



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

BROODMARE SIRES 'OF THE FUTURE'

This article targets active or recently active sires that are beginning to make an impression as young broodmare sires.

The Leading Broodmare Sires of the 1998-99 Season statistics published in May's Bloodhorse Review make very interesting reading.

It is not surprising that leading the list are the likes of Sir Tristram, Bletchingly, Luskin Star and Vain, who in their heyday as commercial sires, were generally visited by mares from well performed families. That is not to say that all commercial sires make great broodmare sires, however it is a great advantage to have served mares with a strong genetic background when producing daughters for stud.

Looking beyond the established, highly sought after and hence expensive broodmare sires, breeders can find those that without the commercial advantages of the above named stallions, are beginning to make their marks as the sires of successful dams.

Most of the broodmare sires named below are still at stud, or at least have young daughters still available.

DON'T SAY HALO *Halo - Never Babble*

Highest up on the 1997/98 table in 10th position at only 16 years of age, Don't Say Halo has a long life ahead of him as a successful broodmare sire. Although his pedigree suggests he will be a natural with Northern Dancer (his stakes winning granddaughter Will Fly is from that sireline), he is also working well with various other lines.

Gold Guru, Don't Say Halo's most successful grandson last season, is by Geiger Counter, whose sire Mr. Prospector reverses the Nasrullah / Polynesian cross present in Don't Say Halo's dam - a great speed pattern.

Stakeswinning son My Advocator is by At Talaq - his sire Roberto works very well with Halo.

Don't Say Halo has the added advantage of being a direct descendant of LA TROIENNE - which stands his daughters in good stead when mated with sires whose pedigrees have Buckpasser, Private Account, Poker, Boucher, Hitting Away, Jet Action, Mr. Busher, Bimelech, Beau Brummel, Francis S., The Axe II and more recent descendants Woodman, Hula Chief, Yonder, Air de France, Forest Glow, Caerleon and Belong to Me.

Don't Say Halo's own progeny earned over \$1 million last season - the same year that his daughters produced 16% stakes winners to runners. Now standing at Mungrup Stud at a fee of \$5,000, his achievements make him one of Australia's most underrated individuals.

SALIERI *Accipiter - Hogan's Sister*

Sitting in 46th position on the Leading Broodmare Sires list for last season, Salieri's strike rate of 52.6% winners to his 76 runners betters that of Bletchingly in 2nd position.

Best known as the damsire of Hot As Hell, Flaming Hot, Crafty Beau, Headstrong and Our Mr. Woodman, Salieri's pedigree should stand him in good stead as an outcross for several lines.

A grandson of Damascus, Salieri has Bold Ruler (through a daughter) and Prince John in his third remove. Both these individuals work well with Eight Thirty and War Admiral, the latter being easiest to find in pedigrees.

Sires whose pedigrees have sons of Bold Ruler such as Bold Lad and Secretariat should work well with daughters of Salieri.

Salieri's four lines of Blue Larkspur should find sympathy with close relation Raise a Native and fellow family member, Relic (dam sire of Bletchingly).

TODVEGA *Zvornik - Pastel Lady*

Despite his relatively modest commercial appeal, W.A. based Todvega is the sire or dam sire of four stakes winners who have performed at Group level, three of them outside Western Australia, and two further stakes placed individuals.

As a sire, he has produced the multiple Group winner of \$367,000, Wabasso. As a broodmare sire, Group 1 winner La Volta, Group 2 winner Heed the Toll and last season's Group placed 2 year old Terevega have placed him 48th on the Leading Broodmares Sires list for last season. With only ten grand-progeny to race with five winners, three of them at stakes level, his strike rate is excellent.

At age 22, Todvega, by Todman's son Zvornik, is still serving mares at Clairfontaine Stud. Todvega would have one of the 'oldest' pedigrees available - his dam, who was 16 years when she produced Todvega, was foaled when both parents (Night Guardian and New Hue, by Olympian) were 19 years old.

Todvega's pedigree is intensely linebred to the powerful pedigree influence CHELANDRY, mainly through her daughter Chersonese. In a typical modern day pedigree, Chersonese may be found around the seventh remove, most probably as the dam of Heroic. In Todvega's pedigree however, Chersonese's offspring appear in the third, fourth and fifth removes, those being her daughter Miss Wiltshire, Miss Wiltshire's full brother Cimbrian and half brother Heroic respectively. In addition, Chersonese's half sister Dark Flight appears in Todvega's fourth remove.

How is this relevant to his ability as a broodmare sire? Analysis of his top performers to-date reveal an interesting attraction to more of CHELANDRY'S family.

La Volta and Terevega's second dam has a line to Never Say Die, which is duplicated through her sire, Laranto. Never Say Die is a descendant of CHELANDRY.

Heed the Toll's sire Serheed has Case Ace, who traces to the elite mare ELLEN HORNE, CHELANDRY's fourth dam.

The CHELANDRY family is undergoing a resurgence as far as sires go. Anabaa, Gold Carat, Zeditave, Zoffany, Forty Niner and Swale all trace to this prepotent ancestress.

Although breeders outside W.A. are unlikely to acquire a daughter of Todvega, W.A. breeders note that sons of Haulpak (his sire Dignitas is a CHELANDRY member) should work well with Todvega mares.

CHRISTMAS TREE *Biscay - Joy and Fun*

From a very strong female family, Christmas Tree, like the other sire in his family, Kangaroo, has proven a disappointment at stud. It is interesting that some families have a 'sex bias' and I think this can be said for the family of HOLIDAY SCENE. Although progeny of both sexes are good performers, at stud it seems the girls are the prepotent sex. Fun Park (dam of Joy and Laughter - Euphoria's and Kangaroo's dam), Denise's Joy (dam of Joie Denise) and her daughter Joy and Fun (dam of Christmas Tree) demonstrate the genetic strength of these matrons.

