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**STALLION ANALYSIS & SYNOPSIS FOR:  
COUP DE GRACE**

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## **COUP DE GRACE**

Ch.h. 2011 by Tapit – Home Court by Storm Cat

*“A two-time graded stakes winner and grade one performer, Coup de Grace was one of the leading three-year-old sprinters of his crop, running the fastest time at the distance in the U.S. that year when taking the Amsterdam Stakes (gr. II).*”

*The first son of record-breaking multiple Champion Sire Tapit to retire to stud in South Africa. Coup de Grace is from the dominant branch of the A.P. Indy male-line that has proven itself in South Africa though such as Camden Park and Judpot. The distaff side of his pedigree is equally impressive, as his dam is by Storm Cat out of Champion and Breeder’s Cup Distaff (gr. I) victress. This also means he is a product of the prolific Tapit/Storm Cat cross that has also produced such as Champion Two-Year-Old Hansen and grade one winners Careless Jewel and Tell A Kelly.”*

Coup de Grace is by Tapit, a winner of 3 races, \$557,300, including Wood Memorial Stakes (gr. I) and Laurel Futurity (gr. III). Tapit is sire of 82 stakes winners, including Champions Untapable, Hansen, Stardom Bound, grade one winners, Frosted, Creator, Constitution, Tonalist, Zazu, Tapizar, Ring Weekend, Joyful Victory, Tell A Kelly, Tapitsfly, Dance Card, Testa Matta, etc.

Coup de Grace is out of graded stakes placed Home Court, a sister to stakes winner One Nice Cat and to Fine Jewel (dam of graded stakes winner El Caballo). Home Court is by Storm Cat out of Champion Jewel Princess, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Topaz Runner, to stakes placed Precious Jewell (dam of stakes winner Trade Secret), to Go Kathy Go (granddam of stakes winner Man Stuff) and to Jewell of Jewels (dam of graded stakes winner My Princess Jess). The third dam, Jewell Ridge, is half-sister to graded stakes winner Gerrie Singer, to graded stakes placed Sugar Hill Chick (dam of graded stakes winner Globalize), to Sweet Taste (dam of stakes winner Nike Madrid), and to A Mean Fit (dam of stakes winner Tuff Chick). The female line goes back to Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Queen Empress, a sister to What Luck (sire of two Eclipse Award winners).

Coup de Grace is the product of a cross of Tapit with a **Northern Dancer** line mare, and should work well crossed back over a variety of **Northern Dancer** line mares. Tapit has done very well with mares from the **Deputy Minister** branch of **Northern Dancer**, this cross providing him with two of his best runners, Frosted and Tapizar. He has a graded stakes winner out of a mare by **Deputy Minister** son **Dehere**, who had shuttle crops in Australia, and who is a parallel Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross to Storm Cat, who is the sire of the

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dam of Coup de Grace. In South Africa, **Go Deputy**, is also a **Deputy Minister** son who is Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross.

Tapit has done well with the **Sadler's Wells** branch of **Northern Dancer**, with grade one winner Laragh and graded winner White Rose out of mares by **El Prado**, and stakes winner Bronze Star out of a mare by **Medaglia d'Oro**, a son of **El Prado** (also sire of **Artie Schiller** and **Kitten's Joy**). In South Africa, there has been grade one winner Forest Indigo by an A.P. Indy line stallion out of a mare by **Fort Wood**, and **Horse Chestnut** – a son of **Fort Wood** – is broodmare sire of two stakes winners, one graded, by Sky Mesa, a horse bred on the same Pulpit/Storm Cat cross as Coup de Grace. **Fort Wood** is also sire of **Dynasty**, **Whistling Wood** and **Elusive Fort**. In South Africa, **Sadler's Wells** has also been represented by **Casey Tibbs**, **Dolpour**, **Braashee** and **Doowaley**. Looking further afield, we can note such as **Galileo** (sire of **Teofilo** – out of a mare by Danehill, with a second dam by Majestic Light which should both be good here – and **New Approach**), **Carnegie**, **Montjeu**, **Barathea** and **Singspiel**. This also suggests considering mares from the sire line of Sadler's Wells's brother, **Fairy King**, who might be brought in through **Tara's Halls**, **Anytime**, **Second Empire**, **Almushtarak** and **Encosta de Lago**.

