



# Rebel King

National Emblem – Cousin Linda by Badger Land

The right place at the right time. Racing's history worldwide is full of successful sire x damsire crosses which outperform the norm. In South Africa there have been many, over the years. Joy and Netherwood. Golden Thatch and Royal Prerogative. National Assembly and Jungle Cove. Elliodor and Sportsworld. You might call it affinities. Or simply state: "When it works, it works".

Opportunity often plays a big role in sire x broodmare sire affinities. When these two male ancestors come from the same farm, it can be expected to see them crossed more often than would normally be expected. Added to that, the crosses may happen on mares with a common bottom female-line background. And therein may lie the real key to success.

The female family of new young sire Rebel King is a case in point. Its female members have for several generations resided at Maine Chance, a farm in the hands of Geoffrey Gird and later owned by Graham Beck. Such ownership meant continued access for mares and their retained daughters to a highclass stallion band.

For Rebel King's imported fifth dam True Mistress the beginnings were with the likes of Persian Wonder, Lords, Elevation. Subsequent generations visited Harry Hotspur, Golden Thatch, and later still Badger Land and Jallad. Through Beck's connections with Pat O'Neill, that breeder's successful stallions Royal Prerogative and Averof also got their turn somewhere along the line.

In kin-breeding language, the key ancestor in Rebel King's pedigree appears to be the mare Cracknel, a minor winner at 3 in England. Cracknel was a daughter of 2000 Guineas and Derby winner Manna, who left a legacy through his 2000 Guineas winning sire-son Colombo. At stud Cracknel had eleven winners, including Irish Derby winner Chamour, Pent House (sire in South Africa of topclass Home Guard, and two SA Derby winners), and My Margaret. The latter produced two full sisters by King's Troop, View

Mistress and True Mistress (Rebel King's bottom female line ancestress). View Mistress is the dam of English 1000 Guineas runner-up Girl Friend (by Birdbrook, a close relative of local sire Bally Game). We note kin-links from Cracknel through Myrobella (Big Game, Chamossaire), Selene (All Moonshine/Mossborough) and Happy Climax (Panorama) in Chamour and Girl Friend for future reference.

Kin-links through to the bottom female line of Rebel King show Cracknel to be significant throughout. Not only in Rebel King, but also in other highclass members of his branch of this female line, which include:

Count du Barry (& full sibling Duc d'Orleans, by Elevation) –

### Female Line build-up

(the term 'kinbred' is used to identify close genetic relatives; a benchmark percentage of about 90% is required to qualify; for each dam the kinbreeding percentage is shown as well)

6<sup>th</sup> dam

**My Margaret** (85%) (by The Phoenix 87%)  
kinbred 4x4x4x4x3 Friar's Daughter x Bromus  
x Lady Mischief x Donnetta x Rosella 91%

5<sup>th</sup> dam

**True Mistress** (83%) (by King's Troop 85%)  
kinbred 5x4x5x2 Fancy Free x Royal Mistress x  
Trustful x Cracknel 90%  
kinbred 4x4 Royal Mistress x Rosella 93%  
kinbred 3x4 Epona x Fille d'Amour 92%

4<sup>th</sup> dam

**Madam du Barry** (82%) (by Linacre 82%)  
kinbred 4x4x3 Selene x Happy Climax x  
Cracknel 91-92%

3<sup>rd</sup> dam

**Luciennes** (79%) (by Royal Prerogative 78%)  
kinbred 4x5x5x4 Myrobella x Selene x Happy  
Climax x Cracknel 90-93%  
kinbred 4x4 Phase x Cracknel 89%

2<sup>nd</sup> dam

**Cousin Lucy** (82%) (by Foveros 82%)  
kinbred 3x3 Argentina x Bride Elect 92%  
kinbred 4x3 Goodasgold x Bride Elect 91%  
kinbred 4x5 Silvery Moon x Cracknel 90%;

1<sup>st</sup> dam

**Cousin Linda** (78%) (by Badger Land 82%)  
kinbred 3x5x6 Mime x Silvery Moon x Cracknel  
90%

**Rebel King** (77%) (by National Emblem 86%)  
kinbred 3x4 Nun's Story x Mime 88%  
kinbred 2x5 Title Page x Argentina 91%

kinbred 4x3x5x5x4 Selene x Sweet Wine x Selene x Happy Climax x Cracknel;

Lyrical Linda (& close relative Lucy's Lad, also by Jallad) – 4x4x5 Aimee x Ajasco x Cracknel;

Big Swinger (by Persian Wonder; and full sisters Gay Mam'selle and Hibibi, the latter dam of Midnight Run from Averof) - Lilac Belle x Cracknel, Silvery Moon x Cracknel.

Count du Barry shows the importance of Selene, dam of Hyperion, notably through Elevation. This connection also leads to Fort Wood, whose female line is strong on Hyperion and closely resembles the female line of Rebel King's damsire Badger Land. The Hyperion links also leads to Golden Thatch.

In this context, Badger Land's major winners as a sire include Badger's Drift, whose dam is by Golden Thatch' full brother Thatching. Interesting to note that the fourth dam of Golden Thatch & Thatching, the mare Jennyndang, is by Colombo out of influential mare Dalmary (female line ancestress also of Sadler's Wells, Nureyev). Colombo and Dalmary are equivalents in kinbreeding terms, and make up a kin-breeding trio with the mare Cracknel who is pivotal in the pedigree under review.

Lyrical Linda shows the importance of Jallad, leading to other Blushing Groom as well. Note that the grandam of Badger's Drift (mentioned above) is a 3-part sister to Blushing Groom.

Big Swinger shows the importance of Persian Wonder.

Midnight Run has Averof, also present in Rebel King, suggesting that duplicating that sire (or his dam Argentina) may be relevant. In this context, Badger Land's major winners as a sire include Highland Night & Wolf Whistle (both from Foveros mares).

## Pick of the Bunch

Suitable mares for Rebel King could include:

1. Mares with Blushing Groom, notably Jallad, Saumarez, Kabool
2. Mares with Golden Thatch/ Waterville Lake, or other descendants of the Dalmary female line (Sadler's Wells, Nureyev)
3. Mares with strong Hyperion backgrounds, notably Fort Wood and other Swaps/Khaled backgrounds; Elevation, Welsh Pageant, etc.
4. Mares with Panorama, notably Model Man/Special Preview, and a very interesting one, Crimson Waves
5. Mares with Averof (Foveros)
6. Mares with Royal Prerogative

## Where From Here

Rebel King's close family members give clues, as outlined above.

Jallad could well be an important factor in mares for Rebel King. Given his location, it seems likely that such mares could well carry lines of Elevation and/or Persian Wonder to further improve matters. Jallad's sire Blushing Groom makes appeal, leading to Saumarez, whose pedigree appeals because of damsire Welsh Pageant, and to Kabool (who is from the same female line as Fort Wood).

Averof and son Foveros link to the female line and also to Rebel King's damsire Badger Land.

Golden Thatch and other Dalmary descendants (Sadler's Wells, Nureyev) appeal. Golden Thatch' affinity with Royal Prerogative draws attention to that one as well (the pair combine in Goldmark).

Anything with a strong Hyperion background must be taken seriously, notably Fort Wood whose female line is much like the one of Badger Land. Elevation and Welsh Pageant must be noted. The latter appears in the female line of National Emblem's champion son Nhlavini.

Model Man carries interesting elements (Panorama, Verity), and it is noteworthy that National Emblem has a highclass son National Spirit out of a Model Man mare. Panorama can also be found in Crimson Waves, whose pedigree carries a host of elements found in the analysis of Rebel King's female line.