

European Group 1s

218 GROSSER PREIS VON BERLIN G1

- BERLIN-HOPPEGARTEN.** Aug 9. 3yo+. 2400m.
1. SECOND STEP (IRE) 4 9-6 £85,271
 b g by Dalakhani - My Dark Rosaleen (Sadler's Wells)
 O-Merry Fox Stud Limited B-Merry Fox Stud Limited
 TR-Luca Cumani
2. Ito (GER) 4 9-6 £31,008
 b c by Adlerflug - Iota (Tiger Hill)
 O-Gestut Schlenderhan B-Gestut Schlenderhan
 TR-Jean-Pierre Carvalho
3. Nutan (IRE) 3 8-9 £11,628
 b c by Duke of Marmalade - Neele (Peintre Celebre)
 O-Stall Nizza B-Juergen Imm TR-P Schiergen
 Margins 0.75, 0.75. Time 2:28.60. Going Good.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-4	9	5	3	£198,599

Sire: DALAKHANI. Sire of 46 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **SECOND STEP** Sadler's Wells G1, **ALEX MY BOY** Sadler's Wells G2, **GUARDINI** Dynaformer G2, **CANDARLIYA** Baratheia G3, **AYRAD** Sadler's Wells LR.

1st Dam: My Dark Rosaleen by Sadler's Wells. Own sister to **SILK AND SCARLET**. Dam of 2 winners:
2010: MALLORY HEIGHTS (g Dalakhani) 2 wins at 3.
2011: **SECOND STEP** (g Dalakhani) 5 wins at 3 and 4 at home, Germany, Grosser Preis von Berlin G1, Dunaden at Overbury Jockey Club S G2, Finale S LR, 2nd Arqana Princess of Wales's S G2.
2013: Yellow Band (f Dalakhani) unraced to date.
2014: (c Distorted Humor)

2nd Dam: Danilova by Lyphard. unraced. Dam of **SILK AND SCARLET** (f Sadler's Wells; Robert H Griffin Debutante S G2), **DANGER OVER** (c Warning; Prix de Seine-et-Oise G3). Grandam of **EISHIN APOLLON**, **MASTER OF HOUNDS**, **MINORETTE**, Big Hunter, Belle Jeanne, Play The Game, Treat Yourself.

Broodmare Sire: SADLER'S WELLS. Sire of the dams of 368 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **BLAZING SPEED** Dylan Thomas G1, **DIAMONDSANDRUBIES** Fastnet Rock G1, **FLINTSHIRE** Dansili G1, **GUST OF WIND** Darci Brahma G1, **SECOND STEP** Dalakhani G1.

The Dalakhani/Sadler's Wells cross has produced: **CHINESE WHITE** G1, **CONDUIT** G1, **RELIABLE MAN** G1, **SECOND STEP** G1, **ALEX MY BOY** G2, **Little White Cloud** G2, **DEEM** G3, **SHREYAS** G3, **YAHRAH** G3, **Highly Toxic** G3, **Murmansk** G3, **Unwritten Rule** G3, **AKLAN** LR, **AYRAD** LR, **MIREILLE** LR, **Oranais** LR.

SECOND STEP b g 2011

DALAKHANI gr 00	Darshaan	Shirley Heights	Mill Reef	Hardiemma
		Delsy	Abdos	Kelty
Daltawa		Miswaki	Mr Prospector	Hopespringseternal
		Damana	Crystal Palace	Denia
Sadler's Wells		Northern Dancer	Nearctic	Natalma
		Fairy Bridge	Bold Reason	Special
MY DARK ROSALEEN b 05		Lyphard	Northern Dancer	Goofed
		Danilova	Irish River	Miss Manon

Juddmonte's lengthy foal-sharing arrangement with Coolmore centred on that great stallion Sadler's Wells. On the racecourse this partnership's finest representatives were the St Leger winner Brian Boru and the high-class international ten-furlong horse Powerscourt. Several of the fillies produced by the foal share have also gone on to shine as broodmares. For example, the unraced Soviet Moon produced the Derby and Arc winner Workforce for Juddmonte, and the Gr2 winner Silk And Scarlet has become one of those very rare broodmares with Gr1 winners to her

credit in three different countries - Master Of Hounds in Dubai, Eishin Apollon in Japan and Minorette in the US.

Now Silk And Scarlet's younger sister My Dark Rosaleen has also become a Gr1 producer, thanks to her son Second Step. Unlike her sister, My Dark Rosaleen failed to win, but was second twice. The highly progressive Second Step added the Gr1 Grosser Preis von Berlin to his earlier success in the Gr2 Jockey Club Stakes. The gelding's German victory makes him Dalakhani's fourth Gr1 winner out of a Sadler's Wells mare, following Conduit (St Leger, King George and two editions of the Breeders' Cup Turf), Chinese White (Pretty Polly Stakes) and Reliable Man (Prix du Jockey-Club).

A notable feature of the pedigrees of My Dark Rosaleen and Silk And Scarlet is that they are inbred 2 x 3 to the great Northern Dancer. Viviana, a very successful Juddmonte broodmare, was another inbred 2 x 3 to Northern Dancer, as was Youmzain's successful dam Sadima and Chichicastenango's dam Smala.

My Dark Rosaleen is also a half-sister to the Gr3-winning sprinter Danger Over, whereas their dam Danilova was a half-sister to Sanglamore, winner of the Prix du Jockey-Club and Prix d'Isphahan. Second Step's third dam, Ballinderry, won the Gr2 Ribblesdale Stakes and was a daughter of the highly successful broodmare Miss Manon.

219 KEENELAND PHOENIX STAKES G1

CURRAGH. Aug 9. 2yo&f. 6f.

- 1. AIR FORCE BLUE (USA)** 9-3 £112,403
 b/br c by War Front - Chatham (Maria's Mon)
 O-Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
 B-Stone Farm TR-Aidan O'Brien
2. Washington DC (IRE) 9-3 £36,822
 b c by Zoffany - How's She Cuttin' (Shinko Forest)
 O-Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
 B-P. Hyland & C. & J. Mchale TR-Aidan O'Brien
3. Buratino (IRE) 9-3 £17,442
 ch c by Exceed And Excel - Bergamask (Kingmambo)
 O-Godolphin B-Darley TR-Mark Johnston
 Margins 2, 0.5. Time 1:11.88. Going Good.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2	3	2	1	£147,831

Sire: WAR FRONT. Sire of 32 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **AIR FORCE BLUE** Maria's Mon G1, **JACK MILTON** Forty Niner G1, **LINES OF BATTLE** Arch G1, **DEPARTING** Pulpit G2, **WAR CORRESPONDENT** Rahy G3, **WAR DISPATCH** Unbridled's Song G3.

1st Dam: Chatham by Maria's Mon. 3 wins at 2 and 3 in USA, 2nd Esplanade S LR. Dam of 2 winners:
2009: Pinkie Pact (f Broken Vow) ran on the flat in USA.
2010: (c Arch)
2011: Emperesse (f Empire Maker) ran on the flat in USA.
2012: BUGLE (f War Front) 2 wins at 3 in USA.
2013: **AIR FORCE BLUE** (c War Front) 2 wins at 2, Keeneland Phoenix S G1, 2nd Coventry S G2.

