



Spotlight on Breeding

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MOST regard Bogie Leigh the best sprinting female in Australia at the moment.

In 2003 she annexed two Group 1s, the Brisbane Cup at Albion Park and the Sapphire Crown Classic at Sandown. She also scored victories in the Qld Futurity, Ipswich Young Guns and Lismore Cup, in which she broke the 520m track record. She twice ran 29.83 at Albion Park.

Fans will be keen to follow her fortunes when she retires from the track and begins a career as a brood matron. This begs the question "Which stud dogs should she be mated with?"

Let's look at a few options.

One of the first things to look at is the breeding record of her dam, the brilliant Hypo Havoc. Following her April 2001 Just The Best litter, Hypo Havoc had a litter to Awesome Assassin in January 2002. One of the litter is Superstylin who has shown good form (5 wins) over 410m at Mandurah in WA.

So far none of the litter has won on city tracks.

Usually we would also look at the breeding records of other daughters of her sire, Just The Best.

However in his case, they are still too young to have runners. So it is probably better to look at the breeding of bitches which have produced top class racers to him.

The most common names which appear are Chariot Supreme (often via Shining Chariot), Pretty Short (often via New Tears), Balligari* and Acacia Ablaze, while sometimes Eaglehawk Star, more Brother Fox and Promises Free/Nation Parade show up in pedigrees of his classier runners. His latest star Big Daddy Cool is out of

Sobbing Sal and may suggest that JTB bitches might click with Brett Lee.

It may also be worthwhile to look one generation further back at Just The Best's parents, Flying Amy and Credibility. Flying Amy had litters to Credibility, Light Of Fire, Bobniak and Awesome McLaren. Although Just The Best has been easily her best progeny, all litters produced city class greyhounds.

Credibility's affinity with Pretty Short bloodlines has been one of the most successful nicks in Australian greyhound breeding and he also did well with Acacia Ablaze lines.

Next we could look at Hypo's Havoc's sire Cry Havoc. He worked very well with more Chariot Supreme and also had an amazing affinity with the broodbitch Gravel Rash, often through her son Billy Binjang.

Not surprisingly Cry Havoc's sister Malagro Sal is the grand-dam of champion stayer Arvo's Junior who was sired by Arvo's Express (by Billy Binjang from a granddaughter of Chariot Supreme).

It's also important to see which sires Bogie Leigh's damline has worked well with.

Some of these are Testa's Tiger (by Shining Chariot), Plugger Fever (by Shining Chariot), Wiljaver (by City Skopos), Who's Ablaze (by Acacia Ablaze), Tranquil Flame (by Acacia Ablaze), Incacia Runaway (by Acacia Ablaze), Super Dee (by Acacia Ablaze), Storm Dancer (by Ballroom Dancer), Proper Victory (by Proper Tears), Proper Lass (by Proper Tears), Lilli Pilli Lad (by Light Of Fire), Segundo (by Head Honcho), Awesome Assassin (by Light Of Fire), Trousers (by Head Honcho), Labyrinth (by Head Honcho), Collica

(by Malawi's Prince), Isa Brown (by Fortified Speed), Robust Character (by Black Shiraz).

Linebreeding

She already has three crosses of Brother Fox (4x4x5) and Chariot Supreme (4x4x5).

It's probably best to look at her second and third generations to see which names might be duplicated in her pup's 3rd and 4th generations. The sires in her 2nd generation are Credibility and Cry Havoc.

Although he has been a very handy sire Cry Havoc is probably not a dog you would attempt to linebreed closely. However, the thought of doubling-up Credibility would appeal to many breeders. I'm not sure if it has been attempted yet and to date there are no major winners with this linebreeding.

Should it be attempted by using other sons of Credibility (Bearability, Yo Yo's Boy, History Lesson) which would result in 2x3 crosses, or should we look at some of their best sons such as Excite Ability, Bitability Bale and possibly Bear Creek or Ace Boy to get a 3x3 cross?

The sires in the 3rd generation are Worth Doing, Amerigo Man, Head Honcho and Malawi.

Amerigo Man has been successfully doubled up quite often, particularly in Token Prince offspring such as Montana Sky and Miss Kentucky. Linebreeding to Malawi has only been tried occasionally but has resulted in Rubicon and Totally Serious. The same can be said with Worth Doing, Macbeth's Image being one of the few containing a double up.

As yet Head Honcho hasn't been doubled up in a well known performer although this will undoubtedly occur

in future years as he gets further back in pedigrees.

Rasmussen Factor enthusiasts might be interested in linebreeding to Bogie Leigh's 4th dam Mad Midge.

Awesome Assassin, Lilli Pilli Lad, Trousers and Robust Character are stud dogs who all trace back to Mad Midge.

However, there have been no top class performers with a RF to her although that may not have been attempted often.

There is also potential for RFs to Promises Free, Sabby's Image and Wee Sal.

Promises Free is regularly doubled up successfully. RFs to Sabby's Image have appeared in pedigrees of some very good gallopers recently including Hall's Northern and Kumta Chase.

Trendy Leigh has already thrown the smart Melbourne sprinter Trendy Jack (out of a Cry Havoc bitch) with a Wee Sal doubleup in his first crop. If Bogie Leigh was mated with Brett Lee or

Trendy Leigh the resultant pups would be 3x4 to Wee Sal.

Conclusions (Potential mates)

Brett Lee (or Trendy Leigh) - Look likely to click with JTB bitches considering their mother's affinity with him. Trendy Leigh has also produced a smart pup to a Cry Havoc

bitch. The major question mark is whether the damline is compatible.

Awesome Assassin (or Lilli Pilli Lad) - The New Tears and Acacia Ablaze close up in their pedigree should work with the JTB and is already proven with the damline.

The question mark in this case concerns the standard of the Hypo Havoc litter to Awesome Assassin. If they haven't lived up to expectations, it would be hard to justify putting Bogie Leigh to AA.

However, if they have shown ability then he must come into calculations. Has the RF to Mad Midge been a positive or a negative in this case?

Proper Tears - Brings in the New Tears blood which should work well with Bogie Leigh. He is already proven with this damline having sired the brilliant sprinters Proper Victory and Proper Lass. Perhaps Solve The Puzzle & Big Smig (two other sons of Light Of Fire) can also click with her. **Arvo's Express** - Probably one from left field but his pedigree suggests likely compatibility with both the JTB and Cry Havoc in Bogie Leigh's pedigree.

Excite Ability - Possibly the the best pedigree of likely stud dogs if linebreeding to Credibility is considered. At this stage he is unproven but more should be known by the time Bogie Leigh is retired.

Sons of Black Shiraz (such as Stately Bird, Cyrus The Virus, etc) might also be interesting as Black Shiraz was by Ginger out of a Buka Sunset bitch and produced the outstanding Robust Character to this damline.