Out of mares from the **Nijinsky II** branch of **Northern Dancer**, Tapit has sired grade one winner Tapitsfly from of a mare by **Marlin** (by **Sword Dance**, a horse who would fit very well here), and stakes winner Endymion out of a mare by **Shadeed**. Introducing **Nijinsky II** here would give a double of that horse combined with his genetic relative, Storm Bird, and that should work well. In South Africa there has been an A.P. Indy line grade one winner out of a mare by **Nijinsky II** son, **Dancing Champ**, with other sources of **Nijinsky II** including **Silvano** and **Royal Academy** (who would be very good to introduce as he is closely related to Storm Cat, and is broodmare sire of an A.P. Indy line graded stakes winner).

Tapit has three stakes winners out of mares from the **Danzig** branch of **Northern Dancer**, but his nick rating here should be higher as on the same cross he sired As de Trebol, Champion Two-Year-Old in Spain, who was disqualified after finishing first past-the-post in a graded stakes in France. Tapit has a two-year-old stakes winner and grade one performer out of a mare by **Belong to Me** and stakes winners out of mares by **Boundary** and **Danzig Connection**, as well as a South African graded stakes performer out of a mare by **Honor Grades** (giving inbreeding to the dam of A.P. Indy). There are numerous **Danzig** line stallions in South Africa and potential broodmare sires include **National Assembly** (sire of **National Emblem** and **Announce** and grandsire of **Rebel King**), **Qui Danzig**, **Modern Day** (by **Dayjur**), **Alami**, **Noble Ambition**, **Orpen**, **Shoe Danzig** (out of a mare by Tell, who is inbred to the dam of Round Table, where Pulpit, the grandsire of Coup de Grace is inbred to Round Table and a sister), **Lustra**, **Allied Flag** (a Northern Dancer/Ribot cross, like the dam of Coup de Grace),

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**Freedom Land** and **Lizard Island**. On the international front we could also look for **Danzig** through **War Front** (whose broodmare sire, Rubiano, is a three-quarters relative to the dam of Tapit), **Exchange Rate**, **Hard Spun**, **Langfuhr** and **War Chant**.

There is also a grade one winner by an A.P. Indy line stallion out of a mare by a son of **Danzig** stallion **Chief's Crown**, a parallel Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross to Storm Cat. This suggests daughters of **Grand Lodge** and **Beautiful Crown**.

It would be particularly interesting to try the **Danehill** branch of **Danzig** here. Danehill is by a son of Northern Dancer, out of a mare by His Majesty, with a second dam by Buckpasser. Home Court, the dam of Coup de Grace is by a grandson of Northern Dancer out of a mare by a son of Graustark (brother to His Majesty), out of a mare by Key to the Mint (granddam a three-quarters relative to the dam of Buckpasser). **Albert Hall** (who gives another Graustark cross), **Duke of Marmalade**, **Fanatic Dane**, **Newton**, **Overlord** (interesting as his dam is closely related to the dam of Storm Cat), **Requiem**, **Restructure**, **Solskjaer**, **Toreador**, **Stronghold** and **Way West** in South Africa, as well as **Fastnet Rock** (who is particularly interesting as he is out of a mare by Royal Academy, a close relative to Storm Cat), **Flying Spur**, **Redoute's Choice**, **Rock of Gibraltar**, **Holy Roman Emperor** (who would be good as a parallel Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross), **Commands** and **Danehill Dancer** (sire of **Lizard Island**, **Mastercraftsman** and **Choisir**).

Coup de Grace is out of a mare by **Storm Cat**, and although **Storm Cat** was an exceptional sire, if contemplating inbreeding to him, we have to note some negative traits that he sometimes transmitted, notably wind problems, offset knees and hot tempers. We can, however, note that Sky Mesa, who is bred on very similar lines to Coup de Grace (he is by Pulpit out of a Storm Cat mare) has stakes winners out of mares by the **Storm Cat** sons **Forest Wildcat** (sire of **Var**), **Catienus** and **Tabasco Cat**, and a grade one placed horse out of a mare by **Tale of the Cat**. Similarly, Speightstown, who is also out of a mare by Storm Cat has stakes winners out of mares by **Tabasco Cat** and **Wiseman's Ferry** and **Johannesburg** (both by **Hennessy**). There are also stakes winners with **Storm Cat** inbreeding from daughters of **Forestry**, **Freud**, **Giant's Causeway**, **Henny Hughes**, **Sir Cat** and **Stormy Atlantic**.

