbred from the past deserving of induction into the Racing Hall of Fame.

Planet's pedigree represents a rather symmetrical hybrid of the Old and New World. Except for his sire and dam, the sires along his tail-male line and the dams along his tail-female line were all of English origin with 4x4 duplication of 1815 English Derby winner Whisker.

The full sisters, Catherine and Young Camilla, appear in Planet's fifth generation. As such, their son and grandson, Golumpus and Lottery, respectively, share the same immediate family.

Conversely, the interior of Planet's pedigree contains ancestors with deep American roots. This begets characteristic inbreeding patterns to \*Diomed and his key son, Sir Archy.

Bred by Bullfield Stud in Virginia, Planet was the first foal out of Nina, considered to be the premier daughter of Hall of Famer Boston, also the sire of Lexington.

Planet's sire Revenue was America's leading sire (by races won) in 1860 when Planet was at the height of his talents.

Planet's imported paternal grand sire \*Trustee is best known for siring Hall of Fame racemare Fashion, who beat Boston and then lost to Peytona in the third and fourth Great Match between the North and South.

Indeed, few worthy sires have ever suffered from a greater lack of breeding opportunities than Planet.

Returning to Bullfield concurrent with the onset of the Civil War, Planet's early years at stud were heavily compromised as the farm's

Planet, ch. h., 1855					
Revenue 1843	*Trustee 1829	=Catton (GB) 1809	=Golumpus (GB) 1802	=Gohanna (GB) 1790	=Catherine (GB) 1795
			=Lucy Gray (GB) 1804	=Timothy (GB) 1794	=Lucy (GB) 1789
	=Emma (GB) 1824		=Whisker (GB) 1812	=Waxy (GB) 1790	=Penelope (GB) 1798
			=Gibside Fairy (GB) 1811	=Hermes (GB) 1790	=Vicissitude (GB) 1800
	Rosalie Somers 1831	Sir Charles 1816	Sir Archy 1805	=Diomed (GB) 1777	*Castianira 1796
			Citizen Mare 1810	=Citizen (GB) 1785	Commutation Mare 1802?
Nina 1848	Boston 1833	Timoleon 1814	Sir Archy 1805	=Diomed (GB) 1777	*Castianira 1796
			Saltram Mare 1801?	=Saltram (GB) 1780	Wildair Mare 1795?
	=Frolicsome Fanny (GB) 1832	Sister to Tuckahoe 1814	Balls Florizel 1801	=Diomed (GB) 1777	Atkinsons Shark Mare 1785
			Alderman Mare 1799	=Alderman (GB) 1787	Clockfast Mare 1797
		=Lottery (GB) 1820	=Tramp (GB) 1810	=Dick Andrews (GB) 1797	=Pot-8-O's (GB) 1773
		=Whisker Mare (GB) 1821	=Mandane (GB) 1800	=Gohanna Mare (GB) 1803	=Young Camilla (GB) 1787
			=Whisker (GB) 1812	=Waxy (GB) 1790	=Penelope (GB) 1798
			=Trophonius Mare (GB) 1812?	=Bay Trophonius (GB) 1807	=Lardella (GB) 1780

coveted stock had to be constantly moved to avoid Union soldiers.

When purchased in 1867 by R.A. Alexander of legendary Woodburn Farm in Kentucky, Planet continued to get few mares when relegated to 'third fiddle' in deference to his stablemates, the foundation stallions Lexington and \*Australian.

Despite all of the disadvantages, Planet still sired approximately 20 stakes winners while developing the reputation of a speed sire. His offspring became particularly prominent in the major juvenile events.

Planet's blood has endured to the present through a handful of his daughters whose female lines have survived while issuing a fair share of important individuals.

Planet's daughter, Ballet, would become the vital branch of the A1 family, which went on to produce Hall of Fame runners Regret, Exterminator and Silver Spoon.

Planet's most important daughter, Slipper, is ancestress to what figures to be a growing list of Hall of Famers. She is the sixth dam of Sarazen whose full sister was the dam of juvenile filly champion Now What.

From there, Now What became fifth dam of the great filly miler Miesque.

This brings us to Miesque's classic-winning son and international breed-shaper Kingmambo, a 13th-generation descendant of Slipper.

Kingmambo, in fact, represents the most influential sire to have ever carried Planet's blood.

Fittingly, Kingmambo is the broodmare sire of last Saturday's Investec Epsom Derby (Eng-G1) winner, the undefeated English Triple Crown hopeful Camelot (GB).

Safe to say, regardless of any obstacles, newly honored Planet continues to contribute to the breed.

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