

Camden Park – Laptop Lady by Al Mufti

A Peg above the rest.

Jay Peg's career earnings of R40 million and Timeform rating of 126 are truly dazzling.

No other South African bred horse comes close to his stakes figure. In the three years prior to Jay Peg's Dubai Duty Free win, only two horses achieved higher Timeform ratings in the UAE: World Cup winner Electrocutonist (TFR 127) and UAE Derby winner Discreet Cat (TFR 127), the latter ranked as third best rated US 3yo of that same season. In Jay Peg's year (2008) only World Cup winner Curlin (TFR 134 & US Horse of the Year) and Archipenko (TFR 127) managed to outdo the South African Champion 3yo of 2007. Accolades, indeed.

Jay Peg hails from an originally American female line. Looking back six generations, the family's best performers all spring from Jay Peg's fourth dam Sally Lou, a multiple stakes winner of nine races, by Cohoes. The latter was by English Derby winner Mahmoud out of a daughter of La Troienne. Cohoes sired some 220 foals, from which came a modest 15 stakes winners. The most notable of these was the filly Miss Swapsco, ancestress of a host of topclass sires, incl Devil's Bag, Saint Ballado, Rahy, Singspiel and Rakeen. Of interest is that the pedigree of Cohoes shows him to be kin to influential sires Halo and Bold Reason.

Cohoes' daughter Sally Lou is dam & grandam of stakes winners. They include Copeton, a winner of 23 races by Advocator, whose dam Delta Queen is kin to the dam of Cohoes, the pair 2x3 in Copeton. Of interest is that Delta Queen is a full sister to the grandam of Roberto. Another one for the notebook is that two main stakes winners descending from Sally Lou are both by sire Slew City Slew, a son of Seattle Slew. The latter's

grandam Fair Charmer is kin to Cohoes. These notes gain relevance in the context of Jay Peg's sire (a grandson of Seattle Slew) and dam (by a son of Roberto).

Sally Lou was mated to Bold Ruler stallion Cornish Prince to get Jay Peg's third dam Leucothea. A stakes winner of 11 races, Cornish Prince is by Bold Ruler out of a mare by Eight Thirty. This gave close kin-breeding in Leucothea: 2x1 Bold Ruler x Sally Lou, and 3x2 Eight Thirty x Lou Sally.

A Gr3 placed miler in France, Leucothea produced ten winners at stud. Her daughter Let Kiss became a prolific producer, doing especially well from matings with Elliodor. Perhaps not too much should be read into that, as Let Kiss was in the same ownership as Elliodor and simply kept revisiting the successful sire. Inevitably Let Kiss' dam Leucothea went to Elliodor as well. At age nineteen she produced a filly, Ladies Game, who won six races up to 1300m.

Ladies Game is kin-bred 3x3x2 Northern Dancer x Bold Ruler x Sally Lou, extending the Bold Ruler x Sally Lou kin-breeding found in

her dam Leucothea. In addition, Ladies Game has a 4x4 Donatello x Mahmoud kin-cross.

So far, the bottom female line elements appear to remain powerful connections.

Next stop Al Mufti. Kinbred 2x2 Hail to Reason x Buckpasser, Al Mufti's best offspring show a strong affinity for either, or both. The result of the mating of Al Mufti and Ladies Game is Laptop Lady, kinbred in remarkable ways. She is 3x3x3 Hail to Reason x Buckpasser x Sally Lou for a start. But there also is 2(3)x4 Roberto (Hail to Reason) x Cohoes and 2x3 Roberto x Sally Lou. And to top it off 2x2 Lassie Dear x Leucothea.

Laptop Lady made her debut as a 3yo over 1200m in October, ran once more over the same distance in November, and was not seen out again. If her racing career came to nothing, she made spectacular amends at stud. All of her four runners are winners, including (apart from Jay Peg) 6-time winning stakes placed Cabernet Kid, and promising 4-time winner Cyber Case.

Bought as a yearling for R55.000 at the 1998 National Sale by Ken Truter, Laptop Lady retired to her owner's studfarm where Camden Park was resident sire, standing his second season. The mating between the two, which produced Jay Peg, built further on the kin-breeding from Laptop Lady.

Jay Peg is kin-bred 2(3)x2 AP Indy (Weekend Surprise) x Al Mufti, and 2(3)x3 AP Indy (Weekend Surprise) x Leucothea, as well as 5x4x4 Fair Charmer x Who's To Know x Sally Lou, and 3x3 Angel Island x Leucothea. The links appear to be inter-related, with Hail To Reason & Buckpasser elements being prominent. The fact that there is a link between the bottom female lines of Jay Peg's sire & dam (3x3 Angel Island x Leucothea) could well be significant for future directions.

Interesting to note in this context Camden Park's champion 2yo filly Consensual, whose dam is by Dancing Champ. The latter has shown an affinity as broodmare sire with Al Mufti (damsire of Jay Peg), notably in champion Victory Moon (kin-bred 3x3 Buckpasser x Mrs Peterkin 90%).

Another to note in 2009 is once-raced 3yo debut winner Power Park, whose dam Token Power is a daughter of failed sire Token Of Youth. The latter is by Lyphard out of Tokens Only, by Youth, whose sire Ack Ack is 90% to Hail to Reason. The second dam of Token Of Youth is a ¾ sister to Lassie Dear (dam of Al Mufti), by Buckpasser out of Missy Baba. The similarities with Jay Peg's dam Laptop Lady (Al Mufti x son of Lyphard) are striking.



