

KOBAYASHI

I AM INVINCIBLE X WOODSTOCK HUSSEY (HUSSONNET)

Pedigree Analysis - Kristen Manning

Like so many of the talented progeny of the outstanding stallion I Am Invincible, Kobayashi carries multiple strains of the famed matriarch Chelandry - ancestress of I Am Invincible and his second dam sire Zoffany.

Also boasting a strain of Law Maker, I Am Invincible picks up strongly on the influence of Chelandry and Kobayashi's dam brings in another four strains - Heroic, Magpie, Neil Gow and Dignitas (his third dam sire).

It is a case of the more the better in regards to Chelandry - the Gr.1 English 1000 Guineas heroine who has made a lasting mark on the breed.

And strains are easily found amongst the Australian broodmare population with her descendants including Zeditave (of the 25 runners combining him and I Am Invincible six are stakes winners including the dual Gr.1 winning sprinter Viddora), High Chaparral (just 13 runners so far - eight winners including the Gr.1 filly Media Sensation), Marwina (three runners - all winners including the Gr.1 speedster Marabi and the triple Group winner Invincible Gem), Anabaa (13 winners from 18 runners including the Gr.3 winner California Zimbol), Forty Niner (21 runners - 16 winners including the Gr.2 juvenile Look To The Stars), Never Say Die (three stakes winners amongst the 42 winners including the multiple Group winners Fiesta and General Beau) and Clarion (a 76.1% winners-to-runners strike rate with ten stakes winners - two at Gr.1 level - amongst the 67 winners).

The latter's French 2000 Guineas winner son Klairon has enjoyed good influence in this part of the world and he is of particular interest with his ancestress Prunella also the ancestress of Chelandry - and Kobayashi carries strains of Klairon's close relations My Babu and Turn-To.

Other descendants of Chelandry to have stood in Australian in recent times include Teofilo, Jetball, Falvelon, Bellotto, Gold Carat, Americain, Pluck, Dissident, Legal Opinion, O'Lonhro (whose grandam Sister Pedrille is I Am Invincible's third dam), Marechal and Jet Spur whilst it is also worth seeking strains of Wrack, Manihi, Traquair, Shadeed, County Delight, Ocean Swell, Tudor Melody, Traghetto and Knightly Manner.

Another strong influence in I Am Invincible's pedigree is the prolific Gibside Fairy family of which Invincible Spirit is a member - as are Rockefeller (to whom Invincible Spirit's dam is line-bred 4 X 4), Danzig (grandsire of Invincible Spirit) and Bletchingly (grandsire of I Am Invincible's dam)... all descendants of the outstanding broodmare Mowerina. Rockefeller and Bletchingly are both descendants of Sweet Rocket whilst Danzig descends from that mare's third dam Lady Susan.

Also from this family are the French Derby winners Chateau Bouscaut and Mieuxce, both of whom appear in Kobayashi's sire and dam with Invincible's Spirit's dam bred on a 6 X 6 cross of the latter.

This is another family you cannot have too much of and with this in mind it is worth looking for strains of Kampala, St Chad, Sovereign Red, Polymelian, Instinct, Pall Mall, Vilmorin, Matrice, Espresso, Sicambre, Ramsin, Wilwyn, My Love, Inchinor, Millionaire and Ambrose Light.

Meanwhile there have been a number of descendants of Gibside Fairy standing at stud locally in recent times - such as Pride Of Dubai, Winning Rupert, Flying Artie, Wanted and Sandpit.

Another influential matriarch in Pretty Polly makes her mark on Kobayashi's pedigree, appearing via Nearctic, Donatello II and Artaius in I Am Invincible and through Supreme Court and Seventh Hussar in his dam Woodstock Hussey.

Descendants of the legendary Pretty Polly to have stood in this part of the world include Adventurous, Catbird (dam sire of I Am Invincible's dual Gr.3 winner Invincible Star), County, Your Song, Dieu D'Or, Yallah Prince, Mint Lane, Maizcay, Danbird, Coat's Choice, Revoque, Fantastic Light, Half Hennessy, Mugharreb and Captain Gerrard.

And it is also worth looking for strains of Machiero, Orthodox, Indian Hemp, Premonition, Heir Presumptive, Brigadier Gerard, Guersant, Luthier, Parado, Colorado Kid, Vienna, Tenby, Daumier, Only For Life, Romantic, Capiello, Llanstephan, Radjhasi, Fourt Harwell, Tenby, The Cobbler, Arctic Explorer, Huntercombe, Walking Ring, Lord Seymour, Be My Chief, Count Rendered, St Paddy, Northern Taste, To Agori Mou, Diktat, Great Nephew and Swain.

