



**PEDIGREE DYNAMICS**

*Val Royal Good Mates with Fellow Breeder's Cup Winner*

Eliza Park's decision to stand Val Royal this season could not have been better heralded than by the local deeds of Bel Esprit, highlighting the appeal of their sire, Royal Academy.

Val Royal was an outstanding racehorse, having the distinction of not only being a Breeder's Cup Mile winner, but winning it in the fastest time ever recorded for the race.

In setting this record he bettered an illustrious group of past winners, including his own sire.

Val Royal's dam is the French mare Vadlava, by Bikala from the Halo mare, Vadsa. Bikala is by Kalamoun from Irish Bird, a daughter of Irish Lass. Irish Lass is also the granddam of **LAST TYCOON**, another Breeder's Cup Mile winner standing in Australia.

Mares by Last Tycoon create an exceptional cross with Val Royal, forming strong linebreeding to several influential matrons.

The duplication of Irish Lass is very interesting, as she is inbred 3m x 3m to NOGARA through her sons Nearco and Niccolo Dell'arca. A further seven lines to Nearco in this mating create a great background of linebreeding.

Nearco's son Nasrullah appears three times in this cross and is backed up by fellow LADY JOSEPHINE family members Kalamoun, Mahmoud (three times) and Royal Charger.

Last Tycoon's sire is Try My Best, who traces to **TORPENHOW**. This is also the family of Val Royal's grandsire, Nijinsky II.

Another elite ancestress who is reinforced in this mating is **ALMAHMOUD**. The duplication of Northern Dancer provides two presences, while Halo, who is another grandson of Almahmoud, provides a third line.

Val Royal's dam Vadlava carries Grey Sovereign, and predictably, she has worked well when joined with a stallion that reinforces this influence. Her stakes winning son Vadlamixa is by Linamix, who has the Grey Sovereign line stallion Caro on his third remove.

Although there's not too many in Australia at the moment, daughters of the New Zealand based sire **KHAIRPOUR** create some powerful patterns with Val Royal. Very similarly

bred to Vadlava, his pedigree carries reinforcement of ALMAHMOUD via his sire Arctic Tern; a sex balanced presence of Sea Bird; and his dam Khayra is a full sister to Kalamoun. The LADY JOSEPHINE family is also strongly reinforced. Khairpour is a direct descendant and also carries Mahmoud and Nasrullah up close.

As a grandson of Nijinsky, Val Royal appeals for mares from the **BLUSHING GROOM** line, a recognised 'nick'. Mares by **NASSIPOUR, IFRAD, QUEST FOR FAME** and **TAWFIQ** are examples. Royal Courtship, a multiple Group winning two year old by Royal Academy, has Blushing Groom as his maternal grandsire through **PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE**.

An interesting cross will be mares carrying **COUNT FLEET** in their pedigrees. Royal Academy's second damsire Bolero is a close relation to these influences. Count Fleet can be accessed via **MR. PROSPECTOR** sons such as **WOODMAN, BELLOTTO, GEIGER COUNTER, EL MOXIE** (who also reinforces Northern Dancer's female line) and **VARICK** (Count Fleet 4 x 4). **RACING IS FUN** also has Count Fleet prominent in his pedigree.

**FOREST GLOW** and **SALIERI** mares offer both Count Fleet and **DAMASCUS**, who also has an excellent record in the pedigree of dams of winners by Nijinsky.

**ROUND TABLE** is a successful cross with Nijinsky. This can be found in the pedigree of **SIR TRISTRAM**. In addition, his sire **SIR IVOR** is from the family of Menow, who is 4 x 4 in Royal Academy.

Sir Tristram's son **MARAUDING** is working particularly well with Royal Academy, as his second damsire Boysie Boy is from the family of Spy Song, sire of Royal Academy's damsire Crimson Satan. VRC Wakeful Stakes winner Quays and VATC Blue Diamond Prelude winner Piccadilly Circus are by Marauding.

Daughters of Storm Cat stallions **HENNESSY** and **CATRAIL** also create interesting patterns with Val Royal. Out of a half sister to Royal Academy, Storm Cat's sire Storm Bird has an excellent record with Nijinsky II. In the case of matings with daughters of Hennessy, the brothers Dante and Sayajirao are also brought together for added effect.