



Louis The King

Black Minnaloushe – Pamushana by Rich Man's Gold

Let's cut to the chase. Louis The King is a descendant from the world's most prolific stallion producing female line.

It is the one of Pretty Polly, her full sister Miranda, and their dam Admiration who together date back to the turn of the last century, around the time of the Boer war.

If you thought that this is too far back in time in terms of genetic generations, think again. Success in the family has in many instances come through duplicating the female line. Polly keeps on giving.

A bit of trivia.

Pretty Polly was a chestnut of substance, strength and quality, with good limbs, great depth through the heart and powerful but drooping quarters – a trait often seen in her descendants. She made her racing debut in a 2yo Plate at Sandown and created something of a sensation, for she was so far ahead before the field had gone a furlong that many onlookers thought there must have been a false start. In the end she won by ten lengths from John O'Gaunt, who later finished second in the Derby and became sire of Swynford. Pretty Polly won all of her nine races as a 2yo, and the following season her victories included the One Thousand Guineas, Oaks and St Leger. At four she won the Coronation Cup, Champion Stakes and Jockey Club Cup. She raced again at five, winning the Coronation Cup again, before suffering her second-ever career defeat in the Ascot Gold Cup, her final race.

At stud Pretty Polly bred four daughters:

Molly Desmond, Polly Flinders, Baby Polly,
Dutch Mary.

And then the floodgates opened.

Molly Desmond

Her sons Zodiac and Spike Island both won the Irish Derby, Spike also victorious in the Irish Guineas. At stud in Italy, he sired Oaks winner Dossa Dossi, bred by Tesio from his mare Delleana, whose grandam was another daughter of Pretty Polly, Dutch Mary. More about Dossa Dossi, who was inbred 3x4 to Pretty Polly, under Dutch Mary.

Molly Desmond's five daughters included Lady Maureen, Sarita and Molly Adare.

Lady Maureen's daughter Mauretania is grandam of stallions Guersant and Ocarina, and of the mare Flute Enchantee who got Luthier and is 3rd dam of Concertino. Mauretania's sister Moireen Rhue is grandam of stallion Macherio, known locally in SA as sire of Grand Rapids, Arsoli and of the dam of Kalamaika.

Sarita is the dam of Sister Sarah, whose daughters include Sister Sublime and The Veil, both

known locally through stallions Savonarola (by Preamble) & National Emblem and St Cuthbert. Sister Sarah is also dam of Lady Angela, who produced Nearctic – sire of Northern Dancer. Sister Sarah is also grandam of stallion Sybil's Nephew.

Molly Adare is the third dam of English champion Brigadier Gerard, grandam of stallion Eastern Emperor, and 5th dam of Fair Season (sire of stallion Jungle Warrior)

Polly Flinders

Best of her offspring was multiple stakes winning 2yo Arabella, whose daughter Overmantle became dam of Overture. In our local SA context this branch leads to stallions Abadan, Herbaceous, Preamble, Alan Adare, Supreme Court, Arabian Night, Great Brother, Tara's Halls, Llanstephan and Arctic Explorer (found together in the female line of Jallad), Agapanto.

Baby Polly

At the time of her foaling Pretty Polly was twenty-three years old, and her sire Spearmint was twenty-one. She was stakes placed as a 2yo, but never won. Baby Polly is dam of stallions Colorado Kid and Duddingston, who raced (and won) locally in SA. Duddingston is damsire of stallion Numerator, by Eastern Emperor (from the Molly Desmond branch, thus making for inbreeding to Pretty Polly). Duddingston and Colorado Kid are together in the mare Infanta, grandam of Captain Al, through her sire Jamaica's 3rd dam Double Call (by Colorado Kid) and her third dam Silverstream (by Duddingston).

Baby Polly's daughters lead to Master Polly, Northleach, Vienna (sire of champion Vaguely Noble).

Dutch Mary

Her yearling filly by Bridge Of Earn was bought for 210 gns by Federico Tesio, who named her Duccia di Buoninsegna. She became the tap-root for one of the best families in the Senator's stud. Through daughter Delleana she's dam of the influential Donatello, sire of Alycidon, Acropolis, Crepello, Picture Play (dam of Queen Of Light), Angelola (dam of Aureole) and others.

