



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

FUJIKISEKI LOOKS A VERSATILE SIRE

This exciting young sire is the first son of the hugely successful Japanese based Sunday Silence to stand outside of that country.

Named Champion Two Year Old of 1994, Fujikiseki raced three times in that season, topping it off with his win in the Group One Asahi Hai Sansai Stakes, the most prestigious event for juveniles in Japan. His sole start at three resulted in a Group Two win before injury dictated that he retire to the breeding barn.

Byron Rogers, Bloodstock Manager for Arrowfield Stud, has been busy identifying broodmare sires with the highest chance of helping Fujikiseki off to a good start in Australia. Some of top his selections, which I include in my following analysis, are Last Tycoon, Vain, Danehill, Western Symphony and Palace Music.

Fujikiseki traces in direct tail female descent to LADY BRILLIANT. Being out of a granddaughter of Millicent, Fujikiseki looks a lovely cross for **WESTERN SYMPHONY** mares, this sire being a son of Millicent. Western Symphony's sire Nijinsky also shares several influential ancestors with Sunday Silence. Apart from Northern Dancer and Halo's common granddam Almahmoud, both have Nearco, Blue Larkspur, Mahmoud, Pharamond, Hyperion, Bull Lea, within five generations. Both Mahmoud and Blue Larkspur appear twice in Sunday Silence.

LAST TYCOON offers similar attributes to Western Symphony - Northern Dancer to boost Halo and another ancestor to boost his female line - this time in the form of Mill Reef, Last Tycoon's damsire. Mill Reef is a half brother to Fujikiseki's third dam Millicent. In addition, Last Tycoon provides Buckpasser and Mr. Busher to boost fellow LA TROIENNE family member Cornish Prince - sire of Millicent - in Fujikiseki.

Like Nijinsky, **PALACE MUSIC** has several key ancestors in common with Sunday Silence, including the influential females Almahmoud and Banish Fear. Banish Fear appears in Sunday Silence as dam of Cosmic Bomb and is present in Palace Music as the granddam of Prince John. Of the ancestors common to both Palace Music and Sunday Silence, Bull Lea, Turn-to and Banish Fear are sex balanced. That is, they are present in this mating through both male and female progeny. This pattern is regarded as a strong pattern for boosting speed inheritance.

Another son of The Minstrel, **BAKHAROFF**, also looks good, as he also traces to Fujikiseki's prepotent ancestress, LADY BRILLIANT. This family also has **BLUSHING GROOM** and **RED ANCHOR** as descendants.

The great broodmare sire **VICE REGAL** provides a different angle for family reinforcement in Fujikiseki. Both Sunday Silence and Wild Risk (sire of Fujikiseki's damsire Le Fabuleux) trace to **QUIVER** - Sunday Silence via Quiver's great granddaughter **CINNA**. Vice Regal is another descendant of Cinna, as is his second damsire Whistling Wind. In addition, Vice Regal's grandsire Relic creates linebreeding to **PADUA** when combined in a mating with Blue Larkspur, who appears twice on the fourth remove of Halo in Fujikiseki. Relic's sire War Relic also appears twice in Fujikiseki - through his second damsire, In Reality. The icing on the cake of this cross is the bringing together of two grandsons of **VAYA** - Verso II (damsire of Le Fabuleux) and Vatout (grandsire of Vice Regal's damsire Le Filou).

DANEHILL's outstanding attribute, his inbreeding to Almahmoud's daughter Natalma, can be a great asset to Fujikiseki. This should work well with his grandsire Halo, a grandson of Almahmoud. In addition, Danzig's damsire Admiral's Voyage (and Admiral's Voyage's grandsire Fighting Fox) are members of the **ST. MARGUERITE** family, also ancestress of Halo's sire Hail to Reason. Another boost could be provided by Buckpasser in Danehill. From the powerful **LA TROIENNE** family, he may pick up Fujikiseki's third damsire Cornish Prince, a fellow La Troienne family member.

Stakes performed daughters of **RIVOTIOUS** such as Hot To Race, Boisterous Lady and Discreet Lady should make excellent mates for Fujikiseki. Rivotious' damsire is Halo, creating 'sex balanced' inbreeding to this influential ancestor. Halo's damsire Cosmic Bomb get a further boost by the presence of Prince John (out of a half sister to Cosmic Bomb) via Rivotious' sire Riverman. Riverman also repeats the Nasrullah / Princequillo cross present in Fujikiseki. Like Vice Regal, Rivotious also provides a grandson of **VAYA** - this time it's Herbager's sire Vandale - as a final touch.

As Byron Rogers points out, Lyphard has worked with Sunday Silence, this cross having produced the Champion Two Year Old, Bubble Gum Fellow. In my opinion, this is likely to be because Sunday Silence has two descendants of Lyphard's ancestress **LIVIE** in his pedigree (Hillary and Free France) through his dam. **SUCCESS EXPRESS** is another **LIVIE** family member and contributes more desirable elements for Fujikiseki in the form of Nijinsky, Prince John and more Blue Larkspur.

Another avenue for linebreeding is created by the presence of Fujikiseki's damsire Le Fabuleux. He traces to a half sister to Wilkes and Worden, also family of Norseman. These three will be useful in the pedigree of mares for Fujikiseki. The most common source of this line would have to be through **VAIN** (by Wilkes).

In the future, mares by **BRIEF TRUCE**, **HONOUR AND GLORY**, **QUEST FOR FAME** and **NIGHT SHIFT** should throw up some good racehorses with Fujikiseki as they all possess combinations of the attributes discussed in this article.