

LONHRO

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The retirement of this champion racehorse will undoubtedly be met with the same enthusiasm as that afforded his sire Octagonal, Lonhro being a mirror image in more than looks alone. The 'Big O' and he share the same ownership, similar race records and the same wonderful way of seeming to know exactly where the finish line is, arriving there with impeccable timing.

Out of the Group 3 STC Sweet Embrace Stakes winner and multiple stakes performer Shadea, his pedigree carries many individuals and family buildups conducive to stud success.

His sire Octagonal is a member of the illustrious LADY JOSEPHINE family. This line is well represented in Lonhro, there being four lines to Nasrullah, three to Fair Trial, three to Mahmoud, two to Aristophanes and two to Royal Charger as well as Octagonal himself.

The LADY JOSEPHINE family member which would be particularly useful in mares going to Lonhro is **TUDOR MINSTREL**. Of all the major players in this family, he is most closely related to Fair Trial and Aristophanes, both of which are present in Forli, who appears twice in Lonhro's pedigree. As a terrific example of the power of line breeding, you will often see Tudor Minstrel snuggling up to Forli in successful matings. Stakes winners bred on this combo include Able Master, Adolescence, Adventurous, Archave, Arrabea, County Tyrone, Desk Top Lover, Gold Brose, King's Chapel, Mootiara, Rose Archway, Rubicall, Sanziro, Shame and Zonda in Australasia.

Overseas, stakeswinners such as Alwuhush, Albaran, Ashkalani, Charnwood Forest, Central Park, Diktat, Endless Summer, Hatha Anna, Puissance, Riviera, Salsabil, Sayyedati, Second Empire and Stravinsky carry Tudor Minstrel / Forli combinations.

Many Australian bred mares carry Tudor Minstrel. He appears in **LUSKIN STAR, SHARPEN UP** (in **DANEHILL DANCER, SWITCH IN TIME**), **DIESIS, KEEN, RUBITON, EUCLASE, BLUSHING GROOM** (**QUEST FOR FAME, SPECTRUM, TAWFIQ, SHAGNY, INNAMORATO, ARAZI, NASSIPOUR** etc), **IDOMENEO** and **SOSTENUTO** (in **KENVAIN**) amongst many others.

Shadea's damsire is First Consul, a member of the LA CHICA family. Native Dancer, who appears twice in Lonhro, is also a member. This line can be further reinforced by individuals such as **MISTY DAY** (in **SNIPPETS**) **SUCCESSOR, BOLD LAD, GRAY PHANTOM,** and **WHAT A PLEASURE** (in **SCENIC** and **SNAADÉE**). **SECRET SAVINGS** is another direct descendant of LA CHICA.

Shadea's second damsire is Hermes, a champion broodmare sire in New Zealand. He traces to FELUCCA. This is the family of **SEA ANCHOR, BUOY** and more recently, **THUNDER GULCH**.

Daughters of Octagonal's relations **DANEWIN** and **COMMANDS** (both by Danehill) and in the future, **VISCOUNT** (by Quest for Fame) should also make effective broodmare sires for Lonhro.

Similarly, daughters of Zabeel's half brother **BARYSHNIKOV** (by **KENMARE**) will create a very pretty line breeding pattern when mated with Lonhro. Kenmare is another sire which enjoys further reinforcement of the **LADY JOSEPHINE** family.

Lonhro is from the family of **GROSVENOR** and while linebreeding would be created by using his daughters, he also shares the same top line as Lonhro, being by Sir Tristram. Inbreeding to Sir Tristram through sons is a pattern which has not enjoyed much success to-date.