

Soar With Eagles (USA)

Kingmambo – Bound by Nijinsky

Fish where the fish are. The immediate female family of Soar With Eagles has an unusually high proportion of highclass performers and successful stallions. Which should give him a better chance than most to make a career at stud. He certainly made a good impression with his first crop in Zimbabwe, with two stakes performers from his first three runners. Now comes the big test, at his new Cape-base in South Africa.

The theory of female line kin-breeding lays the family's success firmly at the feet of bottom-line mare Dalmary, Soar With Eagles' fifth dam. Winner of the Yorkshire Oaks as a three-year-old, Dalmary is by Blandford out of Simon's Shoes, a daughter of Goody Two Shoes. That makes Dalmary very close kin to successful sire Blenheim.

Dalmary's pedigree contains a mix of ancestors that makes her kin to a host of major ancestors of big horses in the general population, and explains her success in terms of bottom female line kin-breeding.

One of the remarkable aspects of Dalmary's pedigree is how successful repeated inbreeding through her descendants has been. Most remarkable of these is El Condor Pasa multiple Gr1 winner in Europe and Japan. He died after just 3 seasons at stud in Japan from colic, having sired Gr1 winners and has sons at stud.

Like Soar with Eagles, El Condor Pasa is a son of Kingmambo, whose dam Miesque is a daughter of Nureyev. The dam of El Condor Pasa, Sadler's Gal is a daughter of Sadler's Wells, 3-part brother to Nureyev. The next dam Glenveagh is by Seattle Slew out of Lisadell. The latter is by Forli out of Thong, and is a full sister to the mare Special, dam of Nureyev and grandam of Sadler's Wells.

In terms of female line kin-breeding the build-up was as expected for a great runner: closely kinbred female ancestors, in consecutive generations, leading to a closely kinbred dam.

To elaborate, El Condor Pasa's 6th dam Dalmary is kinbred 2x2 Blanche x Goody Two Shoes. Fifth dam Rough Shod is 2x2 Flying Diadem x Simon's Shoes. Fourth dam Thong is 3x2 Mumtaz Begum x Dalmary, third dam Glenveagh has 4x2 Glamour x Thong, second dam Lisadell is 2x3 Trevisa x Dalmary, and dam Sadler's Gal 3x2 Special x Lisadell.

The build-up gives insight in the lines that kin-link with Dalmary.

Lisadell also is the dam of Gr1 winner and sire Fatherland, a son of Sadler's Wells, and thus inbred 3x1 to full sisters Special and Lisadell.

Another example of in-breeding through the Dalmary female line are full brothers Thatching and Golden Thatch, both successful sires. They are by Thatch (full brother to Lisadell) out of Abella, who is a descendant of Dalmary as well.

A look at the major runners from the female family should give further insight to what may work with Soar With Eagles.

Breeder's Cup winner Blame is out of Seeking The Gold mare Liable, the latter kinbred 6x5 La Mome x Dalmary and 6x6 La Mome x Simon's Shoes. The mare La Mome, like Dalmary, is a significant female line ancestor with an 'easy to match' pedigree.

Soar With Eagles' dam Bound has a full sister, Number. The latter is dam of Gr1 winner and sire Jade Robbery (and his Gr-winning full brothers Numerous and Chequers). They are by Mr Prospector, whose significant female line ancestor Ondulee is very close kin to Dalmary. Mr P's grandam Miss Dogwood also kin-links to Dalmary. Mr Prospector is sire of Seeking The Gold, who is kinbred Ondulee x La Mome (and Miss Dogwood x Bird Flower, the latter daughter of La Mome).

US G1 winner and sire Corinthian, a son of Pulpit, is kinbred 4x3 State x Number, and 7x7 Feola x Dalmary. Feola is yet another widely available significant female line ancestor. She's close kin to Ondulee and La Mome as well. In the same camp falls Gr1 winner and sire King Pellinore, a son of Round Table and kinbred 3x3 Feola x Dalmary.

Corinthian's half brother Desert Hero is by Sea Hero, the latter's sire and dam both from the same female line. Sea Hero is kinbred 3x3 Busanda x Searching and 5x5 La Troienne. Here again is a significant female line ancestor, La Troienne, kin-linking to Dalmary –

in a double dose at that. La Troienne also is close kin to La Mome, Ondulee and Feola.

