

ASCOT BLOODSTOCK
Pedigree Report: Subject
Brown Colt
Foaled 27th September 2006

By VAIN RANCHER (AUS) from BRADBURY LINES (AUS)
Five generation inbreeding: Nil

Sire: VAIN RANCHER (AUS) Chestnut 1987

Son of Champion 2YO Rancher, from Misty Vain, a daughter of Champion racehorse and sire Vain, and a member of the outstandingly successful Australasian family of Rainbird, Rainbeam, Rain Mist etc.

Sire of 114 runners, 64 winners including stakeswinners Bumbelina and Risky Rancher, stakesplaced Mr O'Malley and of Casper Cowboy, Scopaceri, Rancher's Boy, Rulain, Decision To Go, Head West, Resale, Vain Ruling, Timeless Bay, etc.

Vain Rancher has been a stalwart of the Western Australian breeding scene for many years, consistently maintaining his excellent strike rate of winners to runners and siring successful competitors from more limited opportunities than many of his peers. His progeny inherit not only ability but also a tough and sound constitution which sees many of them race on for a number of seasons. He is a representative of the Bold Ruler branch of the Nasrullah male line, renowned for speed; and from one of the best families in this part of the world, tracing to the fine mare Rainbird, winner of the 1945 Melbourne Cup. The family has produced many high class stakeswinning gallopers over all distances, being a dual purpose conduit for both speed and stamina. It is also the family of influential sire Centaine.

Dam: BRADBURY LINES Brown 1990

A daughter of successful sire Serheed, son of breedshaper Nijinsky. Nine wins from 1200m to 2200m. Won Northam Gold Cup. This is her third living foal. Dam of one to race – Kilindini (by Bletchley Park), placed at 3 in 2007-08

Second dam Foundhope by Bismark11 raced once. Half sister to Pago's King (see below). Dam of only one foal, a winner – Bradbury Lines.

Third dam Lanwarn is by the great sire Biscay. Dam of 5 named foals, all raced, 3 winners including Pago's King (g by Pago Pago – 9 wins from 1000m to 1600m, multiple stakeswinner and stakesplaced). The immediate family of Avatar (h by Showdown, 9 wins, blacktype winner), Higgins's Gold (g by Higginsville, 8 wins 2000 to 2800m, twice G2 placed in CB Cox Stakes and Perth Cup), Riceman (g by Runyon – 10 wins to 1400m, multiple blacktype winner.) Bradbury Lines was an exceptionally genuine and durable racetrack performer. This type of mare is an ideal "foundation" for a mating and often prove to be producers whose offspring attain much greater racetrack success than they did themselves. The immediate family has had limited opportunity to express its undoubted genetic potential due to the first and third dams of Bradbury Lines producing only one foal each – fortunately these were daughters, which has kept alive this branch of the Rainbird female dynasty.

Pedigree Analysis

Among the many patterns and affinities exemplified in this breeding the most notable are:

***The Vain / Star Kingdom nick:** the longstanding affinity between these two great sires has resulted in countless elite gallopers over the years. Here the nick is activated by the meeting of Vain (reinforced by his full sister Elate) with Star Kingdom's best son, Biscay, in Bradbury Lines.

*** Sex balanced linebreeding to Nearco via:** his son Nasrullah and the Nasrullah male line representatives Bold Ruler, Orgoglio and Grey Sovereign; his son Nearctic and very significantly, Nearctic's epochal representative Northern Dancer; his son Infatuation, sire of Showdown; and his daughters Lycia, Vivien and Riding Rays. The sex balanced pattern is an influence for increased speed.

*** This colt is bred on a powerful pattern of family reinforcement. His fifth dam Elate is a full sister to Vain, Vain Rancher's damsire. The pattern of linebreeding or inbreeding to full, three quarter of half siblings is a significant factor for success.**

When the duplication is via an individual's own tail female line, as with this pedigree, the pattern is particularly likely to exert a strong influence on the resulting offspring.

This mating duplicates the powerhouse genetic structure of Vain via the great horse himself and his full sister, giving rise to wider opportunity for expression of the genetic affinities which resulted in one of the most dominant 2YOs the world has ever seen. The concentration of these bloodlines doesn't stop there however. Although the pedigree has no inbreeding in five generations it has many linebreeding features in further removes.