2nd Dam: Circle Of Gold by Seeking The Gold. unraced. Own sister to **FLANDERS**. Dam of **MISS DOUBLE D'ORO**.

Broodmare Sire: MARIA'S MON. Sire of the dams of 17 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **AIR FORCE BLUE** War Front G1, **DON'T LEAVE ME** Lemon Drop Kid G3, **CYCLOGENESIS** Stormy Atlantic LR.

AIR FORCE BLUE b/br c 2013

Danzig	Northern Dancer	Nearctic	Natalma
	Pas de Nom	Admiral's Voyage	Petitioner
WAR FRONT b 02	Rubiano	Fappiano	Ruby Slippers
	Lara's Star	Forti	True Reality
Starry Dreamer	Wavering Monarch	Majestic Light	Uncommitted
	Carliotta Maria	Caro	Water Malone
Maria's Mon	Seeking The Gold	Mr Prospector	Con Game
	Starlet Storm	Storm Bird	Cinegita
CHATHAM b 04			
Circle Of Gold			

When Air Force Blue quickened to take the Phoenix Stakes, he became Aidan O'Brien's 14th winner of this Group 1 contest, despite being the youngest in the seven-horse field with a May 2 birthday.

A \$490,000 yearling, Air Force Blue comes from the sixth crop by War Front. This crop, numbering 66, was sired when the Claiborne stallion's fee had risen to \$60,000 from \$15,000.

This was a consequence of some excellent efforts by his first-crop three-year-olds, such as The Factor, Summer Soiree and Soldat. War Front's next crop was sired at \$80,000 and his fee then soared to \$150,000.

Despite this considerable rise in War Front's fee, he will be hard pressed to improve substantially on his achievements so far. From 400 foals of racing age, he has already been represented by 20 Graded/Group winners - an impressive 5%. Air Force Blue is his ninth G1 winner and there is also a winner of a local Gr1 in Hong Kong.

Air Force Blue's year-older sister Bugle has won twice at up to nine furlongs, which bodes well for Air Force Blue's prospects at three. War Front was never tried on turf but Air Force Blue is the latest in a lengthy line of very talented turf performers by him. Indeed only two of his nine Gr1 winners - The Factor and Peace And War - gained an important victory on dirt.

Air Force Blue should be suited by a mile as a three-year-old. Although his dam Chatham did her winning over sprint distances, she is a daughter of Maria's Mon, sire of the Kentucky Derby winners Monarchos and Super Saver.

Seeking The Gold, the sire of Air Force Blue's second dam Circle Of Gold, also stayed a mile and a quarter well, once finishing a close second in the Breeders' Cup Classic.

Circle Of Gold had a distinguished sister in Flanders. This champion American two-year-old filly was gaining her third Gr1 success when she gallantly defeated Serena's Song to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies, despite suffering fractures in her right foreleg.

Flanders has continued to shine, principally as the dam of the champion Seattle Slew filly Surfside. Altogether three of her daughters and grand-daughters have so far produced

Graded/Group winners, one being last year's smart French filly High Celebrity (out of a daughter of Surfside).

220 LARC - PRIX MAURICE DE GHEEST G1

DEAUVILLE. Aug 9. 3yo+. 1300m.

- 1. MUHAARAR (GB)** 3 8-12 £155,031
 b c by Oasis Dream - Tahrir (Linamix)
 O-Mr Hamdan Al Maktoum B-Shadwell Estate Co Ltd
 TR-Charles Hills
2. Esoterique (IRE) 5 8-13 £62,023
 b m by Danehill Dancer - Dievotchka (Dancing Brave)
 O-Baron Edouard de Rothschild
 B-Societe Civile de L'Ecunie de Meauray
 TR-A. Fabre
3. Gordon Lord Byron (IRE) 7 9-2 £31,012
 b g by Byron - Boa Estrela (Intikhab)
 O-Dr Cyrus Poonawalla/Morgan J Cahalan
 B-R. H. Alder TR-T. Hogan
 Margins 0.5, 0.5. Time 1:15.33. Going Good.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-3	10	6	3	£853,708

Sire: OASIS DREAM. Sire of 97 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **GOLDREAM** Machiavellian G1, **MUHAARAR** Linamix G1, **CLADOCERA** Pivotal G2, **ERTIJAAL** Seeking The Gold LR, **MIRZA** Primo Dominic LR, **MOOHAARIB** Selkirk LR, **MUARRAB** Wolfhound LR, **NAADIRR** High Chaparral LR, **PEARLY STEP** Pivotal LR, **POLYBIUS** Selkirk LR.

1st Dam: Tahrir by Linamix. 2 wins at 3, 2nd Tote Ten to Follow Wentworth S LR. Own sister to **MISTER CHARM**. Dam of 5 winners:
2007: Tamaathul (g Tiger Hill) 3 wins, 2nd Dubai Firebreak S G3.
2008: Raasekha (f Pivotal) Winner at 3, 3rd Mobile Casino EBF Conqueror S LR. Broodmare.
2009: SAJWAH (f Exceed And Excel) 2 wins at 2, Irish Stall.Farm EBF Dick Poole S LR.
2010: RUF00F (f Zamindar) 2 wins at 3. Broodmare.
2012: **MUHAARAR** (c Oasis Dream) 6 wins at 2 and 3 at home, France, Darley July Cup G1, Commonwealth Cup G1, LARC - Prix Maurice de Gheest G1, Irish TB Marketing Gimcrack S G2, AON Greenham S G3, 3rd vision.ae Middle Park S G1, Portland Place Properties July S G2, Titanic Belfast Winkfield S LR.
2013: Mootaharer (c Dubawi) unraced to date.
2015: (c Dubawi)

2nd Dam: MISS SACHA by Last Tycoon. 1 win at 3 Topaz Sprint S LR. Dam of **MISTER SACHA** (c Tiger Hill; Prix de Guiche G3, 3rd Prix Daniel Wildenstein Casino Barriere G2), **MISTER CHARM** (g Linamix; Prix Djebel LR, Prix Jacques de Bremond LR (twice), 2nd Prix de la Jonchere G3, Prix des Chenes G3), **Tahrir** (f Linamix, see above)

Broodmare Sire: LINAMIX. Sire of the dams of 87 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **MUHAARAR** Oasis Dream G1, **SUMBAL** Danehill Dancer G2, **CARLA BIANCA** Dansili G3, **EYE IN THE SKY** Sindar G3, **ASHLAN** Dansili LR, **AVABIN** Amadeus Wolf LR, **ROYAL DOLOIS** Silver Frost LR, **WOMAN O WAR** Kingda Ka LR.

The Oasis Dream/Linamix cross has produced: **MUHAARAR** G1, **THAI HAKU** G2, **ALBARAAH** G3.