This would suggest it could be worth experimenting by trying Coup de Grace with daughters of such as **Var**, **Mogok**, **Tiger Ridge** (a Storm Cat half-brother to A.P. Indy), **Black Minnaloushe**, **Portrush** and **Aristis**. We can also note that mares carrying **Summer Squall**, a half-brother to A.P. Indy bred on the same Storm Bird/Secretariat cross as Storm Cat could be interesting.

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The broad cross of Tapit with **Mr. Prospector** line mares is above opportunity, but not exception. There are, however, specific branches that have done well. Tapit has grade one winner Constitution out of a mare by **Distorted Humor** (sire of **Flower Alley**), grade one winner Dance Card out of a mare by **Editor's Note**, and stakes winners out of a mare by **Coronado's Quest** and **Banker's Gold**, all by **Forty Niner**, who has been represented in South Africa by **Rich Man's Gold** and **Trippi** (by **End Sweep**).

Out of mares from the **Gone West** branch, Tapit is sire of grade one winner Zazu and grade two winner Flashback from a daughter of **Mr. Greeley**, graded winner Bandbox out of a mare by **Grand Slam** (whose dam is a parallel Northern Dancer/Key to the Mint cross to the dam of Coup de Grace), and a stakes winner out of a mare by **Gone West** himself. In South Africa **Gone West** is found through **Western Winter**, **West Man** and **Indigo Magic**, and through **Zafonic** (who gives The Minstrel, where Coup de Grace has The Minstrel's three-quarters brother Nijinsky II, and his close relative Storm Bird, and who could be brought in through **Dupont** and **Count Dubois**). **Zafonic** is also sire of **Xaar**. Internationally, we could also consider **Gone West** through **Speightstown** (out of a mare by Storm Cat, which would give an interesting pattern), **Elusive Quality** (whose dam is a parallel Northern Dancer/Graustark cross to the dam of Coup de Grace) and **Proud Citizen**.

Tapit has two stakes winners, including grade two winner Headache, out of a mare by **Woodman**, a stakes winner by a son of Tapit out of a mare by a son of **Woodman**, and a son of Tapit has a stakes winner out of a mare by **Not For Love**, a three-quarters brother to **Woodman**. Among the sons of **Woodman**, several of whom shuttled to Australia and New Zealand, are **Hansel**, **Hawk Wing**, **Timber Country**, **Woodborough** (out of a mare by The Minstrel, which should work well here), **Hector Protector** and **Bahhare**, **Mellifont** and **Dr Johnson** (all out of mares by Nijinsky II, which is good here). **Secret Prospector**, a three-quarters relative to **Woodman**, is a horse who could work well here.

Woodman is a three-quarters relative to **Seeking the Gold**, the sire of **Mutakddim** (a reverse cross to Pulpit, the grandsire of Coup de Grace), **Cape Town** (a reverse cross to Pulpit), **Petionville**, **Lecture** (a three-quarters brother to the dam of Pulpit), **Gold Press** and **Windrush** (whose dam is a parallel Storm Cat/Ribot cross to the dam of Coup de Grace). There is also a Tapit stakes winner out of a mare by **Carson City**, who is most likely to be found through **City Zip**.

There are some other South African representatives of the **Mr. Prospector** line that could be considered. **Goldkeeper** is out of a three-quarters sister to Storm Cat, the broodmare sire of Coup de Grace. **Kingmambo** sons **Mambo in Seattle** (by a son of Mr. Prospector out of a sister to A.P. Indy, the reverse to Pulpit, who is by A.P. Indy out of a mare by Mr. Prospector)

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and **Parade Leader** (whose dam is by His Majesty out of a Nijinsky II mare, effectively the reverse of the dam of Coup de Grace) both appear interesting. **Strike Smartly** is a brother to Smart Strike, a stallion whose daughters have done well under A.P. Indy sires.

