

# Mustajeeb<sup>(GB)</sup>

Nayef – Rifqah by Elusive Quality

**The pedigree work I do these days is for my (only) client, a Canadian with a farm in Kentucky and broodmares also in Ireland and France. When first we got together, I asked what the brief was. His reply was simple: “A Kentucky Derby winner, and another Storm Cat” \*. The essence of this statement is equally simple: in order to formulate a theory, do research only on pedigrees of the Very Best. Consider Gr I winners from the major countries (UK, Ireland, France, USA) and ignore the rest.**

Since the Very Best are numerically small, the research had to be qualitative rather than quantitative. The focus of it was on kin-breeding through female lines, which is the duplication of female line ancestors who have a high commonality of pedigree elements. In its purest form this would simply be the duplication of a female line ancestor of both sire and dam – which in practice isn't easy to achieve. After all, who has got female relatives of highclass sires to breed with?

As it happened, one of the mares in the band was a stakes placed winner in USA, out of a half sister to Urban Sea, the dam of Galileo and Sea The Stars. She was shipped to Ireland and visited Sea The Stars (resulting in a colt who won in Ireland, rated 102\*\*), then went to Galileo, Sea The Stars and Galileo again. The last three were all fillies, of which the Sea The Stars one retired to stud in 2017. Inbred 3x3 to Allegretta (dam of Urban Sea), she visited Tamayuz, a stallion whose 3rd dam is Allegretta, giving a treble of that mare in the foal which is due early in 2018. Kinbreeding driven to extreme.

**T**he reason for this ramble is that Tamayuz, a multiple French Gr1 winner, is very close kin to Mustajeeb. Both are sons of Nayef, both have Allegretta's daughter Allez Les Trois as their grandam. Both are kinbred in the same way to Significant Ancestors (meaning key mares in the makeup of their sire and dam), in this case Hypericum x Asterblute.

Tamayuz has an added Significant Ancestor from his dam's sire Nureyev, giving Hypericum x Dalmary x Asterblute. The latter two are also kin-linked in Galileo, who is by Nureyev's close relative Sadler's Wells. The dam of Tamayuz is very close kin to Galileo.

Tamayuz' Gr1 offspring include a French Fillies Guineas winner, and dissecting a few of his best runners could give ideas of what might work with Mustajeeb.

The kin-link to Hypericum in the pedigree comes from sire Nayef whose dam, champion filly Height Of Fashion, is also dam of Gr1 sire Nashwan and in the female line of SA sire Right Approach.

Nayef's third dam Highlight is closely kinbred, 2x1 Aurora x Hypericum. Aurora is by Hyperion and kinbred 2x1 Selene x Rose Red, while Hypericum is also by Hyperion and kinbred 2x1 Selene x Feola. Their kinbreeding represent major female lines.

#### **A look at Tamayuz' best runners.**

**Roseburg** (rated 115). His dam Raydaniya is by In The Wings (Sadler's Wells). His 3rd dam Rilasa is by St Paddy, a son of Aureole (Hyperion x daughter of Feola). The next dam is by Snob, a grandson of Sif (closely kinbred, 2x3x3 Rabelais x Rabelais x Saperlipopette).

**Thawaany** (rated 113). Dam Chelsea Rose is by Desert King, who is by Danehill out of Sabaah (Nureyev x Bustino mare, both also in Tamayuz). The 4th dam Servilia is by Aureole out of Senones, dam of Snob and a daughter of Sif, and kinbred 3x3 Feola x Sif's dam Suavita. This makes Servilia very close kin to Roseburg's third dam Rilasa.

**Sir Prancelot** (rated 110). His bottom female line goes to Jennydang, a daughter of Dalmary. Together with the kin-breeding from Tamayuz this becomes Hypericum x Dalmary x \*Asterblute x \*Dalmary in Sir Prancelot. His 2nd dam Moy Water is kinbred 2x3 Alpine Niece x Miss Justice, 2x4 Alpine Niece x Cheville, and 4x4 Alpine Scent x Cheville. Cheville is a daughter of Jennydang. There's more, as Moy Water is by Tirol, a son of Thatching who is kinbred 3x4 Thong x Jennydang and so doubles Dalmary 4x5. Which adds another two lines of Dalmary to Sir Prancelot's kin-breeding. It's noteworthy that Thatching is full brother to SA stallions Golden Thatch and Waterville Lake.