MUHAARAR b c 2012

Green Desert	Danzig	Northern Dancer	Pas de Nom
	Foreign Courier	Sir Ivor	Courtly Dee
OASIS DREAM b 00	Dancing Brave	Lyphard	Navajo Princess
	Hope	Bahamian	Mill Reef
Linamix	Mendez	Bellypha	Miss Carina
	Linadix	Breton	Lutine
TAHRIR gr 02	Last Tycoon	Try My Best	Mill Princess
	Miss Sacha	Heaven High	High Line
		Triumphant	

See race 124 in the August issue

Caulfield on Arabian Queen: "In fighting off the challenge of the previously unbeaten Golden Horn, she demonstrated all the toughness that had distinguished the career of her dam"

221 P. FRESNAY LE BUFFARD JACQUES LE MAROIS G1

DEAUVILLE, Aug 16. 3yo+c&f. 1600m.
1. ESOTERIQUE (IRE) 5 9-1 £310,062
 b m by Danehill Dancer - Dievotchka (Dancing Brave)
 O- Baron Edouard de Rothschild
 B- Societe Civile de L'Ecurie de Meauray
 TR- A. Fabre
2. Territories (IRE) 3 8-13 £124,047
 b c by Invincible Spirit - Taranto (Machiavellian)
 O- Godolphin S.N.C. B- Darley TR- A. Fabre
3. Wild Chief (GER) 4 9-4 £82,023
 b c by Doyen - Wild Angel (Acatenango)
 O- Stall Furstenhof B- Walter Hacker
 TR- J. Hirschberger
 Margins 1.5, 1.5. Time 1:36.12. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-5	15	5	8	£812,453

Sire: **DANEHILL DANCER**. Sire of 168 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **ESOTERIQUE** Dancing Brave G1, **LEGATISSIMO** Montjeu G1, **JAZZI TOP** Zafonic G2, **SUMBAL** Linamix G2, **WALTZING MATILDA** Gone West G2, **AFFAIRE SOLITAIRE** Alzao G3, **OSAILA** Entrepreneur G3.

1st Dam: Dievotchka by Dancing Brave. unraced. Dam of 10 winners:

- 1995: **RUSSIAN HOPE** (c Rock Hopper). 11 wins at 2 to 6 in France, Kingdom of Saudi Ara, Grand Prix de Deauville G2.
 1996: **RUSSIAN SHIFT** (g Night Shift) 9 wins in France.
 1997: **RUSSIAN TYCOON** (c Last Tycoon) 2 wins at 3 in France.
 1999: **DIEVOTCHKINA** (f Bluebird) 2 wins at 3 in France. Broodmare.
 2000: **RUSSIAN HILL** (f Indian Ridge) 2 wins at 3 and 5 in France, Grand Prix de Compiègne LR, 2nd Prix de Royallieu Hotel du Golf Barriere G2, Prix Corrida G2. Dam of **RUSSIAN SOUL** (g Invincible Spirit: 8 wins at 4 to 7, 2015 at home, UAE, Newbridge Renaissance S G3, Ford Mustang Shelby Al Shindagha Sprint G3)
 2001: **Russian Love** (f Machiavellian). Broodmare.
 2002: **ARCHANGE D'OR** (c Danehill) 4 wins at 3 in France, P.Eugene Adam (G.P.de Maisons-Laffitte) G2. Sire.
 2004: **RUSSIAN DESERT** (c Desert Prince) 3 wins at 2, 3 and 5 in France, Prix Matchem LR, 3rd P.Eugene Adam (G.P.de Maisons-Laffitte) G2.
 2005: **RUSSIAN CROSS** (c Cape Cross) 4 wins at 2, 3 and 5 in France, Prix Guillaume d'Ornano G2.
 2007: **RUSSIAN SYMBOL** (f Danehill Dancer) Winner at 3 in France. Broodmare.
 2008: **Something Strange** (f Holy Roman Emperor) ran on the flat in France. Broodmare.
 2010: **ESOTERIQUE** (f Danehill Dancer). 5 wins at 3 to 5 at home, France, Prix Rothschild G1, P. Fresnay le Buffard Jacques Le Marois G1, Qatar Bloodstock Dahlia S G3, Prix Vanteaux G3, 2nd Queen Anne S G1, Poule d'Essai des Pouliches G1, LARC - Prix Maurice de Gheest G1, 3rd Prix du Muguet G2.
 2011: **Histrionique** (c Lawman)

2nd Dam: **High And Dry** by High Line. 1 win at 2, 3rd Waterford Candelabra S G3. Grandam of **COOL CREEK**, **CATHY'S STAR**, Encanto Park, Yo Claudio, Childown. Third dam of **KODI BEAR**, **MILES RULES**, **ITALIAN BOY**, **P TOWN JOHN**, **S'II Viles Plait**. Fourth dam of **RIVERTIME**, **STORM OF WIND**.

Broodmare Sire: **DANCING BRAVE**. Sire of the dams of 71 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **ESOTERIQUE** Danehill Dancer G1, **RED ARION** Agnes Tachyon G2, **ZACK HALL** Muhtathir LR.

ESOTERIQUE b m 2010

Danehill	Danzig	Northern Dancer Pas de Nom
DANEHILL DANCER b 93	Razanya	His Majesty Spring Adieu
Mira Adonde	Sharpen Up	Atan Rocchetta
	Lettre d'Amour	Caro Lianga
Dancing Brave	Lyphard	Northern Dancer Goofed
	Navajo Princess	Drone Olmec
DIEVOTCHKA b 89	High Line	High Hat Time Call
	Photo Flash	Match II Picture Light

Although Danehill Dancer sired numerous good sons, headed by Mastercraftsman and Choisir, he was arguably a better sire of fillies. They outnumber the colts nine to six among the former champion sire's 15 northern hemisphere Gr1 winners, and among them were the Classic winners Dancing Rain, Speciosa, Again and Legatissimo, the latest 1,000 Guineas winner.

Esoterique nearly added her name to this list, as it was only in the final strides of the 2013 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches that she had victory snatched from her.

Esoterique is tough as well as very talented. Just a week after she had run Muhaarar to half a length in the Prix Maurice de Gheest on her first appearance in a sprint, the five-year-old proved too strong for the males in the Prix Jacques le Marois. Esoterique clearly goes well at Deauville, also the scene of her previous Gr1 victory in the Prix Rothschild.

Esoterique was foaled when her dam Dievotchka was 21. It isn't hard to understand why Dievotchka's owner, Baron Edouard de Rothschild, was keen to keep breeding from this accomplished broodmare daughter of Dancing Brave.

Dievotchka had already been represented by five stakes winners, each by a different stallion. Three of her colts - Russian Hope, Archange d'Or and Russian Cross - won at Gr2 level over middle distances in France. As Archange d'Or was by Danehill, Danehill Dancer was an obvious alternative following Danehill's death in 2003.

Esoterique's female line was developed with considerable success by the late Jim Joel. Her third dam, Photo Flash, was second in the 1,000 Guineas, while her fourth dam Picture Light was third in the same race, which was won in 1944 by Esoterique's sixth dam Picture Play. Esoterique's second dam High And Dry is also the third dam of the smart 2015 three-year-old Kodi Bear, by Danehill's son Kodiak.

