

William Longsword

Captain Al – Pagan Princess by Fort Wood

Homegrown local stallions, they said, will never make it to the top. You just can't compete with the international pedigree quality of Fort Wood, or Western Winter and the likes.

Then came 2002, the year Captain Al and Jet Master went to stud. Together, in the same season. Joined a little later by Victory Moon, back from having done great things abroad. Together they debunked the theory. And how!

Now there's William Longsword. Son of Captain Al, with his dam a half sister to Victory Moon (she's by Fort Wood). Odds-on to succeed he should be.

William Longsword is kinbred to the third dams of his sire Captain Al and dam Pagan Princess, 4x4 Beylic x Bluebell Girl.

Beylic is Captain Al's significant female line ancestor, the one who crops up time and again in the kin-breeding of Captain Al's best progeny. Among those is Gr1 placed Gr2 winner Princess Royal (MR 106), who is kinbred 4x5 Beylic x Ajasco. The filly has a multiple Gr1 winning sister sired by another son of Al Mufti, Victory Moon's daughter Princess Victoria (MR 111). She's kinbred 4x5 Bluebell Girl x Ajasco.

The sires of the three mares are close kin: Beylic's Field Master (by Fair Trial), Bluebell Girl's Drum Beat (by Fair Trial) and Ajasco's Pakistan (by Fair Trial's son Palestine). All three are signposts to remember for William Longsword.

Drum Beat is well represented in the local mare population, Field Master less so. Ajasco is in the bottom female line of Jallad. Interestingly, Victory Moon has three winners out of Jallad mares – the best of these is Paschal Moon, out of Platinum Lass who is by Jallad out of a mare whose dam is half sister to Jallad's dam Petrava. The kin breeding is Bluebell Girl x Ajasco x Ajasco. The mating is John Slade's who's also responsible for Maine Chance-bred Gr1 placed Gr2 winner Hidden Beauty (MR 102). That one is by Victory Moon out of Hidden Beauty, whose dam Regal Blue is full sister to Victory Moon's grandam Wild Hyacinth – both by Royal Prerogative out of Bluebell Girl, and appearing 3x2 in Hidden Beauty.

Royal Prerogative also features in Victory Moon's highest rated runner, Gr1 placed stakes winner Blaze Of Fire (MR 113). He's kinbred 3x3 Wild Hyacinth x Imperial Jade, both daughters of Royal Prerogative. This is another signpost to note for William Longsword - descendants of Imperial Jade are plentiful in the mare population, as is Royal Prerogative.

Then there's Gr1 placed Gr2 winner Polar Moon (MR 99), who is kinbred 4x5 Bluebell Girl x Amusement (by Drum Beat). Polar Moon's dam Polar Art is by Western Winter out of Jungle Class. Western Winter has an affinity with the Fair Trial (Drum Beat) element, as is evident from his best progeny.

Wild Hyacinth's full sister Regal Blue is dam of Gr1 winner Imperious Sue (Northern Guest) and Royal Air Force (Gr2 winner, sire, by Jet Master). Imperious Sue is dam of Gr1 winner Imperious Star, by Navarone – she's kinbred 6x3 Neolight x Bluebell Girl. Neolight is a daughter of Sansonnet who is a half sister to Fair Trial. Sansonnet is even closer kin to Bluebell Girl (and also to Drum Beat). Sansonnet is best known as dam of Tudor Minstrel.

National Emblem features with members of the family, stakes placed Full Spectrum and stakes winner Mahubo. National Emblem's dam is Tudor Minstrel male line and inbred 3x2 to very closely related Court Martial x Dramatic (both by Fair Trial).

Another highly rated family member is Imbongi (Timeform 119 in UK & UAE). His dam Garden Verse is by Foveros out of Wild Hyacinth, bringing together Averof and Royal Prerogative (their dams are close kin), on a background of multiple Fair Trial (Foveros has Sansonnet from Tudor Minstrel in Averof, and has a double of Fair Trial in his dam). Garden Verse is also grandam of Highly Decorated (MR 101), a Gr2 placed daughter of Captain Al.

William Longsword's Gr1 winning half sister Real Princess, by Trippi whose 4th dam Another Love is by Tudor Minstrel and is close kin to Drum Beat (and when tested would also be to Beylic and Ajasco).

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for William Longsword could include

- **descendants from his own female line**, notably Bluebell Girl, through Wild Hyacinth and Regal Blue - widespread, including Victory Moon and Royal Air Force progeny
- **mares who are kin-linked to the bottom female line**, notably Ajasco (Jallad; female descendants), Imperial Jade (Priceless Asset, State Treasure, Stolen Gem, etc), Amusement (Jungle Class, Roxanne, etc), Royal Prerogative mares (especially when combined with Golden Thatch), etc.
- **elements of Fair Trial and close relative Sansonnet** – notably when present in bottom female line and duplicated in pedigrees with close kin-relatives; they are widespread, in this context notably in Tudor Minstrel, Court Martial, Mixed Marriage (Gone West), Drum Beat, Averof/Foveros, Western Winter, National Emblem, Mexico/Harry Hotspur, Field Master, Regent Street, Bush Telegraph (London News), Derring Do (Roland Gardens, Dominion Royale), Abernant (Golden Thatch), etc.

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