

Walner and What The Hill

First crop trotting sires at the races this year include Walner and What The Hill, both well received in the 2020 sales. With the latter being by Muscle Hill the profile of success is already predictable with some accuracy. Not so for Walner whose maternal lines are all through Speedster via Speedy Crown or Arnie Almahurst and likely to limit his opportunity for success especially for special pedigree patterns such as the double/double.

To date What The Hill has 56 starters and a couple of \$75k stakes winners while Walner, whose dam is linebred to the Speedy Crown line, has several NJSS winners this past weekend worth looking at all with \$12,500 in their first starts.

Walner

Venerable, a filly, leads the way in speed and earnings. From Muscle Hill mare she has a maternal cross to Valley Victory but more importantly is an x-factor double to Margaret Parrish which is also her maternal line.

King Of The North, like many of the Walners, is linebred to Garland Lobell through full brothers Conway Hall and Andover Hall. It remains to be seen if this pattern, typically low percentage, will ultimately succeed. This may be a case of a great dam, Check Me Out, a double to MP, doing it by herself.

Penelope J is also linebred in the same fashion but has the extra advantage of being an x-factor double to MP and a dam and second dam also doubles to MP. She is inbred to Speedy Crown and also has Arnie Almahurst maternally.

Brickhouse Babe is a virtual clone of Penelope J with respect to her line breeding and x-factor doubles.

Temporal Hanover has a basic pedigree match being outcrossed on sire line and bringing back both Valley Victory and Speedy Crown and has the Arnie Almahurst line maternally. No special pedigree features.

There was only one DD pedigree in Walner's first crop, a colt called Ancient Wall who has not yet surfaced. There was also only one TB pattern, a filly called Dancin On The Wall, also unraced to date.

What The Hill

Be My Baby Now is a \$75k stakes winning filly in Ohio with a DD pedigree and a dam that is an x-factor double to Margaret Parrish

Chulo, a colt, also has \$75k made, and a very unusual pedigree being inbred 2x2 to full siblings reminiscent of the great Cr Kay Suzie. This is a pattern that favours fillies but perhaps this one is different since it is also a DD pedigree. There is a full sister yearling

in this years Lexington sale called Chulada. The pedigree is also typical of the best by Muscle Hill and his sons being inbred to the Speedy Crown line.

Leavin D Legend is undefeated in two starts and is DD and TB being from a mare inbred to Valley Victory that is also an x-factor double to Margaret Parrish.

Several others have started in fair action but are too early to evaluate.