222 JUDDMONTE INTERNATIONAL STAKES G1

YORK, Aug 19. 3yo+. 10f.
1. ARABIAN QUEEN (IRE) 3 8-9 £518,542
 b f by Dubawi - Barshiba (Baratheas)
 O- Mr J. C. Smith B- Littleton Stud
 TR- David Elsworth
2. Golden Horn (GB) 3 8-12 £196,591
 b c by Cape Cross - Fleche d'Or (Dubai Destination)
 O- Mr A. E. Oppenheimer B- Hascombe & Valiant Studs
 TR- John Gosden
3. The Grey Gatsby (IRE) 4 9-6 £98,387
 gr c by Mastercraftsman - Marie Vison (Entrepreneur)
 O- Mr F. Gillespie B- M. Parrish TR- Kevin Ryan
 Margins Neck, 3.25. Time 2:09.90. Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-3	11	4	1	£687,477

Sire: **DUBAWI**. Sire of 103 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **AL KAZEEM** Darshaan G1, **ARABIAN QUEEN** Baratheas G1, **ERUPT** Caerleon G1, **HUNTER'S LIGHT** Baratheas G1, **NEW BAY** Zamindar G1, **NIGHT OF THUNDER** Galileo G1, **POSTPONED** Dubai Destination G1, **PRINCE BISHOP** Prospect Bay G1, **SHAMAL WIND** Machiavellian G1, **SRIKANDE**

Hurricane Sky G1.

1st Dam: **BARSHIBA** by Baratheas. 7 wins at 3 to 6, Bet 365 Lancashire Oaks G2 (twice). Dam of 1 winner:
 2012: **ARABIAN QUEEN** (f Dubawi) 4 wins at 2 and 3, Juddmonte International S G1, Cipco Duchess Of Cambridge S G2, Investec Princess Elizabeth S G3, 3rd Qatar Nassau S G1.
 2013: **Australian Queen** (f Fastnet Rock) unraced to date.
 2015: (f Dubawi)

2nd Dam: **Dashiba** by Dashing Blade. 2 wins at 3, 2nd EBF Upavon S LR. Dam of **BARSHIBA** (f Baratheas, see above), **DOCTOR DASH** (g Dr Fong: Weatherbys Bank Stonehege S LR), **Dashing Star** (g Teofilo: 2nd John Smith's Silver Cup H LR)

Broodmare Sire: **BARATHEA**. Sire of the dams of 81 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **ARABIAN QUEEN** Dubawi G1, **HUNTER'S LIGHT** Dubawi G1, **BLUE BAYOU** Bahamian Bounty G3, **CANDARLIYA** Dalakhani G3, **BOOMSHACKERLACKER** Dark Angel LR, **BREX DRAGO** Mujahid LR, **CLOCKWINDER** Intikhab LR, **JORDAN PRINCESS** Cape Cross LR, **JOYFUL HOPE** Shamardal LR, **TALL SHIP** Sea The Stars LR, **TIGER TOPS** Tiger Hill LR.

The Dubawi/Baratheas cross has produced: **ARABIAN QUEEN** G1, **HUNTER'S LIGHT** G1, **MONTEROSSO** G1, **DANADANA** G3.

ARABIAN QUEEN b f 2012

Dubai Millennium	Seeking The Gold	Mr Prospector Con Game
DUBAWI b 02	Colorado Dancer	Shareef Dancer Fall Aspen
Zomaradah	Deploy	Shirley Heights Slightly Dangerous
	Jawaher	Dancing Brave High Tern
Baratheas	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer Fairy Bridge
BARSHIBA ch 04	Brocade	Habitat Canton Silk
	Dashing Blade	Elegant Air Sharp Castan
Dashiba	Alisiba	Northfields Etoile Grise

In fighting off the challenge of the previously unbeaten Golden Horn in the Juddmonte International, Arabian Queen demonstrated all the toughness that had distinguished the career of her dam Barshiba.

This big daughter of Baratheas raced no fewer than 33 times over five years, despite being blind in one eye. Barshiba was always keen in her races and made much of the running when she gained the second of her successes in the Gr2 Lancashire Oaks.

Arabian Queen is similarly keen - she made all when gaining previous Group successes over six furlongs as a two-year-old and an extended mile at three. She therefore proved well suited to following the pacemaker in the International.

Arabian Queen's sire Dubawi had quickly established his potential as a mate for Baratheas mares by siring Monterosso, whose victory in the 2011 Dubai World Cup just about coincided with Arabian Queen's conception. Since then the Dubawi/Baratheas nick has been ably represented by Hunter's Light (a Gr1 winner in Italy and the UAE) and Danadana (Gr3 Huxley Stakes), as well as Arabian Queen. These four stakes winners come from the nick's total of 27 foals of racing age, which equals 15%, compared to Dubawi's

overall figure of 10% black-type winners.

Arabian Queen's victory must have been especially pleasing for owner/breeder Jeff Smith, who had seen his colt Norse Dancer beaten less than a length by Sulamani in the 2004 International. Smith has the added satisfaction that Arabian Queen's first two dams, Barshiba and Dashiba, were bred at Littleton Stud after he purchased the Hampshire farm in 1984. Dashiba's sire Dashing Blade, who started his stallion career at Littleton, was also bred by Smith, while Arabian Queen's third dam Alsiba was another bred at Littleton, but before it was owned by Smith.

For more detail about Arabian Queen's pedigree, see Caulfield Files elsewhere in this issue.

223 DARLEY YORKSHIRE OAKS G1

YORK, Aug 20. 3yo+f. 12f.
1. PLEASCACH (IRE) 3 8-11 £207,459
 b f by Teofilo - Toirneach (Thunder Gulch)
 O- Godolphin B- J. S. Bolger TR- J. S. Bolger
2. Covert Love (IRE) 3 8-11 £78,652
 b f by Azamou - Wing Steath (Hawk Wing)
 O- FOMO Syndicate B- Sommerville Bloodstock
 TR- Hugo Palmer
3. Sea Calisi (FR) 3 8-11 £39,363
 b f by Youmzain - Tricleria (Surumu)
 O- Martin S. Schwartz Racing B- Derek Bloodstock
 TR- Francois Doumen
 Margins Neck, Neck. Time 2:32.70. Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-3	8	4	3	£446,099

Sire: **TEOFILO**. Sire of 43 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **KERMADEC** Fuji Kiseki G1, **PLEASCACH** Thunder Gulch G1, **AROD** Rahy G2, **TAMAANEE** Perigou G2, **FLIGHT RISK** Nordic G3, **FIREGLOW** King's Best LR, **GENERAL SHERMAN** Machiavellian LR, **PARISH HALL** Montjeu LR, **RESONATES** Warning LR, **ROUND TWO** Kingmambo LR.

1st Dam: **TOIRNEACH** by Thunder Gulch. 2 wins at 2 and 3. Dam of 1 winner:

- 2011: **Ionsai Nua** (f New Approach) unraced.
 2012: **PLEASCACH** (f Teofilo) 4 wins at 2 and 3, Tattersalls Irish 1000 Guineas G1, Darley Yorkshire Oaks G1, Irish National Stud EBF EBF Wind S G3, 2nd Ribblesdale S G2, Irish Stallion Farms EBF Salsabil S LR.
 2013: **Brontide** (g Vocalised)

2nd Dam: **WANDERING PINE** by Country Pine. 1 win at 3 in USA. Dam of **CAPOCORANO** (c Bluegrass Cat: Clasio Laffit Pincay Jr LR)

Broodmare Sire: **THUNDER GULCH**. Sire of the dams of 62 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **LOVELY MARIA** Majesticperfection G1, **MSHAWISH** Medaglia d'Oro G1, **PLEASCACH** Teofilo G1, **DELAGO'S SECRET** Encosta de Lago G3, **EL BILLARISTA** El Corredor G3.

