

# King's Apostle<sup>(IRE)</sup>

*King's Best - Politesse by Barathea*

The intriguing feature of the family and stud career of King's Apostle's sire King's Best is the repeated occurrence of the Dalmary female line. Yorkshire Oaks winner Dalmary's legacy comes primarily through her daughters Rough Shod and Jennydang. Through this pair, Dalmary is the female line ancestress of Sadler's Wells, Fairy King, Nureyev, Golden Thatch, Lorenzaccio, and a host of others. Dalmary's pedigree make-up makes her close kin to a host of other influential female-line ancestors.



King's Apostle sire King's Best (pic) is the leading proponent of the Kingmambo x Sadler's Wells affinity cross

**English 2000 Guineas winner King's Best, rated 132 by Timeform, is a son of highclass sire Kingmambo, whose dam is by Nureyev. King's Best is a half brother to the influential mare Urban Sea, who is the dam of champion sire Galileo (by Sadler's Wells) and of the champion racehorse of 2009 Sea The Stars (by Cape Cross, whose dam is by Ahonoora).**

King's Best made headlines in 2010 by siring the winners of the English and Japanese Derby in the space of a week. Epsom Derby winner Workforce is out of a mare by Sadler's Wells, his Japanese counterpart Eishin Flash has a dam with a very German pedigree (as does King's Best himself). Eishin Flash second damsire is Sure Blade, whose dam has a pedigree make-up that makes her close kin to Nureyev and Sadler's Wells.

Other of King's Best's major runners are out of mares by Barathea (son of Sadler's Wells), Sadler's Wells, Old Vic (son of Sadler's Wells), Salse (by Topsider, from Dalmary female line), In The Wings (son of Sadler's Wells), Ahonoora (son of Lorenzaccio, from Dalmary female line).

Other sire names that feature in the best of King's Best are from

Blushing Groom (Rainbow Quest, Baillamont, Zayyani), and Mill Reef/Shirley Heights. The affinity of the latter combo with Sadler's Wells is well documented. As for Blushing Groom, his grandam Aimee and Sadler's Wells grandam Special have much in common.

The dam of King's Best comes from the female line of the mare Aster (and is inbred to her). The pedigrees of Aster and Dalmary have a lot in common, and those of Aster's sire Oleander and Dalmary's dam Simon Shoes even more. Oleander is known in South Africa as the sire of Wilwyn, and is very close kin to Wilwyn's grandam.

On to King's Apostle, who is out of a daughter of Barathea (by Sadler's Wells), and therefore doubles 3-part brothers Nureyev (from Kingmambo) and Sadler's Wells. The Kingmambo x Sadler's Wells

combination has attained a high reputation, and is best known through Gr1 winners El Condor Pasa, Henrythenavigator, Divine Proportions, Virginia Waters. The cross is in essence a Dalmary-generated 'nick', where Dalmary interacts with close genetic relatives.

The dam of King's Apostle never raced, but the next two dams were both champion 2yo fillies following wins in the Gr1 Cheveley Park Stakes. His grandam Embassy is by champion sprinter Cadeaux Geneveux, and is half sister to Gr2 winner Tarfshi, by Mtoto. The next dam Pass The Peace is a daughter of Alzao, and is half sister to Lover's Bid who was at stud in South Africa, her best offspring Gr1 performer Brief Affaire, by Elevation.

The common thread running through the sires mentioned is the mare Mixed Marriage and her kin. Cadeaux Geneveux is kin-bred 3x4x3 involving her, the trio linking to another kin-relative on the bottom female line of King's Apostle. All four are kin to Dalmary.

Mtoto is a son of Busted (who has Mixed Marriage's kin Court Martial), Alzao is by Lyphard (also with Court Martial). Interesting to note in this context that Elliodor is by Lyphard out of a sister to Busted. That leaves Elevation, whose damsire Royal Pardon is a Court Martial son.

## Where From Here

Dalmary and female line descendants are likely to be of importance for King's Apostle.

In the broad SA context these include Golden Thatch/Waterville Lake, Sadler's Wells (Fort Wood/Horse Chestnut/Dynasty, Casey Tibbs, Doowaley, etc.), Fairy King (Tara's Halls, Second Empire), Nureyev (Caesour, Parade Leader, Var), Ahonoora (Malhub, Shalford).

Also included should be Blushing Groom (Jallad, Spectrum, Saumarez, Kabool) and Mill Reef/Shirley Heights (Casey Tibbs, Indigo Magic)

The kin-breeding involving the mare Mixed Marriage & kin leads to Gone West (Western Winter, West Man, Count duBois), Sharpen Up (Fine Edge), Abernant (Golden Thatch) and Court Martial (Lyphard, Elliodor). There are many others.

Also of importance may be the mares Lost Soul (Royal Prerogative) and Rosy Legend (National Emblem). Both appear as apparently important kin-links in the bottom female line of King's Apostle.

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## PICK OF THE BUNCH

*Suitable mares for King's Apostle could include*

1. Dalmary female line descendants Golden Thatch/Waterville Lake, Sadler's Wells (Fort Wood/Horse Chestnut/Dynasty, Casey Tibbs, Doowaley, etc.), Fairy King (Tara's Halls, Second Empire), Nureyev (Caesour, Parade Leader, Var), Ahonoora (Malhub, Shalford)
2. Mixed Marriage and kin-lines, as in Court Martial (Lyphard/Elliodor, Elevation, etc), Abernant (Golden Thatch, etc), Sharpen Up (Fine Edge), Gone West (Western Winter, West Man, Count duBois, etc)
3. Lost Soul descendants and their kin (Royal Prerogative, Averof/Foveros, etc)
4. Rosy Legend descendants, notably Dante (Jallad, National Emblem)