**Precieuse** (rated 113), French Fillies Guineas winner. Her dam Zut Alors is by Pivotal, whose sire Polar Falcon is by Nureyev and grandam Stufida is by Bustino. Stufida is close kin to Nayef's dam Height Of Fashion (by Bustino). Bustino's female line goes to Rose Red (his 4th dam) who is the dam of Aurora and makes up a significant part of the kin-breeding in Height Of Fashion, appearing twice. Pivotal is kinbred through the Significant Ancestors of his sire and dam, Dalmary x Careless Kate.

Another source of ideas could be French Derby winner Anabaa Blue, who is half brother to the dam of Tamayuz. His sire Anabaa is by Danzig out of a mare by Gay Mecene, who is by Aureole's grandson Vaguely Noble out of Gay Missile. The latter carries a double of Red Rose's full sister Sweet Lavender, and in every-day pedigrees is better known as dam of Lassie Dear and Gallanta.

#### Anabaa Blue's best runners are

**Zinabaa** (rated 119). His dam Zigrala is by Linamix whose 2nd damsire Alcide is by Alycidon (son of Aurora). The 2nd dam is by Zino, a son of Welsh Pageant who is very close kin to Alcide.

**Tres Blue** (rated 117). His dam Tres Ravi is by German champion sire Monsun. The latter's grandam is by Authi, whose sire Aureole and damsire Above Suspicion are both grandsons of Feola.

If Mustajeeb's affinities at stud will be anything like those of his close relative Tamayuz or Anabaa Blue, then the female lines that matter will be Feola, Dalmary, Asterblute, Rose Red – and anything that's closely kin-linked to any of them (such as Sif's dam Suavita with Feola, or Rose Red being a full sister to Sweet Lavender). The more of them the better, and especially if the elusive bottom female line can be achieved.

\* It's been close.

Two Kentucky Derby runners in the first year, one came 2nd. No colt in the second year, but a 3rd in the Kentucky Oaks. Number 21 on the log in the third year meant one too many for the 20-runner Derby, so no run; consolidation came when 2nd in the Preakness to American Pharoah. Nothing since, but reports on the current 2yo crop are encouraging...

\*\* There is more. Armande is a filly racing in France with Andre Fabre in 2017; she is a Gr3 winner by Sea The Stars and from the same female line, inbred 3x3 to Allegretta

## Female Line Perspective

	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason Special	Lalun
<b>GALILEO</b> <i>Gr1 sire</i>	Urban Sea	Miswaki <b>ALLEGRETTA</b>	Mr P.	

	Nayef	Gulch Height of Fashion	Mr P. Bustino			
<b>TAMAYUZ</b> <i>Gr1 sire</i>	Al Ishq	Nureyev	Northern Dancer Special	ALLEZ LES TROIS	Riverman	Never Bend Lalun
			<b>ALLEGRETTA</b>			

	Nayef	Gulch Height of Fashion	Mr P. Bustino			
<b>MUSTAJEEB</b> <i>New sire</i>	Rifqah	Elusive Quality Anja	Gone West ALLEZ LES TROIS	Mr P. Riverman	Never Bend	Lalun
				<b>ALLEGRETTA</b>		

### PICK OF THE BUNCH

*Suitable mares for Mustajeeb could include*

- Feola through Angelola (Aureole), Hypericum (Right Approach, Deep Impact, Nashwan (Pissaro, Rabah)), Above Board (Above Suspicion, Doutelle), Knight's Daughter (Lecture, Pulpit, Johannesburg, Minardi)
- Rose Red through Aurora (Borealis, Alycidon, Acropolis, Toreador (2nd dam is kinbred 2x1 through daughters of Alycidon & Acropolis), Second Empire), Godetia (Hotfoot, sire of Free State who is out of Alycidon-mare), Rosetta (Bustino)
- Rose Red's full sister Sweet Lavender through Lavendula (Ambiorix, Perfume (My Babu, Joy, Regent Street (Soho Secret)), Source Sucree (Turn-To, Irish River, West Man, Dynasty)), Kalmia (Klairon (Lorenzaccio, Ahonoora (Cape Cross, reat Britain))
- Dalmary through daughters Rough Shod (Sadler's Wells, Nureyev, Fairy King (Second Empire, Tara's Halls); Thatch; Lt Stevens (Alysheba, Lear Fan); Moccasin (Stormy Atlantic, Apalachee) and Jennydang (Golden Thatch, Thatching, Waterville Lake; Lorenzaccio, Ahonoora (Cape Cross, Great Britain); Fard, Gallic League)
- Asterblute through King's Best, Urban Sea (Galileo, Sea The Stars, Black Sam Bellamy), Allez Les Trois (Anabaa Blue)

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