Tapit has outperformed opportunity with **Roberto** line mares, getting two stakes winners out of a mares by **Kris S.** and Champion Untapable out of a mare by **Prized** (by **Kris S.**). It would be possible to bring in **Kris S.** through **Philanthropist**. There are several other potentially interesting sources of **Roberto** in South Africa. **Al Mufti** is a half-brother to the dam of A.P. Indy – in the sire line of Coup de Grace – and is broodmare sire of grade one winner Jay Peg by a son of A.P. Indy. **Al Mufti** can be brought in through **Captain Al**, **Victory Moon** and **Cataloochee**. Other potential sources of **Roberto** include **Shuailaan** (a close relative to Al Mufti, and also giving linebreeding to the A.P. Indy family), **Labeeb** (by **Lear Fan**) and **Into the Sun**. It would also be worth considering **Red Ransom** and sons, including sons that have stood in Australia such as **Domesday** (who is out of a mare who carries Gone West, The Minstrel and Storm Bird), **Charge Forward**, **Sri Pekan** and **Red Clubs**. **Roberto** is by **Hail to Reason** and it could be worth considering introducing that strain through **Sunday Silence**, broodmare sire of Tapit's graded stakes winning and classic placed son, Lani, and through **More Than Ready**.

**Blushing Groom** appears in the pedigree of 12 Tapit line stakes winners, including through the broodmare sire line of graded stakes winners Honorable Dillon (dam by **Shy Tom**), Dreamologist (dam by **Rahy**) and Anchor Down (dam by **Orientate**), and stakes winning and grade one placed Rattlesnake Bridge (dam by **Cherokee Run**). **Rahy** might be found through **Noverre** or **Fantastic Light** (whose dam is bred on a very similar cross to the dam of Coup de Grace), both of whom shuttled to the Southern Hemisphere; **Orientate**, did shuttle, and is by **Mt. Livermore**, also sire of **Housebuster** (another who shuttled) and **Peaks and Valleys**; **Cherokee Run** is sire of **War Pass**, who did shuttle, as well **Kafwain** and **Yonaguska**. Other sources that might be found include **Jallad**, **Our Casey's Boy**, **Comic Blush**, **Kabool**, **Spectrum** and **Candy Stripes**.

Tapit has classic winner Creator out of a mare by **Privately Held**, a son of **Private Account**, from the **Damascus** line. It might be possible to find mares by **Confidential Talk**, a three-quarters brother to Private Account who stood in South America, and **Damascus** might also be brought in through **All Fired Up**, **Gilded Time** (a shuttle sire to Australia), **Damascus Gate** and **Rollins**.

Tapit's third dam is a sister to **Relaunch**, and **Relaunch** appears in seven Tapit stakes winners, including grade two winners Mohaymen, Teen Pauline and Concord Point, graded winner Prospect Park and stakes winner Tapajo (both out of mares by **Bertrando**, by

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**Relaunch** son, **Skywalker**) and stakes winner Tidal Volume (out of a mare by **Honour and Glory**). Another good source of **Relaunch** would be **Tiznow**.

Tapit has crossed well with mares from the **Caro** line, getting a graded stakes winner out of a mare by **In Excess**, and a stakes winner out of a mare by that horse's son, **Indian Charlie**, and stakes winners out of mares by **Cozzene** and **Talkin Man** (by **With Approval**).

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### **COUP DE GRACE - SUMMARY**

Coup de Grace was precocious enough to go two-for-two as a two-year-old, winning a maiden at Aqueduct over six furlongs, and an allowance at Gulfstream Park at a mile. He was unplaced when stretching out to 8½ furlongs for the Holy Bull Stakes (gr. II) on his three-year-old debut, but reverting to shorter distances then established himself as one of the best three-year-old sprinters in the country, winning three of his next five starts. After having shown early speed in his first two starts, Coup de Grace utilized a closing style in his best efforts at three. He scored his first stakes victory in the seven furlong Bay Shore Stakes (gr. III), and then after suffering a rough trip in the Woody Stephens Stakes (gr. II), added the six furlong Oh Say Stakes at Delaware Park, and the 6½ furlong Amsterdam Stakes (gr. II). He took the Amsterdam by three lengths in a time of 1:15.32 – the fastest run in North America for the distance in 2014 – after running six furlongs in 1:08.93.

