



**PEDIGREE**  **DYNAMICS**

## *A New 'Heavyweight' for Queensland*

The dominating influence of the Northern Dancer line in Australia has recently prompted stud farms to move further afield in the quest for suitable sire outcrosses.

Announcing their new South American acquisition on the back of Arrowfield's purchase of top Chilean-based stallion Hussonet is Wattle Brae Stud with their Argentinian superstar, Taimazov.

Champion Sprinter of Argentina 2001, his record is headed by wins in the Group 1 Suipacha and the Group 1 Carrera de las Estrellas, or "Race of the Stars", the latter in the sizzling time of 55.3 seconds for the 1000 metres. A further six victories including a Group 2 race and five stakes placings on both dirt and turf tracks decorate his record, which consists of only 28 starts.

While bred in Argentina, Taimazov's pedigree has little in common with his land of birth. A son of the US-bred Southern Halo, also sire of Vinery's More Than Ready, his US-bred dam possesses a pedigree based on English bloodlines and with many individuals running and breeding in the USA.

Taimazov is named after the Atlanta Olympics Gold Medal Weightlifter, Timur Taimazov. Born the year the Atlanta Olympics was held, the foal must have impressed his owners with his physique!

Taimazov's full sister Igreja adds another international angle. She raced in South Africa where she was an outstanding racehorse at two and three years, taking out the Group 1 Cape Fillies Guineas and a further three stakes races as well as running second in the Group 1 Premier's Champion Stakes.

Now at stud and having visited Sadler's Wells several times, Igreja holds promise of upgrading Taimazov's pedigree even further.

Taimazov's dam is by Grienton, who also boasted a high wins to runs ratio. Winning ten of his 22 starts in France and USA, his victory in the Grade 1 Hollywood Gold Cup created a new course record. The son of Green Dancer also captured Grade 1 events the Californian Stakes and Santa Anita Handicap and was second in a further five Grade 1 events.

Currently running second on the US Sprint Broodmare Sire by Earnings list, Greinton was sent to Germany in 1993. He's from the family of successful sire Welsh Pageant, as well as Crocket, Selhurst and Royal Palace.

Taimazov traces to the Oaks Stakes winner, Rose of England, which is the MARE BY JUNIPER (3) family. Taimazov's fourth dam Galloway Queene is a three-quarter sister to the precocious British Empire, winner of the Group 1 July Stakes, Chesham Stakes and Lavant Stakes as a two year old. In an interesting link with Taimazov, British Empire was sent to Argentina for his stud duties, where he was twice Champion Sire and a Top-Ten Sire for 14 consecutive years. Perhaps that is what prompted the importation of Taimazov's dam from the USA.

There are many points in the pedigree of Taimazov to suggest that he will find plenty of mares to his liking in Australia.

British Empire is the grandsire of Pretense, who is most often seen in pedigrees as the sire of the outstanding matriarch, FALL ASPEN. Pretense's sire Endeavour II was bred and raced in Argentina, where he was a fairly successful sire. Sons and descendants of Fall Aspen who can provide British Empire for Taimazov include **NATIVE ASPEN, HAMAS, CHARNWOOD FOREST, TIMBER COUNTRY**, and in the near future, daughters of **BIANCONI** and **MEDAALY**.

Southern Halo is by Halo, who provides an opportunity for the proliferation of broodmares from the Northern Dancer sire line to linebreed to ALMAHMOUD, granddam of both these individuals,. The presence of Northern Dancer via a *daughter* in Southern Halo also allows for sex balanced inbreeding to this influence. Other sires from this line include **DANEHILL, EAGLE EYED, EL MOXIE, ORPEN** and **YOUTHFUL LEGS**. Southern Halo is from the OVAL branch of the MISS AGNES

(16) family. This is also the family of **MISWAKI, LUJAIN, MONONGAHELA** and **KING IVOR**.

**SUCCESS EXPRESS** traces to GALLORETTE, who is also granddam of Taimazov's second damsire, Dancing Moss. Success Express's sire Hold Your Peace carries several of the influential ancestors present in Halo's pedigree. One is BANISH FEAR, dam of Halo's damsire Cosmic Bomb and second dam of Prince John, grandsire of Hold Your Peace. Banish Fear's granddam HERODIAS also appears in Success Express via his duplication of Pilate.

Mares by **UMATILLA** look appealing with Taimazov. He is by Miswaki, who is by Mr. Prospector and is from the family of Southern Halo. Mr. Prospector appears in the pedigree of another Grade One winning son of Southern Halo, More Than Ready, as sire of his damsire Woodman. Umatilla's damsire is Nijinsky II. Taimazov carries Nijinsky II on his fourth remove, as sire of Green Dancer. This son / daughter combo, which will appear 5m x 4f in the offspring, adds interest.

**MONONGAHELA** mares create a very pretty pedigree with Taimazov. He is a three-quarter brother-in-blood to Southern Halo's dam, she being by Northern Dancer out of Sea Saga and Monongahela being by a son of Northern Dancer (Danzig) out of a full sister to Sea Saga.

From a rather surprising angle of compatibility, mares carrying **WILKES** or any of the four brothers **TODMAN, NOHOLME II, SHIFNAL** and **FARINGDON** should nick with Taimazov. His third damsire is Worden II, a half brother to Wilkes, while his fourth damsire is Colombo, who is also damsire of the four brothers.

This makes matings with mares by **VICTORY PRINCE** look appealing. His dam is by Todman out of a Wilkes mare. Likewise, **BLAZING SADDLES** is by Todman out of a Wilkes mare.

No doubt there are plenty of other mares carrying these prolific sires who will be happy to line up to meet this handsome black 'Latino'.