



# Lunar Sovereign features winning Round Table cross

by **Rommy Faversham**

Lunar Sovereign's convincing victory in the \$500,000 Man o' War Stakes (G1) on Saturday



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**LUNAR SOVEREIGN**

reaffirmed a couple of interesting affinities. The first is the four-year-old dark bay or brown colt's partiality for the Belmont turf course where he remains undefeated in four starts. The second concerns his pedigree, which features the auspicious

cross of 1958 Horse of the Year Round Table and his full sister Monarchy. It is a pattern that is being observed with increasing frequency in top runners internationally.

Lunar Sovereign is out of January Moon, a winning daughter of the Round Table stallion Apalachee. With his Man o' War triumph, Lunar Sovereign becomes his family's most celebrated American runner since his fifth dam, 1939 Kentucky Oaks winner Flying Lill.

Lunar Sovereign is the first graded stakes winner for his sire, the Farma Way stallion Cobra King. A multiple Grade 3 winner, Cobra King stood for six years in Kentucky and Florida before moving to the Pegasus Ranch in Petaluma, California, for the 2003 season.

Cobra King's broodmare sire, Fabled Monarch, is a son of Round Table's full sister Monarchy. When Cobra King is bred to broodmares carrying Round Table blood, the sister-

Lunar Sovereign, dkbb. c., 1999			
Cobra King 93 160 fls, 5 SWs SI 1.29 DI=1.40	Farma Way 87 8 wins, \$2,897,175, SW 402 fls, 20 SWs SI 0.97 DI=5.40	Marfa 80 535 fls, 24 SWs SI 1.41 DI=5.50	Foolish Pleasure 72
		Fine Tribute 77 9 fls, 1 SW DI=2.20	Gray Matter 66
	Straight Story 80 10 wins, \$201,855, SW 7 fls, 1 SW DI=1.06	Fabled Monarch 73 239 fls, 9 SWs SI 0.70 DI=0.33	Diplomat Way 64
			Royal Spirit 59
January Moon 93 3 fls, 1 SW DI=2.50	Apalachee 71 4 wins, \$94,834 Champion 764 fls, 57 SWs SI 1.63 DI=0.70	Never Understand 71 3 fls, 1 SW DI=3.84	*Le Fabuleux 61
			Monarchy 57
	Round Table 54 401 fls, 83 SWs SI 4.49 DI=1.67	*Princequillo 40	
		*Knight's Daughter 41	
	Moccasin 63 9 fls, 7 SWs DI=3.00	Nantallah 53	
	*Tudor Grey 60 362 fls, 32 SWs SI 1.48 DI=6.33	*Rough Shod II 44	
*Tudor Minstrel 44			
Perfect Figure 61 15 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.44	=Earnest Alice (GB) 54		
	Faultless 44		
	Lovely Lill 46		

brother cross is created. Such is the case with Lunar Sovereign as well as Cobra King's second-richest offspring, stakes winner Something Ventured.

A good number of other stallions carrying Monarchy or Round Table blood have produced some of their best offspring when bred to mares carrying the complementary strain. Other top individuals manifesting this cross

in their pedigrees include 1994 Canadian champion Bruce's Mill, '98 Melbourne Cup (Aus-G1) winner Jezabeel, multiple Grade 2 winner Pulpit and his Grade 1-winning son Sky Mesa, as well as 2000 English and Irish juvenile high-weight Minardi.

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