There is a good case to regard Coup de Grace as the best sprinting son of his sire, Tapit. Winner of the Wood Memorial Stakes (gr. I), Tapit – a grandson of A.P. Indy – has risen to a position as the dominant sire in North America. He has been Leading Sire in North America for 2014 and 2015, setting a new earnings record on both occasions, and currently leads all North American stallions again in 2016. Tapit has so far sired three U.S. Champions, including Champion Two-Year-Olds Stardom Bound and Hansen, as well as classic winners Tonalist and Creator, and a total of 82 stakes winners, 17 grade one.

Coup de Grace is out of graded stakes placed Home Court, a sister to stakes winner One Nice Cat and to Fine Jewel (dam of graded stakes winner El Caballo). Home Court is by Storm Cat out of Champion Jewel Princess, and the female line goes back to Champion Two-Year-Old Filly Queen Empress, a sister to What Luck (sire of two Eclipse Award winners).

Coup de Grace is bred on what has been one of the most prolific crosses for Tapit, that with Storm Cat line mares, which has produced 13 stakes winners, 11 graded stakes winners, and three grade one winners.

Coup de Grace essentially represents a new sire line for South Africa. He does go back in male-line to A.P. Indy, whose sons Camden Park and Judpot were both grade one sires in South Africa, but here A.P. Indy will be back in the fourth generation of foals by Coup de Grace. As a consequence, there has been relatively little interaction between Coup de Grace's immediate sire line, Tapit/Pulpit, and many of the more prevalent South African strains.

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Coup de Grace was obviously a speedy horse, but his win over a mile at two; his stakes win at seven furlongs at three; and his off-the-pace racing style in graded sprints, all suggest that he was not a pure speed merchant. This means that he potentially may respond to miler or shorter middle-distance type mares, although more staying type mares may tend be too much of an aptitudinal and biomechanical contrast.

While we have above covered a wide range of possible crosses for Coup de Grace, we will look below at the potentially strongest crosses.

The **Deputy Minister** branch of **Northern Dancer** provided Tapit with two of his best runners, Tapizar and Frosted, and it is most likely to be found through **Go Deputy** and **Dehere**. They are both Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross, like Coup de Grace's broodmare sire, Storm Cat.

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The **Northern Dancer** strain of **Nijinsky II** is good under Tapit, and should be very positive anywhere here, as he is a genetic relative to Storm Bird, who is in the broodmare sire line of the mare. In South Africa there has been an A.P. Indy line grade one winner out of a mare by **Nijinsky II** son, **Dancing Champ**, and other sources include **Silvano** and **Royal Academy** (who would be very good to introduce as he is closely related to Storm Cat, and is broodmare sire of an A.P. Indy line graded stakes winner).

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interesting as he is out of a mare by Royal Academy, a close relative to Storm Cat), **Holy Roman Emperor** (who would be good as a parallel Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross), **Albert Hall** (who gives another Graustark cross), **Duke of Marmalade**, **Fanatic Dane**, **Newton**, **Overlord** (interesting as his dam is closely related to the dam of Storm Cat), **Requiem**, **Restructure**, **Solskjaer**, **Toreador**, **Stronghold** and **Way West** in South Africa, as well as **Flying Spur**, **Redoute's Choice**, **Rock of Gibraltar**, **Commands** and **Danehill Dancer** (sire of **Lizard Island**, **Mastercraftsman** and **Choisir**).

From other branches of the **Danzig** line, Tapit a two-year-old stakes winner and grade one performer out of a mare by **Belong to Me** and stakes winners out of mares by **Boundary** and **Danzig Connection**, as well as a South Africa graded stakes performer out of a mare by **Honor Grades** (giving inbreeding to the dam of A.P. Indy). Among the most interesting potential sources of **Danzig** are **Shoe Danzig** (out of a mare by Tell, who is inbred to the dam of Round Table, where Pulpit, the grandsire of Coup de Grace is inbred to Round Table and a sister), **Allied Flag** (a Northern Dancer/Ribot cross, like the dam of Coup de Grace), and internationally **War Front** (whose broodmare sire, Rubiano, is a three-quarters relative to the dam of Tapit), and **Chief's Crown** (a parallel Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross to Storm Cat) and sire of **Grand Lodge** and **Beautiful Crown**.