It seems now that Christmas Tree is capable of passing on the family prepotency via his daughters, who of course have received his X (or female) chromosome, which he in turn received from his dam.

Christmas Tree sits in 55th position on the Leading Broodmare Sires list, having had 12 progeny of his daughters run for 5 winners and one stakes winner. That stakes winner is none other than the Magic Millions heroine Catnipped.

By Rory's Jester, her mating creates 'sex balancing' (representation through both a son and a daughter) of Star Kingdom - a desirable pattern for speed inheritance.

Christmas Tree should also work well with Northern Dancer - Star Kingdom and his Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic share a pattern of Hyperion / Tracery - and in addition, Christmas Tree's second damsire Seventh Hussar traces to PRETTY POLLY, also ancestress of Nearctic.

TOLOMEO *Lypheor - Almagest*

Sire of the dams of stakes winners Lady of the Pines, Electrifying and Flak Jacket, Tolomeo's 34 grand progeny to race in 1997/98 produced 18 winners, three at stakes level.

A grandson of Lyphard, a champion broodmare sire, Tolomeo is demonstrating that he is happy to be crossed with partners carrying more Northern Dancer, with both Lady of the Pines (by Bluebird) and Electrifying (by Success Express) carrying that individual.

With a daughter of Nasrullah, Mahmoud, plus the close relations Fair Trial and Tudor Minstrel in his pedigree, Tolomeo mares should appreciate sires with *sons* of Nasrullah as well as other LADY JOSEPHINE family members, such as Pherooshah, Aristophanes (sire of Forli) or Royal Charger.

Mares by Tolomeo should also work particularly well with Grey Sovereign, a *son* of Nasrullah who is half brother to Nimbus, Tolomeo's third dam sire,

WESTERN SYMPHONY *Nijinsky II - Millicent*

The dam sire of Stately Rhythm, Glamis, Western Zip, Minimal and Bolster, Western Symphony's 62nd position on the Leading Broodmare Sires 1997/98 list at the age of 17 years reflects his strong pedigree.

His sire Nijinsky II has by far and away the best record of success when linebred with other sons of Northern Dancer, while his damsire Cornish Prince is a member of one of the most successful families of all time, the LA TROIENNE family.

His dam is a half sister to Mill Reef, making sires with this individual attractive for Western Symphony's daughters. Last Tycoon, Fujikiseki and Hatta's Mill are examples.

Like Salieri, Western Symphony has Bold Ruler and Eight Thirty in his pedigree, who work well with War Admiral and Prince John.

Palace Music's recent placement in Victoria augers well for Western Symphony mare owners. Among other attributes, he has Prince John prominent and his sire The Minstrel is a three quarter brother to Nijinsky II.

PRINCE ECHO *Crowned Prince - Dawn Echo*

66th on the Leading Broodmare Sires of Australia 1997/98, Prince Echo's position is much higher (31st) on the current Southern Hemisphere listing, as his early stint in New Zealand meant that many of his broodmare daughters are domiciled in that country.

This dam sire's pedigree looks very versatile - his sire Crowned Prince is a member of the BOUDOIR family, which may be familiar to readers as the family of His Majesty (Danhill's dam sire), Graustark, Majestic Prince (a brother to Crowned Prince), Whiskey Road and Our Poetic Prince.

A natural with Northern Dancer - his grandsire Raise a Native nicks well with him - daughters of Prince Echo look especially good with Danehill and his sons, as the presence of His Majesty creates line breeding to BOUDOIR. Catrail's pedigree also has Northern Dancer and BOUDOIR family member, Majestic Prince.

The presence of Grey Sovereign through his dam is also an advantage, as this speed influence enjoys being duplicated in pedigrees. Sons of Kenmare can provide more Grey Sovereign.

ALZAO

Lyphard - Lady Rebecca

With only three runners to represent him as a broodmare sire in the season previous to 1997/98 (all of which won) and only 28 daughters listed in the current Australian Stud Book, Alzao is putting up a pretty good performance in this country in his new role as a sire of dams.

In relation to his success at stud in the Northern Hemisphere, Alzao's performance in that role here has been much less satisfactory. He has the opportunity however, to atone for dragging the chain Down Under and it appears he is taking it.

Dam sire of Western Australia's unbeaten Group 1 Karrakatta Plate winner, Bomber Bill (by Air de France) and Morphettville Guineas winner, Reigning Belle (by Military Plume) last season, his strike rate of 12 runners for 7 winners including two stakes winners is worth noting.

As a son of the great broodmare influence Lyphard, Alzao's future success in this field is enhanced.

Lyphard is out of a daughter of Court Martial, who is best known in Australian pedigrees as the grandsire of Vain. Sires with Vain close up in their pedigrees such as Kenvain, Keltrice, Clay Hero, Marwina and County will provide 'sex balancing' to Court Martial - a desirable speed pattern.

In my observations, I am finding that Court Martial is working well with the similarly bred Petition (both sharing a Fair Trial / Gainsborough cross), which should stand Alzao mares in good stead with Danzig line sires - Petition being his second dam sire.

Out of a daughter of Sir Ivor, Alzao's pedigree invites sex balancing to Sir Ivor by introducing a son through the sire. This pattern was achieved in the mating of Reigning Belle, who has Sir Ivor's son Sir Tristram as her paternal grandsire.

Incidentally, Alzao mares should work exceptionally well with new W.A. sire Stay Tuned, who is standing at Taunton Vale Stud. The granddam of this son of Marscay is a half sister to Alzao's dam, Lady Rebecca.

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