



# Pomodoro

*Jet Master – Golden Apple by Northern Guest*

**A successful nick, in its narrowest definition, is the interaction between a sire and a broodmare sire which produces well above average returns.**

**Examples abound world-wide. Sadler's Wells with Mill Reef or Shirley Heights. Kingmambo with Sadler's Wells. Galileo with Danehill. Sometimes nicks can be deceiving – a combination starts off with a bang, but then when everyone climbs on the bandwagon the initial success percentage declines, to make things more normal. Often, when looking at Gr1 winners from a given nick, the numbers tend to be way too small to statistically rely on. Galileo with Danehill, for example, has an exceptionally high 5% Gr1 winners – but that comes from 9 individual Gr1 winners (including Frankel) from some 180 foals bred on the cross. How significant is nine?**

**And yet... there are occasions when even small numbers will twig interest, with the hope that with some digging a likely explanation will surface.**

## **Pomodoro is bred on the cross of Jet Master with Northern Guest mares.**

Champion sire to champion broodmare sire.

Between 2002 and 2010 the mating resulted in 24 foals, five of those born in 2002 (Jet Master's first crop), followed by just two or three foals in each of the following years. It clearly wasn't picked up as a nick, and certainly didn't generate much following amongst breeders.

Those 24 foals resulted in 22 runners, of which 19 won – some 89%. The three non-winners were all from the same mare, who visited Jet Master five times in all, getting two lowly winners. One other mare also had five Jet Master foals, but she did much better, as dam of champion sprinter JJ The Jet Plane. Two other mares did their best to match that, by producing Pomodoro, who would have been the Champion 3yo but for Variety Club, and In The Fast Lane, who looks well on her way to a Champion 3yo filly title in 2014.

Three virtual champions from 19 runners, or rather, from a group of just fifteen individual mares.

That equates to 20% Champions to mares. Some nick!

## **So how do Jet Master and Northern Guest compare in terms of pedigree elements?**

Jet Master is by Rakeen, whose dam Glorious Song is by Halo. The latter in turn is a son of Hail To Reason (by Turn To out of Source Sucree, a daughter of Lavendula).

Jet Master's dam is by Rollins, who is by Damascus out of Glorious Spring, the latter a daughter of Hail To Reason. Rollins is kinbred 2x2 Kerala x Hail To Reason, where Kerala is dam of Damascus. Kerala is by My Babu, who is by Djebel out of Perfume, the latter half sister to Source Sucree, the dam of Turn To (sire of Hail To Reason).

In Jet Master that makes for kin-breeding 4x4x4 Hail To Reason x Kerala x Hail To Reason. From Jet Master's female line can be added his 3rd dam Let's Laugh, a daughter of Joy. The latter is by a son of Djebel out of Perfume, making him 3-part brother to My Babu. Let's Laugh is close kin to Hail To Reason and Kerala, rounding off Jet Master's kin-breeding to 4x4x4x3.

Northern Guest hails from a potent sire producing female line, many descending from his grandam Best In Show. The dam of Northern Guest is Sex Appeal, by Buckpasser. Sex Appeal is kinbred 2x3 Busanda (dam of Buckpasser) x Mr Busher (Busanda's 3-part brother).

Buckpasser (and Busanda and Mr Busher) are close kin to Hail To Reason and Kerala.

Together with Jet Master that makes for kin-breeding 5x5x5x5x6 in the combination of Jet Master with Northern Guest mares.

Pomodoro's female line adds further to the mix. His fifth dam Eden is kinbred to bottom female lines of her sire and dam, 2x1 Nan x Floral Park. The grandam of Nan is Nokka, a full sister to Djebel. Floral Park is a daughter of Cagire, who is very close kin to My Babu and Joy (Cagire is by Tourbillon, his dam is half sister to Perfume). In Pomodoro this makes for kin-breeding 5x4x6 Kerala x Let's Laugh x Floral Park.

## **In a nutshell, Pomodoro's pedigree shows three sets of kin-breeding.**

Hail To Reason with Kerala, Let's Laugh.

Hail To Reason with Kerala, Buckpasser (Busanda).

Kerala with Let's Laugh and Floral Park.

Descendants of the mare Lavendula (Perfume, Source Sucree) are prominent.

Pomodoro's fifth dam Eden deserves additional attention, as she is inbred 3x3 to Bahram, the unbeaten English Triple Crown winner. Bahram is very close kin to Lavendula's daughters Source Sucree and Perfume, adding further fuel to the fire.

