



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

LUJAIN

Darley's incursion on the Australian breeding scene this season looks like it will be executed with a mighty flourish. Their line-up boasts King's Best, the runaway winner of the English 2000 Guineas; Singspiel, a multi-national Group One winner whose prizemoney tipped A\$10 million; Xaar, whose seven lengths win in the Group One Dewhurst Stakes earned him the Champion European Two Year Old Title; and Lujain, an extremely precocious juvenile who topped his two-year-old campaign with a four length win in the Group One Middle Park Stakes.

Finding suitable matings for Lujain in Australia should be quite easy with the range of compatible broodmare sires we have in good numbers.

Lujain is by Seeking the Gold (a son of Mr. Prospector), who is out of a Buckpasser mare. Lujain's damsire Shadeed is a son of Nijinsky II (by Northern Dancer).

Lujain carries a reversal to the Northern Dancer / Buckpasser cross present in **DANEHILL**. Mares by Danehill and his sons create a strong pattern with Lujain. A particularly exciting cross would be daughters of **FLYING SPUR**, as he also contributes a daughter of Mr. Prospector to 'sex balance' the son (Seeking the Gold) in Lujain.

Buckpasser is a member of the influential LA TROIENNE family, which can be strengthened by the addition of such members as Bimelech, Private Account, Ardan, Polish Navy, Bupers, Francis S., Hook Money, Cornish Prince, Poker, Mr. Busher, The Axe II, Pardal And Jet Action in broodmare pedigrees. **HULA CHIEF, DON'T SAY HALO, FOREST GLOW** and **AIR DE FRANCE** are also direct descendants of La Troienne and compliment Lujain's pedigree very well.

Seeking the Gold is also sire of Dubai Millennium, a multiple Group One winner whose victories include the Dubai World Cup. Owners of mares by **NEDIYM** can emulate the Seeking the Gold / Shareef Dancer cross in Dubai Millennium, as he is out of a mare by Shareef Dancer, the sire of Nediym.

On the subject of the pedigree of Dubai Millennium, he is from the immediate family of Australian-based sires Timber Country, Hamas, Charnwood Forest, Medaaly and Native Aspen. All but the last-mentioned do not yet have daughters of breeding age in Australia, however the next couple of seasons will see some very interesting matings for Lujain with broodmare sires from this family, with the resultant foals carrying many genetic similarities to Dubai Millennium.

Getting back to Lujain, his dam's grandsire Nijinsky II works extremely well with Storm Bird. Top racehorses bred on this cross include Coolmore stallions Tale of the Cat and High Yield. This augurs well for daughters of Storm Bird line stallions, with **BLUEBIRD** being a standout, as the affable Nijinsky II also enjoys the company of Sir Ivor, Bluebird's damsire.

The Minstrel also has a good record when combined in matings with his three-quarter brother, Nijinsky II. One of several stakes winners world-wide bred on this cross is Continuum (by Hurricane Sky out of a mare by The Minstrel's son, **BAKHAROFF**). This also brings into play mares by **PALACE MUSIC** and **MASTERCLASS**.

Dignitas, sire of leading West Australian broodmare sire **HAULPAK**, is very similarly bred to Lujain's dam Satin Flower, sharing ancestors Round Table, Nasrullah and Courtesy – tail female ancestress of both Shadeed in Lujain and of Dignitas.

