



Captain Of All

Captain Al – Serious Side by Fard

The pedigree analysis of Captain Al first appeared in the 2007 Breeder's Handbook, after his first crop had hit the track running. Captain Al secured the Champion Sire of 2yo's title, on which he kept a stranglehold for the following years. The evaluation centred on the pedigrees of his best runners from that first crop, and followed with a prediction of what might be expected from future crops. The evaluation can be read in its entirety on the website (<http://www.sportingpost.co.za/sire/captain-al/>), but the following excerpt is relevant in the context of new sire Captain Of All. This is how it reads:

“ The conclusion to be drawn is that Captain Al's affinities go two ways. One seems to be the way his sire Al Mufti throws: through the clan of Buckpasser, and/or through Roberto - via Roberto's sire Hail To Reason (Turn To), or dam Bramalea (back to her genetic sibling Gold Digger in Mr P). The other view is that elements from Captain Al's female line, notably his third dam Beylic, may be what matters.

These elements involve combinations of Court Martial, Abernant, Hyperion, etc. Further support for the latter theory comes from Captain Al's own stakes winning half siblings, Mustang Manny (by Print) and Shadow Dancing (by Fort Wood). Fort Wood has a Hyperion affinity (from his dam, through Khaled/Swaps), while Print (a grandson of Sharpen Up) has as his grandam Jojo, who is a genetic sibling of Beylic. The presence of Harry Hotspur and sire Mexico in Captain Al's best (so far) cannot be taken lightly. Elliodor and Lyphard will no doubt feature prominently in future generations.

Let's look at

Captain Al's Gr1 winners, as they are in 2015 (leaving Captain Of All for later).

Hill Fifty Four – dam by Sportsworld (same grandam as Al Mufti), 2nd dam by Dancing Champ, 4th dam by Persian Wonder, who is close kin to Captain Al's significant female line ancestor Beylic (his 3rd dam)

Captain America – dam by Fort Wood, 2nd dam by Top Ville – son of High Top (3x3 Abernant x Court Martial)

All Is Secret – no links with Captain Al, but dam is kin-bred 2x1 and the likely source of excellence (regardless of sire)

Captain's Gal – 3rd dam Island Belle and 4th dam Kristable (by Abadan) are close kin to Beylic (as is the dam of Abadan)

Carry On Alice – 4th dam Caprica Firth is by Pentland Firth (dam close kin to Beylic) out of daughter of Cormorant (by Abernant, who is kin to Beylic); sire Western Winter has Mixed Marriage and Court Martial, both kin to Beylic

Exhilaration – dam by Elliodor, 2nd dam by Boot Camp (whose damsire Petition is kin to Beylic)

Emerald Cove – dam by Caesour, 3rd dam Silver Fleet is by Silver Dream (kin to Beylic)

Captain's Lover – dam by Badger Land (whose 2nd dam Mime is kin to Fall Aspen, dam of Fort Wood), 2nd dam by Seattle Slew's half brother Argosy (with Buckpasser elements in dam), 3rd dam by Sword Dancer (whose damsire Dramatic is kin the Beylic)

Pine Princess – dam by Badger Land, grandam by Far North (3-part brother to Nijinsky)

Captain Al's Gr1 placed offspring:

Cap Alright – 3rd dam Terpsichore is Drum Beat x Abadan mare (both kin to Beylic)

Captain's Secret – 2nd dam by Harry Hotspur out of mare by Bustino (by Busted, who is full brother to dam of Elliodor)

Captain's Wild - 2nd dam Sweetly is kin to Beylic, as is 4th dam No Angel

Fragrant Al – 2nd dam by Harry Hotspur, 3rd dam by Royal Affair (Royal Pardon by Court Martial)

Captain Scott – dam by Badger Land; 2nd dam by Elliodor out of Breyani (kin to Beylic's daughter Infanta, Captain Al's grandam)

Trinity House – 3rd dam Scarteen combines Beylic's kin Tudor Melody & Court Martial

Dance With Al – dam by Dancing Champ, 2nd dam by Foveros (combines Beylic's kin Tudor Minstrel, Farthing Damages, Luminary)

