

# Jam Alley (AUS)

*Peintre Celebre - Lyphard Street by Lyphard*

Imagine winning the Arc by four lengths, hands-and-heels, in course record time. Imagine earning a Timeform rating of 137, with the Timeform Annual comment 'We cannot recall, since Sea-Bird, a 3yo ending the season rated so far in front of the rest of the classic generation'. Such were the accolades heaped on Peintre Celebre, Timeform's Horse of the Year, champion 3yo and champion middle distance performer.

Ten years on Timeform had occasion to celebrate in print the achievements of a daughter of Peintre Celebre, when the aptly named Pride ended her racing career with two Gr1 wins in England and Hong Kong. These wins came following a second place in the 2006 Arc and another French Gr1 win earlier in the year.

Peintre Celebre is a son of Nureyev and a product of the famous Wildenstein breeding empire. The family's private studbook listed 119 horses in training, 38 yearlings and 65 mares at stud in France & USA at the time of Peintre Celebre's Arc win. Fittingly, he was Nureyev's hundredth European pattern race winner, feat achieved at the time only by Northern Dancer, Sadler's Wells and Habitat. The latter also was a champion broodmare sire, and appears in Peintre Celebre as the sire of his grandam. Breeding the best to the best is the essence of his pedigree, witness Peintre Celebre's dam by Triple Crown winner Alydar, and his grandam a half sister to champion French racemare Pawneese.

An evaluation of the pedigrees of Peintre Celebre's best progeny throws up several lines of affinities. One is through close relatives Royal Charger (via Turn To, Hail to Reason) and Nasrullah (most notably through Nantallah). This links in with the third dam of Peintre Celebre, the mare Plencia, who is inbred 2x3x2 to close genetic relatives Vieux Manoir, Cannelle and Nordiste, while her grandam Ballynash is a daughter of Nasrullah. The Nantallah connection has been striking, as it appeared through Nureyev's grandam Thong (by Nantallah). Thong is the dam of Thatch, Special, Lisadell, King Pellinore and Geiger Counter who all made their mark at stud. Through a daughter, Fairy Bridge, Special is the grandam of Sadler's Wells. Fairy Bridge combines Hail to Reason with Nantallah. Peintre Celebre's notable progeny includes Peppertree Lane (3x4 Special x Thatch), Fantastic Love (2x2 Nureyev x Sadler's Wells), Vallee Enchantee (2x3 Nureyev and 4x4x5 Thong x Lt Stevens through Lear Fan, grandson of Hail to Reason).

Another line which appears to have appeal for Peintre Celebre is Alleged. This dual Arc-winner is the damsire of Pride. He also sired Alligatrix, the third dam of Art Deco. It must be noted that Alligatrix' dam Shore is by Round Table from a Nasrullah mare, a cross which resembles Habitat's sire Sir Gaylord. It also resembles Poker, damsire of Seattle Slew who pops up in two other of Peintre Celebre's good runners. The Sir Gaylord

## Where From Here

There's one horse in Jam Alley's female line whose pedigree make-up and stud performance seem to sum up the needs and wants of the family. That is Gr1 winning sprinter and sire Stravinsky (TFR 133).

Stravinsky is by Nureyev out of Fire The Groom, by Blushing Groom out of Prospector's Fire, by Mr P x Native Street (making Prospector's Fire 1x1 to genetic siblings).

Nureyev's dam is the mare Special (discussed earlier), and she's a genetic sibling of Red God, sire of Blushing Groom. The pair appear 2x3 in Stravinsky.

At stud, Stravinsky sired topclass sprinter Soldier's Tale (TFR 125) from the mare Myrtle, by Batshoof. The latter is by Sadler's Wells out of a mare by Habitat.

Given the likely affinities with all of Mr Prospector, Sadler's Wells and other carriers of descendants of Nantallah (through Thong, Lt Stevens, and on), as well as with Sir Gaylord (and others with similar make-up), it seems that Jam Alley has every chance to make a success of his new career.

A final thought for Gr1 winner and (Japanese) sire El Condor Pasa, who was runner-up in the memorable Arc won by Montjeu. El Condor Pasa is by Kingmambo (Mr P x Nureyev) out of a mare by Sadler's Wells, out of a mare by Seattle Slew from Special's full sister Lisadell. When it works, it works.

## PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Jam Alley could include

1. Mares with multiple descendants of Nantallah, notably Thong (dam of Special, Thatch, etc - leading to Sadler's Wells, Fairy King, Thatching, Golden Thatch, etc.)
2. Mares with strong backgrounds of Nasrullah, Royal Charger (Turn To, Hail to Reason, Bold Reason, Bold Reasoning, Seattle Slew), possibly more potent if combined with Princequillo
3. Mares with Mr Prospector (widespread), possibly best if present as sire-line
4. Mares with Sir Gaylord (Habitat, Sportsworld)
5. Mares with Alleged (Sportsworld, Joshua Dancer)
6. Mares with Red God (Blushing Groom)

combo of Princequillo with Royal Charger's son Turn To also appears in another Peintre Celebre runner, Mister Monet, whose damsire is Commanche Run. The latter is inbred 2x3 to genetic siblings carrying Turn To, Princequillo and Hildene.

Jam Alley made his debut as a 3yo, winning his first two starts, before running fourth in the Gr1 Gauteng Guineas won by National Spirit from Silverpoint. Jam Alley turned the tables at his fourth start, when winning the Gr1 SA Classic. Breathing problems played havoc with his subsequent career. Jam Alley had been sold as a yearling in Australia, but failed the scope. He was retained by his breeder St John Gray, who brought him to South Africa. An attempted tie-back operation proved unsuccessful and in the end was the reason for his retirement.

Jam Alley is out of a mare by Lyphard, the next dam by Alleged out of Kentucky Oaks winner Native Street.

The latter has left an impressive black type legacy, including sire-brothers Royal And Regal & Regal

And Royal and a string of producing daughters. The interesting aspect is the amount of highclass speed that keeps popping up amongst the offspring. The speed talent includes Kings Stand Stakes winning filly Cassandra Go (Indian Ridge), Vernons Sprint Cup winner and sire Dowsing (by Riverman!), July Cup winner and sire Stravinsky (Nureyev).

Mr Prospector features prominently throughout the best pedigrees from the descendants of Native Street. Not surprisingly, perhaps, as Mr P and Native Street have much in common in terms of pedigree elements. They are genetic siblings and interact close up most of the time (1x1, 1x2).

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