



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

SANDPIT'S PEDIGREE WORTH DIGGING UP

This extremely handsome horse cannot be faulted when it comes to performance. Having raced from the age of two through to eight years, he chalked up 14 wins, including nine Group One wins, and the equivalent of A\$3.8 million in prizemoney.

Although born in Brazil, Sandpit raced in North America, Japan and the United Arab Emirates as well as his home country, being placed in 31 of his 40 starts.

Although his Brazilian based sire Baynoun (Sassafras – Busarella by Busted) may be foreign to breeders here, Baynoun's sire Sassafras is a key which should find favour with **LAST TYCOON** mares. Sassafras traces to **SCHIAPARELLI**, Last Tycoon's fifth dam. More linebreeding is created in this cross through Nijinsky II in Sandpit meeting up with Try My Best – both tracing to the prepotent ancestress **TORPENHOW**. The doubling up of sons of Northern Dancer is presented in its most successful form here – one son being Nijinsky II. The added bonus for Sandpit is that the extra presence of Northern Dancer's sire Nearctic in Last Tycoon boosts one of Sandpit's assets – the **BOADICEA** family. Sheshoon (Sandpit's great grandsire) traces to **BOADICEA**, as do Nearctic and Donatello II (two lines in Sandpit), both tracing through Boadicea's outstanding descendant, Pretty Polly.

Another way to reinforce the **SCHIAPARELLI** line in Australia for Sandpit is by using mares whose pedigrees have Masthead, a son of **SCHIAPARELLI**. He is of course the sire of Matrice (sire of Pago Pago amongst others). **WAAJIB**, like Last Tycoon a son of Try My Best, looks interesting with Sandpit, as he is out of a Sassafras mare, thereby 'sex balancing' this ancestor. Bringing together a son and daughter relatively closely in a mating often has the effect of 'speeding up' the cross.

Mares by **ZOFFANY** appeal from another aspect of Sandpit's pedigree. Zoffany's damsire Grey Dawn is a grandson of **AMPOLA**, who is the third dam of Green Dancer in Sandpit. Zoffany's sire Our Native is inbred to Polynesian, who, like Sheshoon, Nearctic and Donatello II, traces to **BOADICEA**.

Although on the surface he has a very different pedigree to Zoffany, **NATURALISM** will offer some similar attributes through his daughters visiting Sandpit. He is a direct descendant of Ampola's dam, **BLUE DENIM** and his grandsire The Minstrel is a three quarter brother to Nijinsky II. At the risk of becoming repetitive, Palace Music's damsire Prince John is another descendant of **BOADICEA**.

Sandpit's damsire Aureole works very nicely with Alcide, being genetically very similar in all the nicest ways. Their pedigrees have the prepotent ancestresses ALOE, MALVA and CANTERBURY PILGRIM up close, as well as 'sex balancing' Donatello II, Hyperion and Swynford. Alcide's son Oncidium is a good source (try **BUREAUCRACY** mares) or his grandson, **RED ANCHOR**. Incidentally, both these broodmare sires also contribute more Precipitation (Sandpit's great great grandsire).

Duplications of Precipitation have appeared in the pedigrees of some more than handy racehorses over the years such as Bureaucracy, Tierce, Summer Beau, Victory Dash, Sky Watch, Richfield Lady, Pauillac, Kingston Bay, Danger, Crazy Neaux and Acushla Marie. The dams of Lochrae, Mookta, Procul Harum, Beachside, Crying Game and Rom's Stiletto also carry this pattern. Alternatively, introducing Precipitation's half brother Persian Gulf or other relations Mellay and Jekyll also exploits this line.