There would have to be a degree of caution exercised if trying **Storm Cat** line mares, as there is a risk of some of the less desirable **Storm Cat** traits (wind problems, offset knees and hot tempers) coming through. There is, however, some positive evidence for trying Coup de Grace back over some **Storm Cat** line mares, and he could be interesting with mares by **Tiger Ridge** (a Storm Cat half-brother to A.P. Indy) and there should also be some high-level mares from this line by **Var** and **Black Minnaloushe**.

There are some very specific strains of **Mr. Prospector** that have worked under Tapit. **Forty Niner** is one that is very strong and in South Africa is represented by **Rich Man's Gold** and **Trippi** (by **End Sweep**) and **Flower Alley** (by **Distorted Humor**).

The cross with the **Gone West** branch is another very successful one, including through **Mr. Greeley**, and **Grand Slam** (who would suit very well here). The **Gone West** strain is also available through **Western Winter**, **West Man** and **Indigo Magic**, and through **Zafonic** (who gives The Minstrel, where Coup de Grace has The Minstrel's three-quarters brother Nijinsky II, and his close relative Storm Bird, and who could be brought in through **Dupont** and **Count Dubois**). **Zafonic** is also sire of **Xaar**. Two other strains of **Gone West** that would have particularly strong appeal are **Speightstown** (out of a mare by Storm Cat, which would give an interesting pattern) and **Elusive Quality** (whose dam is a parallel Northern Dancer/Graustark cross to the dam of Coup de Grace).

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Tapit enjoyed success with **Woodman**, and there is also a stakes winner by a son of Tapit out of a mare by a son of **Woodman**, and a son of Tapit has a stakes winner out of a mare by **Not For Love**, a three-quarters brother to **Woodman**. In South Africa there would be the option of trying mares by **Secret Prospector**, a three-quarters relative to **Woodman**.

Woodman is a three-quarters relative to **Seeking the Gold**, the sire of **Mutakddim** (a reverse cross to Pulpit, the grandsire of Coup de Grace), **Cape Town** (a reverse cross to Pulpit), **Petionville**, **Lecture** (a three-quarters brother to the dam of Pulpit), **Gold Press** and **Windrush** (whose dam is a parallel Storm Cat/Ribot cross to the dam of Coup de Grace).

There are some other South African representatives of the **Mr. Prospector** line that could be considered. **Goldkeeper** is out of a three-quarters sister to Storm Cat, the broodmare sire of Coup de Grace. **Kingmambo Mambo in Seattle** (by a son of Mr. Prospector out of a sister to A.P. Indy, the reverse to Pulpit, who is by A.P. Indy out of a mare by Mr. Prospector) and **Parade Leader** (whose dam is by His Majesty out of a Nijinsky II mare, effectively the reverse of the dam of Coup de Grace). **Strike Smartly** is a brother to Smart Strike, a stallion whose daughters have done well under A.P. Indy sires.

Tapit has outperformed opportunity with **Roberto** line mares, getting two stakes winners out of mares by **Kris S.**, and Champion Untapable out of a mare by **Prized** (by **Kris S.**). It would be possible to bring in **Kris S.** through **Philanthropist**. There are several other potentially interesting sources of **Roberto** in South Africa. **Al Mufti** is a half-brother to the dam of A.P. Indy – in the sire line of Coup de Grace – and is broodmare sire of grade one winner Jay Peg by a son of A.P. Indy. **Al Mufti** can be brought in through **Captain Al** and **Victory Moon**. It would also be interesting to try mares by **Shuailaan** (a close relative to Al Mufti, and also giving linebreeding to the A.P. Indy family).