Captain In Charge – dam by Elliodor, 2nd dam by Harry Hotsupr

Captain's Call – 2nd dam by Elliodor, 4th dam by New South Wales (Abernant)

Captain's Reserve – dam by Model Man (Elliodor)

Tick Tock – dam by Elliodor

Possible Dream – dam by Fort Wood, 2nd dam (full sister to champion Roland's Song) has Court Martial (2x), Abernant, Farthing Damages, Tudor Minstrel, Abadan – all kin to Beylic

To summarise, kin-links through Captain Al's 3rd dam Beylic can be had through Court Martial, Abernant, Mixed Marriage, Farthing Damages, Tudor Melody, Drum Beat, Harry Hotspur (Mexico), New South Wales, Persian Wonder, Petition – there are others.

Showing the combined power of Captain Al's dual aptitude, look at the pedigree of Gr1 winner Potent Power, whose dam is by Captain Al and kinbred 3x3 Infanta x Calypso Queen. Potent Power is by National Emblem (National Assembly). The pedigree is poetry in motion.

PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Captain Of All could include

-kin-links to Captain Al's 3rd dam Beylic, incl Court Martial (Elliodor, Model Man, etc. – widespread), Abernant (Golden Thatch/Goldmark, etc. – widespread), Tudor Melody (Welsh Harmony, National Emblem, etc. – widespread), Welsh Pageant, Drum Beat, Mexico/Harry Hotspur, New South Wales, Persian Wonder, Preamble, Averofoveros, Mixed Marriage (Gone West/Western Winter, etc.), Derring Do/Roland Gardens, Petition (Danzig - widespread), Regent Street, Bush Telegraph (London News), Dominion Royale, etc, etc

-kin-links with Buckpasser and female line - widespread, incl National Assembly (National Emblem, etc.), Northern Guest, Argosy/Seattle Slew, Lassie Dear (AP Indy, Wolfhound, Tiger Ridge, etc), Dancing Champ, Complete Warrior, Caesour, etc.

-kin-links through noted Hyperion carriers, proven with Captain Al, incl Fort Wood, Badger Land, Kabool, etc.

Then along came Captain Of All

Highest rated of all of Captain Al's progeny.

His pedigree at first glance throws all who dare to look – a dam by Fard, grandam by Forty Winks, and the highest rated other runners being half brothers to the dam, sired by Leopard Strike and Golden Gallant.

Sire material? Ha!

Now here's the thing. It works because it's simply a great pedigree.

Take Fard. His sire Reprimand is Tudor Minstrel male line, and kinbred Farthing Damages x Campanette (both Beylic kin). This gets amplified through Fard's 3rd dam Loren. Fard's best progeny include the filly Poppy (dam by Harry Hotspur, 3rd dam by Drum Beat; female line of Al Mufti's champion Victory Moon), and Gr1 Norinco (dam by Northern Guest (Buckpasser!), 2nd dam by Welsh Pageant who is Tudor Melody x Court Martial, with Abernant in the bottom line).

Take Forty Winks. His sire Philip Of Spain is by Tudor Melody. His dam Siesta Time is by Ommeyad, sired by Hyperion, with his 2nd dam a half sister to Tudor Minstrel – making Tudor Melody and Ommeyad close kin (the pair 2x2 in Forty Winks).

Take Captain Of All's 3rd dam, Casket. She's by Drum Beat, yet another Beylic kin-link. Interestingly, Casket is close kin to the 3rd dam of Fard's daughter Poppy (and of Victory Moon), while Drum Beat is close kin to Al Mufti's 4th dam Uvira.

The highly rated half brothers to the dam of Captain Of All are by Leopard Strike (Elliodor) and Golden Gallant (by Golden Thatch; 3x2 Abernant x Drum Beat, and Sister Sublime female line - also the one of National Emblem).

Where From Here

The message is clear. Look for what can loosely be termed Court Martial kin-links. The more the better. Then look for combinations with the Buckpasser elements (National Assembly, Northern Guest, Seattle Slew/Argosy, Dancing Champ, etc.), and the Hyperion carriers noted in Captain Al's best offspring (dam of Fort Wood, 2nd dam of Badger Land). Opportunity aplenty!