PLEASCACH b f 2012

Galileo	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer Fairy Bridge
TEOFILO b 04	Urban Sea	Miswaki Allegretta
Spearhead	Danehill	Danzig Razanya
	Saviour	Majestic Light Victorian Queen
Thunder Gulch	Gulch	Mr Prospector Jameela
	Line of Thunder	Storm Bird Shoot A Line
TOIRNEACH b 05	Country Pine	His Majesty Mountain Sunshine
Wandering Pine	Wandering Lace	Private Account Shujinsky

See race 53 in the July issue

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224 COOLMORE NUNTHORPE STAKES G1

YORK, Aug 21, 2yo+. 5f.

- 1. MECCA'S ANGEL (IRE)** 4 9-10 £175,801
gr f by Dark Angel - Folga (Atraf)
O-Mr David T.J. Metcalfe B-Yeomanstown Stud & Doc Bloodstock TR-Michael Dods
- 2. Acapulco (USA)** 2 8-0 £66,650
ch f by Scat Daddy - Global Finance (End Sweep)
O-Mrs John Magnier, Mr M. Tabor & Mr D. Smith
B-Dr C. Giles TR-Wesley A. Ward
- 3. Mattnu (GB)** 3 9-11 £33,356
b c by Indesatchel - Katie Boo (Namid)
O-Mr James Bowers B-Mr J. Bowers
TR-Tim Easterby
Margins 2, 2. Time 0:57.20. Going Good to Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2-4	14	8	5	£340,345

Sire: DARK ANGEL. Sire of 24 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **MECCA'S ANGEL** Atraf G1, **BIRCHWOOD Exceed And Excel** G2, **GUTAFAN Lahib** G2, **MARKAZ** Atraf G3, **STORMFLY Lomitas** G3, **BOOMSHACKERLACKER Baraatha** LR, **LELIZIA Whipper** LR, **DIVINE Common Grounds** LR, **FANCIFUL ANGEL Groom Dancer** LR, **HEAVEN'S GUEST Tagula** LR, **PROMISED MONEY Primo** Dominie LR, **REALTRA Dr Devious** LR, **SOVEREIGN DEBT Most Welcome** LR.

1st Dam: Folga by Atraf. 6 wins at 2 to 4, 2nd EBF Lansdown S LR. Dam of 2 winners:

- 2011: MECCA'S ANGEL** (f Dark Angel) Sold 16,000gns yearling at TAOC2. 8 wins at 2 to 4 at home, France, Coolmore Nunthorpe S G1, Dubai International Airport World Trophy G3, Prix de Saint-Georges G3, John Smith's Original Scarbrough S LR, 2nd Invincible Spirit Sapphire S G2, Shadwell EBF Stallions H. Rosebery S LR, Julia Graves Rosas S LR.
- 2012: MARKAZ** (c Dark Angel) 2 wins at 2 and 3, John Sunley Memorial Criterion S G3.
- 2014:** (f Dark Angel)
- 2015:** (f Dark Angel)

2nd Dam: DESERT DAWN by Belfort. 3 wins at 2 and 3 at home, France Prix d'Arenberg G3. Dam of **DESERT KAYA** (f Bikala: Prix de Lieurey LR), **Folga** (f Atraf, see above)

Broodmare Sire: ATRAF. Sire of the dams of 4 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **MECCA'S ANGEL** Dark Angel G1, **MARKAZ** Dark Angel G3.

The Dark Angel/Atraf cross has produced: **MECCA'S ANGEL** G1, **MARKAZ** G3.

MECCA'S ANGEL gr f 2011

	Royal Applause	Wajjub Flying Melody
Acclamation	Princess Athena	Ahnoora Shopping Wise
DARK ANGEL gr 05	Machiavellian	Mr Prospector Coup de Folle
Midnight Angel	Night At Sea	Night Shift Into Harbour
Atraf	Clantime	Music Boy Penny Pincher
FOLGA b 02	Fitteriss Park	Beldale Flutter Geopelia
Desert Dawn	Belfort	Tyrant Belle de Retz
	Cast Pearls	Cutlass My Girl Pearl

Although Mecca's Angel was putting in her best work in the closing stages when she wore down the American raider Acapulco to take the Nunthorpe Stakes, this fast filly has only once been asked to tackle a distance as long as six furlongs. A look at the bottom half of her pedigree makes it easy to understand why. Her broodmare sire, the Cork and Orrery Stakes winner Atraf, was a sprinter pure and simple and so was his sire Clantime, a five-furlong specialist who numbered two victories in the Gr3 Palace House Stakes among his nine wins. Clantime in turn was a son of

Music Boy. Although this sprint-bred horse won the Gimcrack over six furlongs at two, Timeform's final assessment of him was that he was a very speedy racehorse, ideally suited by five furlongs on top of the ground.

Folga, the dam of Mecca's Angel, was another sprinter, whose six wins were equally divided between five and six furlongs, and the next dam, Desert Dawn, did all her winning over the minimum trip, her best win coming in the Gr3 Prix d'Arenberg. Desert Dawn, who once finished a good fifth at 100-1 in the King's Stand Stakes, was bought by Jean-Luc Lagardere for 43,000gns at the end of her racing career, but her price fell to 12,500gns as a 14-year-old.

The speed isn't confined to the bottom half of Mecca's Angel's pedigree. Her sire Dark Angel did all his winning over five and six furlongs, notably taking the Middle Park Stakes before disappointing in the Dewhurst. Dark Angel didn't race at three, so no-one knows how far he might have stayed, but seven furlongs is within the compass of most of his Group winners, such as the top six-furlong sprinter Lethal Force, Mecca's Angel's younger brother Markaz, Estidhkaar, Lily's Angel, Birchwood, Exogenesis and Stormfly.

225 DARLEY PRIX JEAN ROMANET G1

DEAUVILLE, Aug 23, 4yo+. 2000m.

- 1. ODELIZ (IRE)** 5 9-0 £110,736
ch m by Falco - Acatama (Efisio)
O-Mrs Barbara M. Keller B-Aleyrion Bloodstock Ltd TR-K. R. Burke
- 2. Bawina (IRE)** 4 9-0 £44,302
b f by Dubawi - Esneh (Sadler's Wells)
O-Wertheimer et Frere B-Wertheimer et Frere TR-C. Laffon-Parias
- 3. Avenir Certain (FR)** 4 9-0 £22,151
b f by Le Havre - Puggy (Mark of Esteem)
O-A. Caro/G. Augustin-Normand B-Mme E. Vidal TR-Jean Claude Rouget
Margins Neck, 0.75. Time 2:14.27. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
3-5	21	5	14	£330,723

Sire: FALCO. Sire of 6 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **ODELIZ** Efisio G1, **FALCONET** Woodman LR.

