



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

The Secret's Getting Around

Not many imported stallions have earned their stripes in Australia in quite the same as the U.S. - bred Secret Savings.

Brought to Australia by His Excellency Nasser A.H. Lootah as a six year old, Secret Savings was still very much a racehorse. Previously the winner of six races in the U.S., Secret Savings relished our racing conditions, with his Australian performances proving to be the highlight of his career.

His four starts in Australia yielded three wins – the Group One AJC Doncaster Handicap in the race record time of 1 minute 8.51 seconds, the Group Three STC Frederick Clissold Handicap and the Group Three NJC Newcastle Handicap.

A son of Seeking the Gold, his pedigree has only grown in stature since those wins four years ago.

Seeking the Gold has since produced horses of the calibre of the World Horse of the Year, Dubai Millennium, the Champion Three Year Old Filly in USA, Heavenly Prize, the Champion Older Sprinter in Europe Seeking the Pearl and the precocious Group One Middle Park Stakes winner, Lujain.

Secret Savings' pedigree carries some very interesting linebreeding which Australian breeders should be able to exploit. I recently visited Emirates Park Stud, and was very impressed by Secret Savings, who presents as an animal with classic quality, presence and an intelligent eye.

Secret Savings traces directly to LA CHICA (5) on his tail female line. This mare is also the ancestor of such influences as Native Dancer, Bold Lad, Successor, Bold Consort (dam of First Consul), What a Pleasure and Misty Day. In a very neat bit of linebreeding, Secret Savings carries Native Dancer on his tail male line.

There are a few broodmare sires available here who also feature the LA CHICA family in their pedigrees and will make for very interesting matings with Secret Savings.

SNIPPETS not only contributes another line to Native Dancer, his second damsire Misty Day is a half brother to Misty Morn, fourth dam of Secret Savings. Snippets has proven that he enjoys meeting other members of this family - his highest stakes earner is Spartacus, a triple Group One winner whose dam has another half brother to Misty Day - Gray Phantom, on her third remove.

Emirates Park's Victorian operation is home to the Danzig stallion **SNAADEE**. The fact that he is out of a mare by What a Pleasure - another LA CHICA family member - has not been lost on His Excellency, who has sent several of his

daughters to Secret Savings to try to reinvigorate this linebreeding.

DASH O' PLEASURE is a grandson of What a Pleasure. He is already damsire of Stash the Loot, a filly by Secret Savings who has had only one start to-date for a placing. Another sire carrying What a Pleasure is **SCENIC**. Matings of Scenic's daughters with Secret Savings not only reinforce this important family, they also create sex balanced linebreeding to Raise a Native, who appears in Secret Savings as his great-grand sire and in Scenic as his second damsire. This should inject a boost of speed into an otherwise 'classic' style cross.

Another simple way to boost the LA CHICA family is to introduce **NORTHERN DANCER** through your mare. His dam Natalma is a daughter of Native Dancer, thereby creating a sex balanced duplication of this individual in a mating with Secret Savings.

Secret Savings is also linebred to Broadway 3f x 5m. Broadway appears as second dam of Seeking the Gold and as dam of Reviewer, Secret Savings' damsire. Broadway is a descendant of SECLUSION (5), who is also known as the ancestress of Rego, Star Appeal, Grand Parade, Son-in-Law and Minoru, amongst others.

The impact of further linebreeding to SECLUSION is possibly already taking effect for Secret Savings. Dash for Cash is Secret Savings' current flag bearer – he has had three starts to-date, including a close second to Red Hannigan in the Group Two Pago Pago Stakes. Nominated by trainer Rick Hore-Lacy for races including the Caulfield Guineas, the Caulfield Cup and W.S. Cox Plate, Dash for Cash is out of a mare by **RUBITON**. Rubiton's sire Century has SECLUSION family member Rego as his damsire. Rubiton also carries Better Boy, a son of My Babu. This comes into play nicely when put to Secret Savings, who carries a daughter of My Babu through his damsire Damascus.

Rego is also readily sourced through **RORY'S JESTER** or his sire, **CROWN JESTER**, who is a grandson of Rego.

Star Appeal is another SECLUSION member which can be accessed via mares by his son **STAR WAY**.

As I mentioned in my article about Seeking the Gold's son Lujain earlier this year, sending mares by **NEDIYM** to sons of Seeking the Gold, will emulate the Seeking the Gold / Shareef Dancer cross in Dubai Millennium, as he is out of a mare by Nediym's sire Shareef Dancer.