**Blushing Groom** appears in the pedigree of 12 Tapit line stakes winners, including through the broodmare sire line of graded stakes winners Honorable Dillon (dam by **Shy Tom**), Dreamologist (dam by **Rahy**) and Anchor Down (dam by **Orientate**), and stakes winning and grade one placed Rattlesnake Bridge (dam by **Cherokee Run**). **Rahy** might be found through **Noverre** or **Fantastic Light** (whose dam is bred on a very similar cross to the dam of Coup de Grace), both of whom shuttled to the Southern Hemisphere; **Orientate**, did shuttle, and is by **Mt. Livermore**, also sire of **Housebuster** (another who shuttled).

Tapit's third dam is a sister to **Relaunch**, and **Relaunch** appears in seven Tapit stakes winners, including grade two winners Mohaymen, Teen Pauline and Concord Point, graded winner Prospect Park and stakes winner Tapajo (both out of mares by **Bertrando**, by

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**Relaunch** son, **Skywalker**) and stakes winner Tidal Volume (out of a mare by **Honour and Glory**). Another good source could be **Tiznow**.

Tapit has crossed well with mares from the **Caro** line, getting a graded stakes winner out of a mare by **In Excess**, and a stakes winner out of a mare by that horse's son, **Indian Charlie**, and stakes winners out of mares by **Cozzene** and **Talkin Man** (by **With Approval**).

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### COUP DE GRACE – Stallion Synopsis

*“The first son of record-breaking multiple Champion sire Tapit to retire to stud in South Africa, Coup de Grace was a multiple graded winning and grade one placed performer who was among the best sprinters of his generation. He is not only be the leading representative of the A.P. Indy sire line, but he is also out of a graded stakes performing daughter of Storm Cat and Champion Jewel Princess.”*

Coup de Grace is the product of a cross of Tapit with a Northern Dancer line mare, and should work well crossed back over a variety of **Northern Dancer** line mares. Tapit has done very well with mares from the **Deputy Minister** branch of **Northern Dancer**, this cross providing him with two of his best runners, Frosted and Tapizar, and this strain could work well through **Go Deputy** and **Dehere**, both bred on a similar Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross to Coup de Grace’s broodmare sire, Storm Cat.

Tapit has done well with the **Sadler’s Wells** branch of **Northern Dancer**, with grade one winner Laragh and graded winner White Rose out of mares by **El Prado**, and stakes winner Bronze Star out of a mare by **Medaglia d’Oro**, a son of **El Prado** (also sire of **Artie Schiller** and **Kitten’s Joy**). In South Africa, there has been grade one winner Forest Indigo by an A.P. Indy line stallion out of a mare by **Fort Wood**, and **Horse Chestnut** – a son of **Fort Wood** – is broodmare sire of two stakes winners, one graded, by Sky Mesa, a horse bred on a similar cross to Coup de Grace. **Fort Wood** is also sire of **Dynasty**, **Whistling Wood** and **Elusive Fort**. In South Africa, **Sadler’s Wells** has also been represented by **Casey Tibbs**, **Dolpour**, **Braashee** and **Doowaley**. Looking further afield, we can note such as **Galileo** (sire of **Teofilo** – out of a mare by Danehill, with a second dam by Majestic Light which should both be good here – and **New Approach**). This also suggests considering mares from the sire line of Sadler’s Wells’s brother, **Fairy King**, who might be brought in through **Tara’s Halls**, **Anytime**, **Second Empire**, **Almushtarak** and **Encosta de Lago**.

Tapit has two stakes winners, one grade one, out **Nijinsky II** line mares. In South Africa there has been an A.P. Indy line grade one winner out of a mare by **Nijinsky II** son, **Dancing Champ**, with other sources including **Silvano** and **Royal Academy** (who would be very good to introduce as he is closely related to Storm Cat, and is broodmare sire of an A.P. Indy line graded stakes winner).

Tapit has three stakes winners out of mares from the **Danzig** branch of **Northern Dancer**, including a two-year-old stakes winner and grade one performer out of a mare by **Belong to Me** and stakes winners out of mares by **Boundary** and **Danzig Connection**. There are numerous **Danzig** line stallions in South Africa and potential broodmare sires include

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**National Assembly** (sire of **National Emblem** and **Announce** and grandsire of **Rebel King**), **Qui Danzig**, **Modern Day** (by **Dayjur**), **Alami**, **Noble Ambition**, **Orpen**, **Shoe Danzig**, **Lustra**, **Allied Flag**, **Freedom Land** and **Lizard Island**. On the international front we could also look for **Danzig** through **War Front** (whose broodmare sire, Rubiano, is a three-quarters relative to the dam of Tapit), **Exchange Rate**, **Hard Spun**, **Langfuhr** and **War Chant**.