1st Dam: Acatama by Efisio. unraced. Dam of 4 winners:

- 2009:** CHARITABLE ACT (g Cadeaux Genereux) 3 wins at 2 to 4.
- 2010:** **ODELIZ** (f Falco) Sold 18,062gns yearling at AROCT. 5 wins at 3 and 5 at home, France, Germany, Darley Prix Jean Romanet G1, F.G.G. Gedachtnisrennen Hamburger Meile G3, Prix de Liancourt LR, 2nd E P Taylor S G1, TBA Atalanta S G3, Investec Princess Elizabeth S G3, Lodge Park EBF Park Express S G3, 3rd Bettfred Middleton S G2, Investec Princess Elizabeth S G3, D.C. Lavarack & Lanwades Stud S G3, P.d'Automne-Fonds Europeen de L'Elevage LR.
- 2011:** TRIPTYKA (f Mastercraftsman) Winner at 3 in France.
- 2012:** ACASTER MALBIS (c Arcano) Winner at 3.
- 2013:** Prince Admiral (c Zanizbari) unraced to date.
- 2014:** (f Siyouni)

2nd Dam: TANZANIA by Alzao. 2 wins at 3. Dam of **AMORAMA** (f Sri Pekan: Del Mar Oaks G1, John C Mabee H G1, 3rd Gamely Breeders' Cup H G1), **UNCOILED** (c Giant's Causeway: Shirafuji S LR, 2nd Kyoto Daishoten G2), **TABLE RONDE** (f Astronomer Royal: Prix Volterra LR, 2nd Prix de Lieurey G3), **Milwaukee** (f Desert King: 3rd Prix Belle de Nuit LR), **SHANGANI** (g Giant's Causeway: stanjames.com Greatwood Gold Cup H Chase G3). Grandam of **AMPERE, TUNKWA**.

Broodmare Sire: EFISIO. Sire of the dams of 38 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **ODELIZ** Falco G1, **REALITY BITES** Silent Times G1, **OFF LIMITS** Mastercraftsman LR.

ODELIZ ch m 2010

Pivotal	Polar Falcon	Nureyev Marie d'Argonne
FALCO b 05	Fearless Revival	Cozzene Stufida
Icelips	Unbridled	Fappiano Gana Facil
	Sea Hill	Seattle Slew Featherhill
Efisio	Formidable	Forti Native Partner
ACATAMA b/fbr 05	Eldoret	High Top Bamburi
	Alzao	Lyphard Lady Rebecca
Tanzania	Triple Couronne	Riverman Trillion

After Falco had won the 2008 Poule d'Essai des Poulains, French breeders clubbed together to keep the son of Pivotal in France and he started out at Haras d'Etreham at a fee of €8,000. Unfortunately, by 2015 he had been transferred to Haras du Grand Chesnaie, with his fee lowered to €2,500. It is possible that his future lies as a sire of jumpers, as his son Peace And Co won the 2015 Triumph Hurdle.

Falco's best representatives on the Flat include Snowday (Gr3 Prix du Bois) and that tough filly Odeliz. Odeliz had won nothing more important than a Listed race before she turned five, but she had shown herself capable of a good deal more when a half-length second to Just The Judge in the Gr1 EP Taylor Stakes in 2014.

She has continued to improve in 2015, firstly becoming a Gr3 winner in Germany and now a Gr1 winner in the Prix Rothschild.

Odeliz has a notable pedigree in that her fourth dam is Trillion, a remarkable racemare and producer who also ranks as the fourth dam of Treve. Odeliz's third dam Triple Couronne was a sister to the brilliant Triptych and the Gr1 winner Barger. Odeliz's dam Acatama is an unraced half-sister to Amorama, a dual Gr1 winner in the US who now ranks as the dam of the smart 2015 French three-year-old Ampere.

226 DARLEY PRIX MORNAY G1

DEAUVILLE, Aug 23, 2yo&f. 1200m.

- 1. SHALAA (IRE)** 9-0 £155,031
b c by Invincible Spirit - Ghurra (War Chant)
O-Al Shaqab Racing B-Mogeely Stud TR-John Gosden
- 2. Gutafan (IRE)** 9-0 £62,023
gr c by Dark Angel - Alikhlas (Lahib)
O-Al Shaqab Racing B-E. Mulhern & Abbeville Stud TR-Richard Hannon
- 3. Tourny (FR)** 8-10 £31,012
b f by Country Reel - Maka (Slickly)
O-G Augustin-Normand & Mme E Vidal
B-Earl Haras Du Logis & J Ince TR-P Bary
Margins 1.75, 5. Time 1:13.31. Going Soft.

Age	Starts	Wins	Places	Earned
2	5	4	0	£318,347

Sire: INVINCIBLE SPIRIT. Sire of 94 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **SHALAA** War Chant G1, **TERRITORIES Machiavellian** G1, **AJAYA Hennessy** G2, **IMPASSABLE Green Tune** G2, **MUTHMIR Danehill** G2, **CABLE BAY Diktat** G3, **LOCAL TIME Medicean** G3, **ARCTIC GYR Kris** S LR, **GRENDISAR Mark of Esteem** LR, **MR OWEN Theatrical** LR, **PRETEND Indian Ridge** LR, **PROFITABLE Indian Ridge** LR, **RIVELLINO Pivotal** LR, **THAT IS THE SPIRIT Acatenango** LR.

1st Dam: Ghurra by War Chant. 3 wins, 3rd Wilshire H

G3. Own sister to **Zifzaf**. Dam of 3 winners:

- 2009:** Nepali Princess (f Mr Greeley) unraced. Broodmare.
- 2010:** PEARL CASTLE (g Montjeu) 5 wins.
- 2011:** **Dai Bando** (g Montjeu) Winner over hurdles at 3, 2nd Bar One Racing Juvenile Hurdle G3.
- 2012:** Go White Lightning (f Lord Shanakill)
- 2013:** **SHALAA** (c Invincible Spirit) Sold 170,000gns yearling at TAOC1. 4 wins at 2 at home, France, Darley Prix Morny G1, Arqana July S G2, Qatar Richmond S G2.
- 2015:** (f High Chaparral)

2nd Dam: Futuh by Diesis. 1 win at 2, 2nd Doncaster S LR. Dam of **HAYIL** (c Dayjur: Thoroughbred Corp. Middle Park S G1), **Tamhid** (c Gulch: 2nd Strensall S LR, 2nd Bernard Baruch H G2), **Ghurra** (f War Chant, see above), **Zifzaf** (g War Chant: 3rd Ffourstardave H G2), **Ebraam** (g Red Ransom: 2nd Betdaq Golden Rose S LR), **Elnahaar** (c Silver Hawk: 3rd Feilden S LR), **Farqad** (c Danzig: 3rd Crimbourne Stud On The House S LR). Grandam of **Poetical**. Third dam of **DRAGON PULSE**. Fourth dam of **MIND OF MADNESS**.

Broodmare Sire: WAR CHANT. Sire of the dams of 6 Stakes winners. In 2015 - **SHALAA** Invincible Spirit G1, **IVEAGH GARDENS** Mastercraftsman G3.

The Invincible Spirit/War Chant cross has produced: **SHALAA** G1, **Ballymore Castle** LR.