Kobayashi also carries a few strains of Pretty Polly's dam Admiration, ancestress of Robber Prince, Tehran and Baroda - her other descendants include Tavistock, Grand Lodge, Promised Land, Foxbridge, Gold Sovereign and Northern Regent.

The Kentucky Oaks heroine Lalun is one of the great modern day line-breeding influences and her prolific son Never Bend is the second dam sire of Green Desert. Over 13% of the I Am Invincible sire line stakes winners carrying a strain of Lalun's other outstanding son Bold Reason are stakes winners with four Gr.1 winners amongst that impressive tally.

And Bold Reason is easy to find as the dam sire of Sadler's Wells and Fairy King - noting that I Am Invincible has sired stakes winners out of mares by their sons Encosta de Lago, Barathea, High Chaparral (descendant of Chelandry) and Galileo.

I Am Invincible has also done a good job with Choisir mares (ten winners from 11 runners including three stakes winners) - that stallion bred on the same Danzig/Sharpen Up/Lunchtime cross as I Am Invincible with a cross of Biscay thrown in. He has also fared well with Choisir's sire Danehill Dancer who is bred on a Danzig/Sharpen Up cross.

Sharpen Up's sire Atan hails from a family well worth line-breeding to (noting that Kobayashi already boasts a cross of one of its most famous members in Round Table) with Known Fact and Gone West providing the opportunity to duplicate Atan's wonderful dam Mixed Marriage.

The I Am Invincible sire line has had just 21 runners out of mares carrying a Known Fact strain but 13 are winners - three at stakes level. And of the 44 winners with Gone West, four are stakes winners.

Others from this family, one which has its ancestress the influential Aloe, include Tell (sire of Pompeii Court - in turn dam sire of O'Reilly whose daughters have produced two stakes winners by I Am Invincible), Doutelle, Aureole, Deep Impact, Alcide, Kingstone, Tentam and Lion Cavern.

Choisir and his sire are of course members of the Danehill sire line, one for which I Am Invincible and his sons have shown an affinity - the extra strain of Mowerina's descendant Danzig a plus. I Am Invincible has sired stakes winners out of mares by this dominant line's members Flying Spur, Mastercraftsman, Tiger Hill, Dane Shadow, Foreplay, Fastnet Rock, Oratorio, Redoute's Choice, Exceed And Excel, Catbird, Stratum, Snitzel and Holy Roman Emperor.

Of note is the fact that Kobayashi's dam sire Hussonet has also combined exceptionally well (in the pedigrees of 74 stakes winners) with Danehill - the 16 Gr.1 winners bred on this cross carrying Danehill via Redoute's Choice (as well as Extreme Choice, Not A Single Doubt), Fastnet Rock (and Rothesay), Commands (and Epaulette), So Secret, Mastercraftsman, Danewin, Desert King and Flying Spur (via Sebring).

The latter's son Casino Prince is the dam sire of Kobayashi's first stakes performed galloper Midnight In Tokyo (who also has Chelandry influence).

I Am Invincible and the great Zabeel (whose sire Sir Tristram is bred on the same Sir Ivor/Round Table cross as Invincible Spirit) also do very well together - a 71.3% strike rate with 12 of the 92 winners being stakes winners including the Gr.1 mares Viddora and Invincibella.

Hussonet's sire Mr Prospector picks up nicely with strains of his relations - such as Lomond, Seattle Slew, Elusive Quality, Baldrick, Bismark II, Roan Rocket, Tourbillon, Djeddah, Darshaan, Daliapour, Jugah, Bahri, Artie Schiller, Bahhare, Jet Pilot, Shecky Greene, Tiger, Roy, Bailjumper, Judger, Black Tarquin and Prince True.

Hussonet's dam sire Raja Baba also hails from a family well worth line-breeding to, his relations include Gay Mecene (dam sire of Chelandry's descendant Anabaa), A.P Indy, Foxhound, Spectacular Spy, Al Mufti, Bite The Bullet, Statue Of Liberty (whose high class son Hay List is 5 X 4 Raja Baba's dam Missy Baba), Eavesdropper, Wolfhound, Saithor, Honor Grades and Summer Squall.

And Hussonet's dam line is strong - his ancestress Bourtai also ancestress of Free Eagle, War Pass, Slew O'Gold, Thirty Six Red, Ali-Royal, Great Dane, St Reims, Nathaniel, Giant's Steps, Dike, Ekraar, Tawfiq, Wicked Style, Stormin Fever, Coastal, Nalees Man, Big Spruce and Aptitude.