US G1 winner and sire Bienamado is out of a Vitiges-mare kinbred 5x5 Campanula x Dalmary.

The Breeder's Cup Juvenile winner of 2011, Wrote, is very kinbred himself. He's by Sadler's Wells' son High Chaparral, who is very close kin to Wrote's grandam High Standard.

A final observation on the trio of Gr1 producing brothers Sadler's Wells, Fairy King and Tate Gallery. The latter sired Gr1 winning champion 2yo filly Lyric Fantasy, whose dam Flying Melody also got 2yo Gr1 Dewhurst winner (and later sire) In Command, by Sadler's Wells. The kin-breeding in the Gr1 winning pair is the same, 5x4 Rough Shod x Oola Hils, and Dalmary x Sun Worship, the latter another significant female line ancestor, widespread through her son Solario, champion sire in UK.

Where From Here

Although Soar With Eagles is closely kinbred through 3-part siblings Nureyev and Bound (3x1), the examples above show that further infusions of the same female line need not be avoided, and might even give an edge.

Nureyev can be had through sons Caesour (5x6 Dalmary x Lady Comfey) and Wolfhound (5x4 Dalmary x Uvira, the latter a significant female line ancestor in Lassie Dear and descendants). He's widespread as sire of mares throughout pedigrees as well.

Sadler's Wells is well represented in the South African mare population now. His full brother Fairy King less so; he's sire of Second Empire (6x5 Dalmary x Chenille) and Tara's Halls (6x3 Dalmary x Limuru – where Limuru's sire Alcide is a son of Chenille – and 6x5x5 Dalmary x Chenille x Overture). Chenille's dam is half sister to Feola, identified above as being kin to Dalmary.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable lines for Soar With Eagles could include

1. Simon's Shoes female line descendants through Dalmary/Rough Shod – Sadler's Wells (widespread), Fairy King (Tara's Halls, Second Empire), Nureyev (Caesour, Wolfhound – but widespread), Lt. Stevens (Lear Fan - Labeeb)
2. Simon's Shoes female line descendants through Dalmary/Jennydang – Golden Thatch (Goldmark), Waterville Lake, Lorenzaccio (Ahonora)
3. Simon's Shoes female line descendants through Carpet Slipper – Tamburlaine, Reform (Tara's Halls), Val de Loir (Spectrum, Black Minnaloushe, etc.)
4. female line descendants of influential mares La Mome, Ondulee, Feola, La Troienne, Uvira, Sun Worship – in combination with each other, the more the better ; they are widespread, possibly remote, but remain influential – some examples are Al Mufti (& sons), Seeking The Gold (Windrush, Lecture), etc.
5. Mexico, Harry Hotspur

Chenille's sire King Salmon is out of Malva, a significant female line ancestor as dam of Blenheim, and also kin to Dalmary.

A different branch of the Dalmary female line comes through her daughter Jennydang, female line ancestor of Golden Thatch (who is by Special's son Thatch and thus has a double dose).

Then there's Dalmary's half sister Carpet Slipper, female line ancestor of sires Tamburlaine, Reform (second damsire of Tara's Halls), Val de Loir (in Spectrum, Black Minnaloushe, and others). Carpet Slipper also is ancestor of Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Big Brown, whose dam is by Nureyev and grandam by Lear Fan (whose damsire Lt Stevens is a son of Rough Shod).

A number of significant female line ancestors who are close kin to Dalmary were identified above - La Mome, Ondulee, Feola, La Troienne, Uvira, Sun Worship. Mares with multiples of any or all of these could count for Soar With Eagles.

For one, Uvira and La Troienne are together in Lassie Dear, dam of Al Mufti.

La Mome and La Troienne are together in Con Game, dam of Seeking The Gold (sire of Windrush and Lecture). Con Game is half sister to Mecca Road.

Dalmary's daughter Rough Shod is close kin to Vilmorin, sire of Mexico, the latter in turn sire of Harry Hotspur, whose third dam is very close kin to Rough Shod (and his fourth dam is by Sun Worship's son Solario).

It is clear that careful evaluation of elements of individual mares is needed to see how they would interact with Soar With Eagles. On the face of it, the stallion's opportunities look to be endless.