



**PEDIGREE DYNAMICS**

***Victory Note on Song for Queensland***

David and Debra Lucas of Willowbend Stud in Queensland may have pulled the right rein by arranging to stand the Coolmore owned stallion Victory Note this season.

This son of the recently deceased Champion Sire Fairy King has some interesting pedigree features which should stand him in good stead in his new role as a sire.

Winner of the Group One Poule d'Essai des Poulains in course record time, Victory Note is from a daughter of the English 2000 Guineas winner Jaaziero. Although not a great success at stud himself, Jaaziero is from the immediate family of the powerful pedigree influences Prince John and Cosmic Bomb.

Jaaziero's sire Sham is closely related to such influences as Tom Rolfe, Chieftain, Alzao and Ack Ack. This is a branch of the MAID OF MASHAM family.

Line breeding to members of these two families could be a very effective tactic for Victory Note.

An interesting mating is created with daughters of **KALA DANCER**. Tom Rolfe, Sham's close 'relative', is present in Kala Dancer's sire Niniski, as is the prepotent mare ROUGH SHOD II, who appears in Victory Note as ancestress of Fairy King, and as the dam of Ridan in Niniski. A Princequillo / Nasrullah cross which is present in Jaaziero is reversed in Niniski's dam line. This pattern can have a dynamic effect on the speed element of the mating.

Linebreeding to prepotent females is a feature in mating **DON'T SAY HALO** mares with Victory Note. Don't Say Halo's second damsire Never Bend is from LALUN, also dam of Bold Reason in Fairy King. Halo is out of a half sister to the dam of Northern Dancer while his damsire Cosmic Bomb is a half brother to Jaaziero's third dam.

**PALACE MUSIC** mares should also cross well with Victory Note to produce classic horses. His damsire, the precocious Prince John, is a half brother to Jaaziero's second dam. The added advantage of the presence of Prince John in this mating is that he is a son of the soundness influence Princequillo, thereby 'sex balancing' (being present through both a son and a daughter) this mating for enhanced speed inheritance. MARCHETTA family member Turn-to is also sex balanced and this line is backed up by Turn-to's fellow family member My Babu in Victory Note's pedigree.

Prince John is also prominent in the pedigree of **SUCCESS EXPRESS**. The line breeding to Jaaziero's family HONORA is further boosted by two lines to Pilate in Success Express. Northern Dancer is duplicated in its most successful form – one line being through Nijinsky II. Victory Note has two Hyperion / Nearco crosses

in his pedigree. This is positively reinforced by a reversal of this pattern in the dam of Success Express.

The daughters of son of Riverman **RIVOTIOUS** are also desirable mating candidates. Riverman is a son of Never Bend, a half brother to Fairy King's damsire Bold Reason, while his damsire is Prince John. Rivotious also contributes Prince John's half brother Cosmic Bomb and another line to the prepotent ancestress ALMAHMOUD. Riverman's son Irish River, sire of **BRIEF TRUCE** and **RIVER OF LIGHT**, is a MARCHETTA family member, as is his damsire, Klairon. This creates strong linebreeding when meeting with fellow family members Turn-to and My Babu in Victory Note.