A word on Northern Guest as broodmare sire. His daughters came up with a dozen Gr1 winners, of which three are by Jet Master. A fourth one with the Buckpasser connection is Cape Derby winner and SA Classic runner-up Top Seller, by Al Mufti, who has Buckpasser as sire of his dam Lassie Dear.



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**Remarkable bed-fellows: Champion sire Jet Master and Champion broodmare sire Northern Guest**

## Where From Here

It seems sensible to try and reinforce the kin-breeding noted in Pomodoro.

Mares with Northern Guest as damsire or second damsire are an option. Northern Guest's female line is also the female line of Atso, while Cordoba is by a full brother, El Gran Senor. Ill-fated Fort Beluga (who has just one crop) has Northern Guest as damsire, plus a daughter of Marcius in his bottom-line – Marcius is full brother to the dam of Djebel. Fort Beluga is by Fort Wood, whose sire Sadler's Wells is out of a mare by Bold Reason. The latter is by Hail To Reason out of Lalun - by Djebel's son Djeddah out of the mare Be Faithful who is close kin to Buckpasser's dam Busanda. Lalun also is dam of Never Bend.

Al Mufti not only has Buckpasser, but he's a son of Roberto (full brother to the dam of Rollins, Jet Master's damsire), while his grandam Gay Missile has a double Lavendula – from Gay Missile's sire Sir Gaylord (by Turn To) and Gay Missile's damsire My Babu. Jet Master got two Gr1 winners from Al Mufti mares, Little Miss Magic and Yorker (3x Gr1).

Al Mufti leads to his son Captain Al, whose dam is by Complete Warrior. The latter's dam is by Damascus out of a half sister to Buckpasser.

Damascus is in Complete Warrior, Right Approach, and a host of lesser known stallions, generally quite far back.

Lavendula and her daughters Perfume and Source Sucre and son Ambiorix (sire of Ambiooise), are widespread.

Interesting to note that earlier mentioned Top Seller is from the female line of Al Mufti's Gr1 winners The Sheik and Al Nitak, going to Amacuti, who is by Ambiooise (Ambiorix) out of a Turn To mare, and also has Ambiorix as sire of her third dam – that's a triple of Lavendula.

Duplications of Lavendula's female line can also be found in the female lines of West Man and Dynasty, both times with Djebel to boot (Klairon, Joy). Klairon, incidentally is damsire of Irish River, a son of Riverman (by Lalun's

son Never Bend). Joy is widespread in the SA mare population. Joy's 3-part brother My Babu is equally widespread (anecdotally in the sire-line of the dam of Jet Master's champion son Pocket Power, through Dowdstown Charley/Prince Florimund).

Buckpasser is damsire of Northern Guest and Al Mufti, and also of Al Mufti's half brother Wolfhound, of National Assembly, Damascus Gate (by Damascus), Coastal, Seeking The Gold (Lecture, Windrush), Imperial Dilemma (by Damascus).

Buckpasser is second damsire of Danehill and close relative Announce (son of National Assembly; dam by Roberto), and of Secret Prospector.

Caesour's grandam Dinner Partner is very close kin to Buckpasser.

Al Mufti's dam Lassie Dear (by Buckpasser) is grandam of Tiger Ridge and AP Indy, and third dam of new SA sires Duke Of Marmalade and Mambo In Seattle.

Complete Warrior, whose dam is by Damascus from a half sister to Buckpasser, is sire of Counter Action and damsire of Captain Al (by Al Mufti).

Buckpasser, in short, can be found in many places, both close up and far removed – sometimes he'll matter, other times not. The same is true for Hail To Reason.

With so many potential kin-links at his disposal, Pomodoro looks to have every chance to show that apples don't fall far from the tree.

### PICK OF THE BUNCH

*Suitable mares for Pomodoro could include*

1. **Buckpasser & his siblings** – widespread; Northern Guest, Al Mufti (Captain Al), Wolfhound, National Assembly, Seeking The Gold (Lecture, Windrush), Danehill, AP Indy, Tiger Ridge, Fort Beluga, Cordoba, Announce, Secret Prospector, Damascus Gate, Imperial Dilemma; Caesour (kin-linked), Lalun (Bold Reason, Never Bend)
2. **Damascus – Complete Warrior** (Counter Action, Captain Al), Damascus Gate, Imperial Dilemma, Right Approach
3. **Lavendula** through daughters Perfume and Source Sucre, and son Ambiorix – My Babu (widespread), Joy (Dynasty), Irish River (Rainbow Quest), West Man
4. **Hail to Reason** – very widespread; Bold Reason (Sadler's Wells, Fort Wood, Dynasty), Roberto & full sister (Al Mufti, Captain Al, Victory Moon, The Sheik, Announce, Modern Day, Rollins, etc)

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