SHALAA b c 2013

	Danzig	Northern Dancer Pas de Nom
Green Desert	Foreign Courier	Sir Ivor Courtyl Dee
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT b 97	Kris	Sharpen Up Doubly Sure
Rafha	Eljazzi	Artaus Border Bounty
War Chant	Danzig	Northern Dancer Pas de Nom
GHURRA b 02	Hollywood Wildcat	Kris S Miss Wildcatter
	Diesis	Sharpen Up Doubly Sure
Futuh	Hardship	Drone Hard And Fast

When John Gosden was wondering whether to allow Shalaa to take his chance in the Prix Morny on Deauville's very soft ground, he must have recalled taking another highly talented son of Invincible Spirit to Deauville virtually a year earlier. That was Kingman, who coped very well with the soft ground in the Jacques le Marois - just as he'd coped with even softer ground in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. Shalaa was also untroubled by the ground, again shaping like a potential champion.

Invincible Spirit is a grandson of Danzig and Shalaa's dam, the talented Ghurra, is by Danzig's Breeders' Cup Mile winner War Chant, which means that Shalaa is inbred 3 x 3 to the great Danzig. But that's not all. The third generation of Shalaa's pedigree also features the outstanding brothers Kris and Diesis - winners between them of 17 of their 22 starts - so he is the product of two similarly-bred parents. Kris and Diesis also feature in the third generation of another of Invincible Spirit's accomplished two-year-old sons, the 2009 Breeders' Cup Juvenile winner Vale Of York. Another inspiration for the 2012 mating which resulted in Shalaa may well have been Our Jonathan, a dual Group winner at two who was inbred 3 x 4 to Danzig and 3 x 4 to Kris. More recently we have seen a Gr3 success by Rawaqa, an Invincible Spirit filly with Kris and Diesis in her third generation.

Shalaa cost 100,000gns as a foal and 170,000gns as a yearling. He isn't

Caulfield on Shalaa: "Another inspiration for the mating which resulted in the Morny winner may well have been Our Jonathan, who was inbred 3 x 4 to Danzig and 3 x 4 to Kris"

Invincible Spirit's only good 2015 winner inbred 3 x 3 to Danzig, another being Muthmir. This gelding, who added the Gr2 King George Stakes to his earlier success in the Gr2 Prix du Gros-

Chene, is out of a Danehill mare.

Shalaa's dam Ghurra, who stayed at least nine furlongs, is a three-parts sister to the Dayjur colt Hayil, winner of the 1997 Middle Park Stakes. Their dam

Futuh also produced the very useful Tamhid, and she also ranks as the third dam of the Irish National Stud stallion Dragon Pulse, a winner at Gr2 and Gr3 levels. Shalaa's third dam, Hardship, was

weighted just 10lb below the best juvenile filly of 1979 and his fourth dam, Hard And Fast, was rated 110 on the Daily Racing Form Free Handicap for three-year-old fillies.

Group 2 and 3 Races

Date	Grade	Race (course)	Dist	Horse	Age	Sex	Sire	Dam	Broodmare Sire	Index
04/08	G3	Irish Stall.Farms EBF Give Thanks Stakes (Cork)	12f	Zannda (IRE)	3	F	Azamour	Zanoubiya	Dalakhani	227
06/08	G3	Ballyroan Stakes (Leopardstown)	12f	Fields of Athenry (IRE)	3	C	Galileo	Last Love	Danehill	228
08/08	G3	Betfred Rose of Lancaster Stakes (Haydock Park)	10f	Intilaq (USA)	3	C	Dynaformer	Torrestrella	Orpen	229
08/08	G3	germantb.com Sweet Solera Stakes (Newmarket)	7f	Blue Bayou (GB)	2	F	Bahamian Bounty	Oshiponga	Barathea	230
09/08	G3	Oatar Racing Phoenix Sprint Stakes (Curragh)	6f	Mattmu (GB)	3	C	Indesatchel	Katie Boo	Namid	231
09/08	G3	OSAF Prix de Reux (Deauville)	12.5f	Loresho (FR)	4	C	Halling	Luna Gulch	Gulch	232
13/08	G3	Invesco Desmond Stakes (Leopardstown)	8f	Cougar Mountain (IRE)	4	C	Fastnet Rock	Descant	Nureyev	233
13/08	G3	Totepool Sovereign Stakes (Salisbury)	8f	Kodi Bear (IRE)	3	C	Kodiac	Hawattef	Mujtahid	234
14/08	G2	Shadwell Prix de Pomone (Deauville)	12.5f	Bano Hope (FR)	4	F	Jeremy	Banno Ridge	Highest Honor	235
15/08	G2	Prix Guillaume d'Ornano-Logis St Germain (Deauville)	10f	New Bay (GB)	3	C	Kudawi	Cinnamon Bay	Zamindar	236
15/08	G2	Betfred Hungerford Stakes (Newbury)	7f	Adaay (IRE)	3	C	Kodiac	Lady Lucia	Royal Applause	237
15/08	G3	Prix Gontaut-Biron-Hong Kong Jockey Club (Deauville)	10f	Bello Matteo (FR)	4	C	Montmartre	Lidawar	Sendawar	238
15/08	G3	Prix de Lieurey (Deauville)	8f	Maimara (FR)	3	F	Makfi	Hideaway Heroine	Hernando	239
15/08	G3	Betfred Geoffrey Freer Stakes (Newbury)	13f	Agent Murphy (GB)	4	C	Cape Cross	Raskutani	Dansili	240
16/08	G3	Prix Minerve (Deauville)	12.5f	Candariya (FR)	3	F	Dalakhani	Candara	Barathea	241
16/08	G3	Grosser Preis der Sparkasse Krefeld (Krefeld)	10f	Palace Prince (GER)	3	C	Areion	Palace Princess	Tiger Hill	242
18/08	G2	Prix de la Nonette (Deauville)	10f	Jazzi Top (GB)	3	F	Danehill Dancer	Zee Zee Top	Zafonic	243
19/08	G2	Betway Great Voltigeur Stakes (York)	12f	Storm The Stars (USA)	3	C	Sea The Stars	Love Me Only	Sadler's Wells	244
19/08	G3	Tattersalls Acomb Stakes (York)	7f	Recorder (GB)	2	C	Galileo	Memory	Danehill Dancer	245
20/08	G2	Pinsent Masons Lowther Stakes (York)	6f	Besharah (IRE)	2	F	Kodiac	Dixeland Kiss	Dixie Union	246
21/08	G2	Weatherbys Hamilton Lonsdale Cup (York)	16f	Max Dynamite (FR)	5	G	Great Journey	Mascara	Monsun	247
22/08	G2	Breast Cancer Research Debutante Stakes (Curragh)	7f	Ballydoyle (IRE)	2	F	Galileo	Butterfly Cove	Storm Cat	248
22/08	G2	Irish TB Marketing Gimcrack Stakes (York)	6f	Ajaya (GB)	2	C	Invincible Spirit	Nessina	Hennessy	249
22/08	G3	Curragh Stakes (Curragh)	5f	Bear Cheek (IRE)	2	F	Kodiac	See Nuala	Kyllachy	250
22/08	G3	Gerrardstown Stud Renaissance Stakes (Curragh)	6f	Moviesta (USA)	5	G	Hard Spun	Miss Brickyard	A P Indy	251
22/08	G3	Longines Prix du Calvados (Deauville)	7f	Great Page (IRE)	2	F	Roderic O'Connor	Areeda	Refuse To Bend	252
22/08	G3	888sport Solario Stakes (Sandown Park)	7f	First Selection (SPA)	2	C	Diktat	Villa Sonata	Mozart	253
22/08	G3	TBA Atalanta Stakes (Sandown Park)	8f	Nakuti (IRE)	4	F	Mastercraftsman	Sheba Five	Five Star Day	254
22/08	G3	Betfred Strensall Stakes (York)	8.5f	Mondialiste (IRE)	5	H	Galileo	Occupandiste	Kaldoun	255
23/08	G2	Galileo EBF Futurity Stakes (Curragh)	7f	Herald The Dawn (IRE)	2	C	New Approach	Hymn of The Dawn	Phone Trick	256
23/08	G2	Darley Prix Kergorlay (Deauville)	15f	Alex My Boy (IRE)	4	C	Dalakhani	Alexandrova	Sadler's Wells	257
23/08	G3	Ballycullen Palmerstown St Leger Trial (Curragh)	14f	Order of St George (IRE)	3	C	Galileo	Another Storm	Gone West	258
23/08	G3	Kilrush Stud Royal Whip Stakes (Curragh)	10f	Found (IRE)	3	F	Galileo	Red Evie	Intikhab	259