Delleana is also dam of Donatella (dam of Daumier), and of Dossa Dossi, by Spike Island and so inbred 3x4 to Pretty Polly. From Dossa Dossi come stallions Thymus, Psidium, Derain.

It is the Dutch Mary branch which leads to Louis The King.

A granddaughter of Dutch Mary, Dutch Anne, was by Donatello, making her inbred 4x2 to Dutch Mary.

A granddaughter of Dutch Anne, Anglice, was by Sister Sarah's grandson Sybil's Nephew, adding another line of Pretty Polly daughters. Anglice is highly kin-bred, with 2x1 Sybil's Sister x Anne of Orange; 3x5x3 Sister Sarah x Duccia di Buoninsegna x Sister Anne; and 5x6x5 Molly Desmond x Dutch Mary x Dutch Mary. Anglice and her sire Sybil's Nephew are both very close kin to Nearctic. Anglice bred stakes winner Anglesea, who stood in SA. He was by Masham, the latter the grandsire (through Magic Mirror) of Anglice's daughter East Anglia. Anglesea and East Anglia are both close kin to the mare Flame (dam of Port Wine and grandam of Royal Chalice).

English Triple Crown winner Pretty Polly established a dynasty, and appears in multiples in the pedigree of South African Triple Crown winner Louis The King.



Things came to a head with the mating of East Anglia's daughter Easy Dancer to National Emblem, whose 4th dam is Sister Sarah. That gave kin-breeding 3x2 Nun's Story x East Anglia, on a background of 4x5x4 Sister Sublime x Sybil's Sister x Anne of Orange. The outcome of that was the filly Milden Magic, a Gr3 winner of six races.

There's a theory that shows how multiple kin-breedings to a bottom female line can be rounded off through a stallion who has a top male line ancestor who kin-links to the repeated kin-breeding below. The pedigree of Secretariat and half brother Sir Gaylord is an example of this. Multiple kin-breedings involving the Pretty Polly daughters would in this way easily kin-link to Nearctic and male line descendants. Louis The King's sire Black Minnaloushe is by Storm Cat, the Northern Dancer (Nearctic) male line.

Traditional pedigree analysts will note in Black Minnaloushe the close kin-breeding of his grandsire Storm Bird with Nijinsky, who is sire of his damsire Green Dancer (2x3), the pair close kin (and in the pedigree world making a kin-breeding triumvirate with Nijinsky's 3-part brother The Minstrel).

Nijinsky also appears in the dam of Louis The King. His 3rd dam East Anglia is by Nijinsky's son Piaffer.

Where from Here

The sensible approach appears to be to load up on Pretty Polly. The possibilities are endless, there's a vast supply of her descendants in the South African mare population, both male and female.

The close kin-relationship of 4th dam East Anglia with the mare Flame suggests a return to members of Flame's female line, though her daughter Port Wine (dam of Tawny Red, Royal Chalice, etc.).

Another way might be to build on the kin relationship of Nijinsky with Storm Bird and The Minstrel, and add more of the same. Highly interesting in this respect would be Lecture, who is close kin to Louis The King's dam Pamushana.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable lines for Louis The King could include

- female line descendants of Pretty Polly and her full sister Miranda, all Family 14 (their dam Admiration's sire and dam are both Family 14) (see accompanying list of names);
- female line descendants of the mare Flame (through her daughter Port Wine and son Royal Chalice);
- close kin-relatives Nijinsky, The Minstrel and Storm Cat (notably through Lecture); etc.

Hey Louis, who's a Pretty Polly then?

A Selection of Pretty Polly Carriers descending from her daughters

Baby Polly

Colorado Kid (Jamaica)

Duddingston

Master Polly

Northleach

Numerator

Captain Al

Polly Flinders

Abadan

Herbaceous

Preamble

Alan Adare

Supreme Court

Arabian Night

Great Brother

Tara's Halls

Llanstephan (Jallad)

Arctic Explorer (Jallad)

Agapanto

Dutch Mary

Donatello

Thymus

Psidium

Derain

Daumier

Veronese

Maizcay

Birkhahn

Ossian

Premonition

Artaius

Molly Desmond

Guersant

Ocarina

Luthier

Concertino

Macherio

Grand Rapids

Arsoli

Kalamaika

Savonarola

National Emblem

St Cuthbert

Fair Season

Nearctic

Sybil's Nephew

Eastern Emperor

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