PICK OF THE BUNCH

Suitable mares for Jay Peg could include:

1. Mares with National Assembly, National Emblem, Announce
2. Mares with Joshua Dancer
3. Mares with Danehill
4. Mares with Sadler's Wells
5. Mares with Northern Guest, Dancing Champ
6. Mares with Token Of Youth, Kabool
7. Mares with Sportsworld, Plugged Nickle
8. Mares with Complete Warrior, Captain Al, Al Mufti, Mullineaux
9. Mares with Mr Prospector, notably Seeking The Gold (Windrush, Lecture), or Secret Prospector, etc.

Jay Peg's 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 kin-breeding percentage is shown as well)

6th dam

Miss Frill (89%) (by Display 90%)
kinbred 2x1 Fair Play x Miss Furbelow 91%

5th dam

Lou Sally (89%) (by Ariel 90%)
kinbred 1x3x2 Ariel x Fair Play x Miss Furbelow 91%

4th dam

Sally Lou (87%) (by Cohoes 85%)
kinbred 3x2 La Troienne x Ariel 91%
kinbred 4x2 Black Servant x Miss Frill 91%

3rd dam

Leucothea (88%) (by Cornish Prince 84%)
kinbred 2x1 Bold Ruler x Sally Lou 90%
kinbred 3x2 Eight Thirty x Lou Sally 91%

2nd dam

Ladies Game (85%) (by Elliodor 81%)
kinbred 3x3x2 Northern Dancer x Bold Ruler x Sally Lou 89-94%

1st dam

Laptop Lady (82%) (by Al Mufti 86%)
kinbred 3x3x3 Hail to Reason x Buckpasser x Sally Lou 90-94%
kinbred 2(3)x4 Roberto (Hail to Reason) x Cohoes 92% (96%)
kinbred 2x3 Roberto x Sally Lou 91%
kinbred 2x2 Lassie Dear x Leucothea 90%

Jay Peg (85%) (by Camden Park 84%)
kinbred 2(3)x2 AP Indy (Weekend Surprise) x Al Mufti 93% (92%)
kinbred 2(3)x3 AP Indy (Weekend Surprise) x Leucothea 91% (94%)
kinbred 5x4x4 Fair Charmer x Who's To Know x Sally Lou 91-92%
kinbred 3x3 Angel Island x Leucothea 91%

What Mares For Jay Peg?

Buckpasser, Hail to Reason, Bold Ruler appear to be suitable lines. They are widely available.

Kin-links to Jay Peg's female line, notably Leucothea, may well be the key to future success.

Here are some of the lines to look for in suitable mares for Jay Peg:

National Assembly has the sequence of Danzig x Bold Ruler x Buckpasser, making him kin to Camden Park. More significantly, perhaps, is National Assembly's dam Renounce, who is kin to Leucothea. Al Mufti's dam Lassie Dear and Renounce also are similar. We note that Leucothea is grandam of stakes winner Little Strike (by Elliodor x Let Kiss), who bred two highclass runners by National Assembly, National Title & National Strike.

National Assembly's son **National Emblem** fits the bill as well.

Danehill is by Danzig out of a granddaughter of Buckpasser named Spring Adieu, the latter mare being kin to Leucothea. This in turn leads to **Announce**, who is by National Assembly out of a granddaughter of Spring Adieu.

Joshua Dancer is by Danzig out of the daughter of mare who is kin Leucothea and also kin to AP Indy. Most interesting.

Complete Warrior is by a son of Bold Ruler, his grandam half sister to Buckpasser. He's the damsire of Captain Al (who is by Al Mufti). Complete Warrior is kin to Leucothea.

Mares by **Captain Al** or his sire **Al Mufti** are certainly interesting. Al Mufti's full brother **Mullineaux** must be included, too.

Northern Guest is by Northern Dancer out of a Buckpasser mare who is inbred to the dam of Buckpasser & a 3-part brother. Northern Guest, who has shown an affinity for Bold Ruler, is kin to Leucothea.

Dancing Champ is damsire of Camden Park's champion daughter Consensual. The dam of Dancing Champ is kin to Buckpasser.

Token Of Youth is by Lyphard, while his dam is a granddaughter of Buckpasser, and from Lassie Dear's family.

A variation on this theme is **Kabool**, whose sire's dam is by a son of Lyphard, and his dam by a 3-part brother to Dancing Champ.

Sportsworld is out of a half sister to Lassie Dear. This sire has shown an affinity with Elliodor mares, and is noted in Jay Peg's female line as sire of Gr2 winner Dash For Gretna (her dam is Elliodor x Let Kiss). Plugged Nickle is from the same female line (dam 3-part sister to Lassie Dear, while sire Key to the Mint is kin to Sportsworld's sire Alleged).

Sadler's Wells main affinity comes through his damsire Bold Reason. The latter is kin to Leucothea and also to her dam Sally Lou. Bold Reason is also kin to Buckpasser, and to Roberto (sire of Al Mufti).

Mr Prospector appears with regularity in dams of AP Indy's best offspring, as damsire or sire of the damsire, notably through Seeking The Gold (whose dam is by Buckpasser). Interesting in this context are **Windrush** and **Lecture**, both sons of Seeking The Gold, and **Secret Prospector**, who is by Mr Prospector, his grandam by Buckpasser. Lecture has shown a strong affinity with Al Mufti mares.