Vain's sire Wilkes is a representative of the Fair Trial male line – Fair Trial being a member of the remarkable **Lady Josephine** family, as is Nasrullah, the sire of Orgoglio, who is the broodmare sire of Vain. Naturally enough, Vain Rancher has demonstrated a strong liking for duplication of both Fair Trial and Nasrullah in matings to him. Orgoglio appears again (three times in all in this pedigree) as sire of Rancher's third dam Mintaway, and Rancher's male line is the mighty Bold Ruler branch of the Nasrullah dynasty. Vain Rancher carries yet another prepotent Nasrullah son in Grey Sovereign and a valuable Fair Trial daughter in Fair Edwina; also the very closely related stallions and prepotent speed influences Abernant and Tudor Minstrel, both sons of Owen Tudor out of grand daughters of Lady Josephine.

Bradbury Lines brings a very important Lady Josephine family member to the genetic mix in Mahmoud, the great Derby winning sire and superb influence for class who appears as damsire of Almahmoud – Northern Dancer's ancestress.

***The Champion stallion Wilkes is a pivotal factor in this pedigree, and the close linebreeding to him acts as a focal point for a number of the most important influences in this mating.** As he represents the Fair Trial male line through his sire Court Martial he reinforces both Fair Trial and all other members of the Lady Josephine family present (see above) but very specifically the Fair Trial blood carried by the dams of Showdown, Biscay, and Bold Lad. **Through his second dam Tara, Wilkes carries the great French sire Teddy who is a very powerful presence in this mating. Most notably, Teddy is duplicated via his sons the full brothers Sir Gallahad and Bull Dog, both out of the wonderful matriarch Plucky Liege. The pattern of linebreeding**

to full, three quarter or half siblings from superior mares in a pedigree is a strong factor for success. The pattern is further amplified by the fact that both prepotent brothers are duplicated. **Sir Gallahad** is a linebreeding subject through Nijinsky's ancestress Flaming Top and the sire Helios, who was out of a Sir Gallahad mare (Helios himself is duplicated thrice in the pedigree as he is carried by both Vain and Rain Mist, Vain Rancher's fourth dam). Nijinsky also brings to the table the important male line of **Bull Dog**, who is additionally carried by Tom Fool through his dam Gaga, giving the sire of Bradbury Lines, Serheed, a sex balanced linebreeding to this mighty individual.

Further reinforcement of the wonderful Teddy blood comes through Asterus (in Empyrean) through Case Ace (in Raise A Native), through Crocket (in Rancher) whose second dam the fine mare Queen Of Light was by the Teddy male line representative Borealis; and lastly through the great Hyperion son Owen Tudor, another significant linebreeding subject (sex balanced) in this pedigree, whose second dam was the Teddy daughter Anna Bolena. The Teddy-based affinity between Wilkes, Helios and Nijinsky can be observed at work in an outstanding individual like Bel Esprit – by a Nijinsky son from a Vain mare – and bodes well for the concentration of these bloodlines in the subject colt. **Wilkes also carries (through his third dam Jean Gow) the Illuminata / Gas / Chelandry family member, the stallion Neil Gow.** This superb family has been prominent in Vain Rancher's best runners, no doubt due to the fact that his ancestress Rainbird was sired by The Buzzard (a member of the family whose third dam Gas, from Illuminata, is a half sister to Chelandry) from a mare by the great Australian sire Heroic (another member of the family whose second dam is Chelandry) - whilst Heroic himself is by Valais, a son of Cicero, another son of Gas. This powerful family inbreeding is reinforced in Vain Rancher by the sires Democratic and King Of The Tudors, who carry the Cicero son Friar Marcus, and by Virginia Gentleman who is descended from Friar's Daughter – as her name suggests, a female representative of that stallion. Through the Hyperion product Empyrean (the sire of his third dam Rain Again) Vain Rancher also carries an important line to the stallion Ladas, a son of the Blue Hen mare Illuminata.

In Bradbury Lines the family connection is found through Wilkes of course, and very notably via the stallion Portlaw (representing the Cicero male line) who appears in Bismark11, her damsire. Nijinsky's ancestress Flaming Top carries Wrack, a stallion foaled by the Chelandry daughter Samphire who had an influential stud career in America. Menow, to whom Serheed is inbred, carries Cicero through a daughter, the ancestress of his Blue Hen dam Alcibiades, while Star Kingdom contributes another valuable line to Friar Marcus, as the broodmare sire of Stardust. **Lastly, Wilkes and Gun Play, the dam of Bismark 11, both descend from the mare Stray Shot and have a family affinity. Crossing this family with Raise A Native (Serheed's damsire) produced the superhorse Mr Prospector.**

***Strong sex balanced linebreeding to Hyperion -by Gainsborough from Selene- and (through Bradbury Lines) to his half brothers Pharamond and Sickle - full brothers, by Phalaris from Selene.**

This elegant, well balanced and athletic colt hails from characteristically talented, tough and sound stock. He is bred to allow full expression of the most powerful genetics carried on both sides of his excellent pedigree.

