



**PEDIGREE DYNAMICS**

*Alannan*

The breeding industry in South Australia has undergone some significant changes in the last year, including Jim O'Connor's recent retirement from a long and successful involvement. From a more positive angle, there has been an injection of some fresh new sires which could give South Australia a dynamic boost.

Horses imported to stand in South Australia last season and for the forthcoming season include Indian Danehill (Ire), Centre Stalls (Ire), Tayasu Tsuyoshi (Jpn), Saratoga Springs (Can) and Alannan (USA).

The winner of over US\$580,000, Alannan won the Gr.2 Commonwealth Breeders' Cup and the Lane's End Churchill Handicap and was a placegetter in the Gr.1 Forego Handicap and Gr.1 Metropolitan Handicap.

Alannan is by Conquistador Cielo, a US Horse of the Year winning son of Mr. Prospector. This is a line which is enjoying a resurgence of popularity with breeders in Australia, perhaps anxious to take advantage of the success of the Danzig / Mr. Prospector nick. This is particularly relevant now that our broodmare population has been bombarded by Danzig sons and grandsons.

Alannan will joins second season sires Indian Danehill and Saratoga Springs (ex Milluna Stud) at Lindsay Park Stud.

Alannan's dam Dame Sybil is out of the North American Broodmare of the Year, Anne Campbell. She is also the dam of Gr. 1 winners Menifee and Desert Wine, who is best known to us in Australia as the damsire of Diatribe. Mr. P's Princess is another of her daughters and she has produced the outstanding two year old, Fasliyev.

Dame Sybil traces to BURGEO MAID. This is also the family of the WA based son of Danzig, **DAUBERVAL** and of the NZ based sire by Nijinsky II, **TIGHTS**.

Analysis of Conquistador Cielo's stakes winners reveals that he has worked very well with **VICE REGENT** line mares. This brings in mares by **DEHERE, WITH CLASS, GALLO DI FERRO, CARRY THE CROWN, NEW REGENT, FOREVER REGAL, NORTHERN REGENT, REGAL CLASSIC** and **SWAMP KING**.

Mares by **DEHERE** are particularly appealing. Not only does he create a recognised 'nick', but he also has Secretariat as his damsire.

The presence of Elocutionist as damsire of Alannan invites the presence of mares carrying fellow CINQ A SEPT family members, **SECRETARIAT** and his half brother **SIR GAYLORD**. Other broodmare sires such as **KINGSTON RULE, SIR TRISTRAM** and sons, **IMPERIAL PRINCE, BLUEBIRD** and **HABITAT** sons contribute these individuals close up in their pedigrees.

Conquistador Cielo is out of a mare by Bold Commander. He is a close relation to **MAJESTIC LIGHT**, who is present in the broodmare sires **CATRAIL, PRINCE**

**TRUE and LIGHT SPIRITS.**

Alannan's second damsire is Never Bend, who is a pivotal ancestor in matings. Mares carrying Never Bend through a sire (such as **BRIEF TRUCE** and **MILL REEF** sons) are valuable, as are mares carrying Never Bend's half brother, **BOLD REASON**. He is the damsire of **FAIRY KING**, **SADLER'S WELLS** and **TATE GALLERY**. **GRAND CHAUDIERE** (damsire of **SNIPPETS**) is another close relation.

Sadler's Wells' son **SCENIC** has the potential to work really well. A former Lindsay Park resident himself, he should have plenty of daughters available to visit Alannan.

Not only does he carry Bold Reason, but his daughters sex balance Raise a Native 4m x 5f in a mating with Alannan. This must go towards extracting the speed which manifested itself in Alannan's track record.

The **LADY JOSEPHINE** family is strong in Alannan. He carries four lines to Nasrullah plus Royal Charger, Migoli and Mahmoud. Scenic contributes a duplication of both Mahmoud and Nasrullah as well as Aristophanes, Royal Charger and Fair Trial.

Mares by **KENMARE**, **JEUNE**, **CANNY LAD**, **ESTAMINET**, **NEDIYM**, **OCTAGONAL** and **KAAPSTAD** are other examples of sires that can also create strong line breeding to this influential family.