



**PEDIGREE DYNAMICS**

*Jeune's Working Well with Grey Sovereign*

Melbourne Cup winners, while to the general populace are amongst the best known racehorses, have traditionally not been highly commercial as sires.

Fear that the stallion will not produce a two year old winner or a winner under middle distance can minimise the number of mares in the initial years at stud, which in itself can cause the stallion to fail.

Standing at Lindsay Park Stud in South Australia, Jeune has not been hampered by mare numbers, having served an average of 99 mares in his first four crops.

The appeal of Jeune would be in part that , after his 1994 win in the VRC Melbourne Cup, he also won at Group One level at 1400 metres (C.F. Orr Stakes in course record time) and 2000 metres (AJC Queen Elizabeth Stakes).

Bred in England, Jeune is a son of the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes winner, Kalaglow. Kalaglow, like the highly successful sire Kenmare, is a son of Kalamoun, a tail female line descendant of the famous taproot mare, LADY JOSEPHINE.

On the tail male line, Jeune traces to Grey Sovereign. A precocious juvenile, Grey Sovereign's racing career was hampered by his unreliable and recalcitrant nature. He was a highly successful sire, including being twice awarded the Leading Sire of Juveniles. His progeny had an average winning distance of 7.6 furlongs (approx. 1500 metres).

Not surprisingly, duplication of Grey Sovereign in matings can have the effect of injecting speed. Unlike many sire influences, Grey Sovereign and his sire Nasrullah don't seem to be adversely affected by duplication through two sons, rather than being 'sex balanced' by duplicating through a son and a daughter.

Some notable Australasian stakeswinners who carry reinforcements of Grey Sovereign include Shizu, Ad Alta, St. Covet, Kenbelle, Kidlat, Ivory's Irish, Forest Express, Fimiston, Forge On, Natasha and Quick Score. The Princess Series winner Angst and multiple Group One winner Heroicity both carry three lines to Grey Sovereign.

Getting back to Jeune, it is very interesting to see that he too is working very well with reinforcement of Grey Sovereign. His two stakes winners and one stakes placegetter to-date all carry another line to Grey Sovereign through their dams.

His daughter Lolita Star, who won the Group 2 Wakeful Stakes (2000m) is out of Hutt Star, whose third damsire Lumley Road is a son of Grey Sovereign. Other features of Lolita Star's pedigree include a very healthy representation of descendants of LAVENDULA II. Jeune has My Babu, who meets with Turn-to, Rascolnik and Marco Polo II in Hutt Star to form strong linebreeding to this Reine de Course.

Affirming Jeune's ability to produce both an early type and a sprinter, his second stakes winner is Pompous, a two year old who won the 900 metre VRC Debutante Stakes in October. From the Without Fear mare Larger than Life, Pompous' damline is full of precocity. Larger than Life's dam Melanesta (GB) produced two Group One winners in Australia, Grandiose and Alishan, whose victories were executed between the distances of 1000m and 1200m.

Melanesta is by Estaminet, another son of Grey Sovereign who also made an impression in Australia, siring the wonderful racemare November Rain amongst his 19 stakeswinners.

Apart from contributing the duplication of Grey Sovereign 5m x 5m, Estaminet is also a direct descendant of LADY JOSEPHINE, thereby also reinforcing Kalamoun. The two presences of Nasrullah in Larger than Life's pedigree also adds to the linebreeding strength of the LADY JOSEPHINE family in Pompous' pedigree.

Like Lolita Star's dam, Pompous' dam also carries reinforcement of LAVENDULA II, this time through Alycidon and Klairon.

Jeune's third back type runner is the stakes placegetter Alharir. He is out of Asawir, a Last Tycoon half sister to Snippets, Quick Score and Singles Bar. Asawir's dam Easy Date is by Grand Chaudiere, whose damsire is Grey Sovereign. Three lines to Nasrullah as well as three to Mahmoud reinforce the LADY JOSEPHINE family – and just for good measure, a genetic half brother to My Babu – Ambiorix – appears on Asawir's fifth remove.

Like Jeune's two stakes winners, Alharir's dam's pedigree also offers other attractions for Jeune. Her grandsire Try My Best is from the family of Nijinsky II (sire of Jeune's damsire Green Dancer).

Australian based sires carrying Grey Sovereign up close include Kenmare, Adraan, Curravilla, Grand Chaudiere, Arch Sculptor, Francis Bacon, No Mercy, Royal Yacht, Plush, Raffindale, Lumley Road, Royal Rocket, Beau Sovereign, Old Spice, The Fort and Cheraw. In New Zealand, Sovereign Edition flew the banner for the Grey Sovereign line, along with Wolverton and Gold Sovereign.

In planning matings for Jeune, the presence of other LADY JOSEPHINE family members such as Tudor Minstrel, Royal Charger, Nizami, Jambo, Adraan, Nilo, Prince Taj and Mahmoud look desirable in broodmares.

Another interesting reinforcement for Jeune could be mares carrying Precipitation, Persian Gulf, Charlottown or Mellay. These four all trace to DOUBLE LIFE. Daughters of the New Zealand based sire Kings Island would also be interesting, as he also hails from this line.