It would be particularly interesting to try the **Danehill** branch of **Danzig** here. Danehill is by a son of Northern Dancer, out of a mare by His Majesty, with a second dam by Buckpasser. Home Court, the dam of Coup de Grace is by a grandson of Northern Dancer out of a mare by a son of Graustark (brother to His Majesty), out of a mare by Key to the Mint (granddam a three-quarters relative to the dam of Buckpasser). **Albert Hall** (who gives another Graustark cross), **Duke of Marmalade**, **Fanatic Dane**, **Newton**, **Overlord** (interesting as his dam is closely related to the dam of Storm Cat), **Requiem**, **Restructure**, **Solskjaer**, **Toreador**, **Stronghold** and **Way West** in South Africa, as well as **Fastnet Rock** (who is particularly interesting as he is out of a mare by Royal Academy, a close relative to Storm Cat), **Flying Spur**, **Redoute's Choice**, **Rock of Gibraltar**, **Holy Roman Emperor** (who would be good as a parallel Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross), **Commands** and **Danehill Dancer** (sire of **Lizard Island**, **Mastercraftsman** and **Choisir**).

There is also a grade one winner by an A.P. Indy line stallion out of a mare by a son of **Danzig** stallion **Chief's Crown**, a parallel Northern Dancer/Secretariat cross to Storm Cat. This suggests daughters of **Grand Lodge** and **Beautiful Crown**.

Coup de Grace is out of a mare by **Storm Cat**, but there is evidence that it could be worth cautiously considering duplicating this strain through such as **Var**, **Mogok**, **Tiger Ridge** (a Storm Cat half-brother to A.P. Indy), **Black Minnaloushe**, **Portrush** and **Aristis**.

The broad cross of Tapit with **Mr. Prospector** line mares has a strike-rate which is above opportunity, but not exceptional. There are, however, specific branches that have done well. The branch of **Forty Niner**, who has been represented in South Africa by **Rich Man's Gold** and **Trippi** (by **End Sweep**) has been highly successful under Tapit, including grade one winner Constitutional. Out of mares from the **Gone West** branch, Tapit is sire of grade one winner Zazu and grade two winner Flashback from a daughter of **Mr. Greeley**, graded winner Bandbox out of a mare by **Grand Slam** (whose dam is a parallel Northern Dancer/Key to the Mint cross to the dam of Coup de Grace), and a stakes winner out of a mare by **Gone West** himself. In South Africa **Gone West** is found through **Western Winter**, **West Man** and **Indigo Magic**, and through **Zafonic** (who gives The Minstrel, where Coup de Grace has The Minstrel's three-quarters brother Nijinsky II, and his close relative Storm Bird, and who could be brought in through **Dupont** and **Count Dubois**). **Zafonic** is also sire of **Xaar**.

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Internationally, we could also consider **Gone West** through **Speightstown** (out of a mare by Storm Cat, which would give an interesting pattern), **Elusive Quality** (whose dam is a parallel Northern Dancer/Graustark cross to the dam of Coup de Grace) and **Proud Citizen**.

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by **Mt. Livermore**, also sire of **Housebuster**; **Cherokee Run** is sire of **War Pass**, **Kafwain** and **Yonaguska**. Other sources of **Blushing Groom** would include **Jallad**, **Our Casey's Boy**, **Comic Blush**, **Kabool**, **Spectrum** and **Candy Stripes**.

Tapit has classic winner Creator out of a mare by **Privately Held**, a son of **Private Account**, from the **Damascus** line. It might be possible to find mares by **Confidential Talk**, a three-quarters brother to Private Account who stood in South America, and **Damascus** might also be brought in through **All Fired Up**, **Gilded Time**, **Damascus Gate** and **Rollins**.

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