

Ashaawes(USA)

Kingmambo – Crown Of Crimson by Seattle Slew

Every pedigree consists of a foundation of mothers and daughters, who in sequence are mated to a variety of sires. The theory of female-line kin-breeding suggests that all highclass performers have a significant female line ancestor, somewhere along the bottom-line foundation. This ancestor will have pedigree elements which make her close kin to significant female ancestors of stallions who appear in the pedigree of the horse under consideration. The strongest foundation for success is when kin-links are found in successive generations of female line ancestors. The highest level of kin-breeding is when a significant female line ancestor is duplicated.

Significant ancestors in the female line of Ashaawes appear to his 4th dam Self Control and her daughter Close Control. Self Control, who raced 60 times for nine wins, is out of a full sister to Santa Anita Derby winner On Trust (who placed in the Preakness and Kentucky Derby). Self Control is kinbred to Macaroon x Tokalon, her sire Better Self is kinbred Helene de Troie (dam of La Troienne) x Macaroon. Better Self's grandam Baba Kenny is closely kinbred, Padua x Macaroon, and is very close kin to sire Blue Larkspur (who is inbred 3x4 to Padua, in the bottom-line of his sire and his dam). In a roundabout way, this suggests that omni-present Blue Larkspur should go well the female line descendants of Self Control.

Self Control's daughter Close Control ran only 3 times, for one win. She's full sister to a stakes winner. The pedigree elements of Close Control are striking, and make her very close kin to influential sire Buckpasser, whose grandam is by Blue Larkspur out of La Troienne – significant lines from Close Control's dam Self Control, outlined above.

There's more. Close Control is also close kin to the mares Glamour (from La Troienne female line) and Fair Charmer (grandam of Seattle Slew). Glamour and Fair Charmer appear 2x1 in the dam of Seattle Slew, whose sire Bold Reasoning is kinbred 2x2 Alanesian x Hail to Reason (both with Blue Larkspur close up).

So how does Seattle Slew stack up against the descendants of Close Control?

Close Control is dam of Golden Darling, by Slew O'Gold (Seattle Slew) – she's dam of G1 winner Early Pioneer (by Rahy, whose dam Glorious Song has multiple significant Blue Larkspur lines – Rahy, for the notebook, is half brother to Rakeen).

Close Control is dam of G1 winner Sophisticated Girl (by Stop The Music, a son of Hail to Reason), who in turn got sire Doneraile Court, by Seattle Slew.

Close Control is dam of Fitted Crown, the latter dam of G1 winner Excellent Meeting and her stakes winning full sister Crowning Meeting. The sisters are by General Meeting, a son of Seattle Slew. General Meeting carries five lines of Blue Larkspur, through Seattle Slew, Alydar and Nijinsky (the latter's 3-part brother The Minstrel is sire of stakes producer Belle et Deluree, out of Sophisticated Girl).

Fitted Crown also got stakes winner Crown Of Crimson (the dam of Ashaawes), by Seattle Slew.

To summarise, the apparently significant lines of Blue Larkspur were effective in this family though Seattle Slew, Hail To Reason, Nijinsky/The Minstrel, Alanesian, Glorious Song.

The combination of Blue Larkspur with significant La Troienne can be found in Buckpasser, who is very close kin to Close Control. The same combination also is in Be Faithful, grandam of Never Bend.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Ashaawes could include

- 1. Blue Larkspur carriers, notably Hail To Reason** (widespread, incl Seattle Slew, Bold Reason, Never Bend), Nijinsky/The Minstrel, Alanesian (Home Guard, Peaceable Kingdom), Glorious Song (Rahy, Rakeen/Jet Master), etc.
- 2. Buckpasser carriers Northern Guest, Al Mufti** (Victory Moon, Captain Al), National Assembly, Announce/Sarge, Woodborough (dam by The Minstrel), Windrush (6th dam very close kin to Buckpasser, and full sister to 6th dam of Silvano who is Nijinsky male line), etc.
- 3. Roberto/Glorious Spring** (Al Mufti/Rollins, Jet Master; Giant's Causeway; Lear Fan)

Buckpasser does not seem to have been extensively used with this family. He appears in English Gr3 winner Danehurst (doubled) and her French Gr3 winning half sister (they have Close Control as their 4th dam).

Where from here

Buckpasser is significantly represented in the South African mare population.

He's sire of **Lassie Dear**, who is dam of **Al Mufti** and grandam of **AP Indy** and **Tiger Ridge**. Al Mufti's son Victory Moon is closely kinbred Buckpasser x Mrs Peterkin (dam of has damsire Dancing Champ). Another son Captain Al is kinbred Buckpasser x Oak Cluster (grandam of his damsire Complete Warrior). Al Mufti himself is a son of Roberto, by Hail to Reason, and with a double Blue Larkspur. In this context, Roberto's full sister Glorious Spring is dam of Rollins, damsire of Jet Master, by Rakeen (brother to Rahy, both out of Glorious Song, with multiple Blue Larkspur – as noted earlier). Lassie Dear's grandson Tiger Ridge has Gr1 son Kavanagh, whose dam is 3x4 Buckpasser and whose grandam is by Seattle Slew.

Buckpasser appears as damsire of National Assembly, whose son Soft Falling Rain makes for an interesting coincidence, as his dam is by Giant's Causeway (whose dam is Rahy x Roberto-mare) out of a Seattle Slew mare. Another Gr1 son, National Currency, is out of a mare by Spend A Buck (grandson of Buckpasser). Then there's Announce and full brother Sarge, their dam by Roberto out of Buckpasser mare Spring Adieu (she is grandam of Danehill).

Another with **Buckpasser as damsire is Northern Guest**, whose dam Sex Appeal is close kin to Close Control to boot. Interestingly, Ashaawes best son Sanshaawes is out of Northern Guest mare Vicario (half sister and very close kin to the dam of Victory Moon). To date there's only one offspring of racing age by Ashaawes out of a Northern Guest mare.

Ashaawes significant ancestor Self Control, as noted earlier, is by Better Self. From the latter's female line also comes sire Lear Fan, a son of Roberto (Lear Fan's dam WAC is close kin to Roberto). Lear Fan is the damsire of the mare So Royal, dam of Ashaawes highly rated daughter (MR 94) Priceless Jewel.

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