



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

Knowledge is a Good Thing

The oldest progeny of the VATC Blue Diamond Stakes winner, Knowledge have just turned one, and those looking for early runners will no doubt be seeking them out at next year's yearling sales.

Now standing at Glen Avon Lodge at Southbrook, Queensland, Knowledge has proven popular with mare owners who have been keen to access precocious speed at a reasonable fee.

A handsome son of the Champion Sprinter and Champion Sire Last Tycoon, Knowledge is out of the AJC Carbine Club Stakes winner, New Acquaintance. She is a daughter of the New Zealand based sire, Kings Island, a winner of the Group One Hollywood Sunset Handicap.

Kings Island (by Persian Bold) traces to the outstanding English racehorse, Meld. She was unbeaten in all of her four starts as a three year old, taking the One Thousand Guineas, the Oaks, the Coronation Stakes and the St. Leger. Meld is best known in the Antipodes as the dam of the champion New Zealand stallion, Mellay and of Charlottown and Lysander II. This is also the family of Precipitation and Persian Gulf, who also appear regularly in Australasian pedigrees.

Kings Island himself is a half brother to the Group Two Ascot Royal Lodge winning stallion, **BENGAL FIRE** (by Nishapour). Although Bengal Fire mostly covered small books of mares, he spent his ten year stud career standing in Queensland, which could work out well for Knowledge. His daughters include the handy racehorses SP Diamond Harbour, Bengal Affair, St. Angela, Zooton, Fleet Fire and St. Alama. Mating with Knowledge gives Bengal Fire mares inbreeding to Gerardmer 4 x 3, a great granddaughter of Meld.

Knowledge traces in direct tail female line to **LADY JOSEPHINE**, made famous through her male descendants such as Nasrullah, Royal Charger, Mahmoud, Tudor Minstrel and Fair Trial. Bengal Fire is by Nishapour, another member of this prodigious family.

Another sire who exploits Knowledge's damsire is **BUREAUCRACY**. He carries two lines to Precipitation, a half brother to Meld's granddam. Bureaucracy is by Lord Ballina, who is inbred to Star Kingdom. Star Kingdom and Persian Bold (sire of Kings Island) are both bred on a Hyperion / Papyrus / White Eagle combination. Duplication of Papyrus / White Eagle crosses through Princequillo or Honeyway with Star Kingdom has been highly successful.

SWITCH IN TIME, who is situated on the other side of the Queensland / New South Wales border, also has the potential to create some outstanding results with Knowledge. He creates a sex balanced duplication of Never Bend 5m x 4f, which is backed up by fellow SUNSHOT member, Solferino in Knowledge.

Switch in Time's sire Kris is out of Doubly Sure, who has a high genetic similarity to King's Island's sire Persian Bold. Doubly Sure's sire is Reliance, a half brother to Persian Bold's damsire, Relko. Persian Bold's third dam Run Honey is a half sister to Honeyway, who is third damsire of Doubly Sure.

Switch in Time also contributes Nasrullah, Tudor Minstrel and Badruddin to create further linebreeding to LADY JOSEPHINE.

WESTERN SYMPHONY mares also have a lot to offer Knowledge. His sire Nijinsky II is from the same female family as Try My Best, as well as both being by Northern Dancer. Try My Best's damsire Buckpasser is a LA TROIENNE family member, as is Western Symphony's damsire, Cornish Prince. Last Tycoon's damsire Mill Reef is a half brother to Western Symphony's dam, Millicent. Another point of interest is that one of Western Symphony's best progeny, Procol Harum, is from a mare inbred 3 x 3 to Precipitation, who as we have discussed, is from the family of Knowledge's damsire, Kings Island.

Similarly, mares by **SHINING FINISH** have a lot in common with Knowledge. Also by Nijinsky II, Shining Finish is out of a mare by Shantung, whose dam is a half sister to Last Tycoon's fourth dam. Shining Finish's second damsire is Nasrullah, sex balancing this important individual in the mating and bolstering the LADY JOSEPHINE family in general.

Daughters of **PRIDE OF KELLINA** (whose great grandsire Masthead is from the same family as Last Tycoon) as well as mares carrying Le Cordonnier, Mellay, Charlottown, Jekyll or Lysander are also appealing for Knowledge.