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Leading sires 2015 by percentage of stakes winners to runners

Name	YOF	Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	%WR	Races	AWD	Earnings (£)	SH	%	SW	%
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	238	96	40.34	130	10.6	4,283,308	45	18.91	28	11.76
Dubawi	2002	Dubai Millennium	181	87	48.07	127	9.6	5,072,194	29	16.02	17	9.39
Monsun	1990	Konigsstuhl	57	31	54.39	39	11.1	650,487	10	17.54	5	8.77
Shamardal	2002	Giant's Causeway	224	108	48.21	167	8.1	2,727,128	31	13.84	17	7.59
Sea The Stars	2006	Cape Cross	93	43	46.24	57	10.5	1,265,662	17	18.28	7	7.53
Dark Angel	2005	Acclamation	205	80	39.02	120	7.2	2,322,821	25	12.2	13	6.34
Doyen	2000	Sadler's Wells	48	23	47.92	30	9.8	528,316	8	16.67	3	6.25
Lope de Vega	2007	Shamardal	84	39	46.43	54	8	841,171	12	14.29	5	5.95
Mastercraftsman	2006	Danehill Dancer	158	53	33.54	77	10.3	1,781,447	15	9.49	9	5.70
Invincible Spirit	1997	Green Desert	230	93	40.43	136	7.3	2,945,568	21	9.13	13	5.65
Dansili	1996	Danehill	147	58	39.46	87	10.3	1,291,973	15	10.2	8	5.44
Raven's Pass	2005	Elusive Quality	77	30	38.96	39	9.3	762,316	8	10.39	4	5.19
Dalakhani	2000	Darshaan	97	36	37.11	52	11.7	889,712	8	8.25	5	5.15
War Front	2002	Danzig	40	14	35.00	25	7	620,964	5	12.5	2	5.00
Hurricane Run	2002	Montjeu	81	35	43.21	55	11.6	619,698	6	7.41	4	4.94
Fastnet Rock	2001	Danehill	105	44	41.90	60	9	1,278,721	12	11.43	5	4.76
Le Havre	2006	Noverre	108	40	37.04	57	8.7	852,309	8	7.41	5	4.63
Bahamian Bounty	1994	Cadeaux Geneurex	132	44	33.33	63	6.7	763,782	9	6.82	6	4.55
New Approach	2005	Galileo	133	49	36.84	72	9.2	934,165	12	9.02	6	4.51
Danehill Dancer	1993	Danehill	136	60	44.12	94	8.8	1,578,726	14	10.29	6	4.41
Paco Boy	2005	Desert Style	95	35	36.84	45	6.9	557,386	4	4.21	4	4.21
Nayef	1998	Gulch	120	46	38.33	67	9.9	921,573	6	5.00	5	4.17
Scarface	2003	Montjeu	24	12	50.00	20	8.2	591,887	1	4.17	1	4.17
Teofilo	2004	Galileo	174	69	39.66	104	9.8	2,207,831	20	11.49	7	4.02
Siyouni	2007	Pivotal	75	27	36.00	39	7.8	1,082,531	8	10.67	3	4.00
Dutch Art	2004	Medicean	150	61	40.67	89	7.6	1,055,966	9	6.00	6	4.00
Pivotal	1993	Polar Falcon	154	60	38.96	96	8.7	1,546,080	16	10.39	6	3.90
Duke Of Marmalade	2004	Danehill	159	50	31.45	89	10.2	1,921,935	11	6.92	6	3.77
Muhtathir	1995	Elmaamul	80	30	37.50	46	10	648,677	4	5.00	3	3.75
Kaneko	2001	Pivotal	84	51	60.71	105	7.7	1,491,040	5	5.95	3	3.57
Victory Gallop	1995	Cryptoclearance	115	53	46.09	102	7.8	1,710,050	5	4.35	4	3.48
Authorized	2004	Montjeu	118	46	38.98	58	11.4	726,141	7	5.93	4	3.39
Cape Cross	1994	Green Desert	178	79	44.38	108	9.5	2,921,926	17	9.55	6	3.37
Oasis Dream	2000	Green Desert	210	86	40.95	120	8.2	2,429,643	14	6.67	7	3.33
Kodiac	2001	Danehill	232	83	35.78	129	6.7	1,609,204	12	5.17	7	3.02
American Post	2001	Bering	100	39	39.00	51	8.4	753,821	6	6.00	3	3.00
Dylan Thomas	2003	Danehill	170	63	37.06	102	9.3	1,203,952	8	4.71	5	2.94
Makfi	2007	Dubawi	102	45	44.12	62	8.7	867,542	5	4.90	3	2.94
Azamour	2001	Night Shift	139	59	42.45	93	10.3	1,424,906	13	9.35	4	2.88
High Chaparral	1999	Sadler's Wells	175	64	36.57	92	10.5	1,610,675	12	6.86	5	2.86
Win River Win	1999	Virginia Rapids	72	23	31.94	47	8.8	894,896	4	5.56	2	2.78
Compton Place	1994	Indian Ridge	109	33	30.28	49	6.1	543,839	3	2.75	3	2.75
Divine Light	1995	Sunday Silence	75	29	38.67	47	8.4	1,397,036	3	4.00	2	2.67
Montjeu	1996	Sadler's Wells	114	38	33.33	54	12.2	645,526	5	4.39	3	2.63
Motivator	2002	Montjeu	86	27	31.40	40	11.2	688,212	6	6.98	2	2.33
Okawango	1998	Kingmambo	89	31	34.83	53	8.2	895,785	2	2.25	2	2.25
Mount Nelson	2004	Rock Of Gibraltar	89	38	42.70	61	9.2	699,613	5	5.62	2	2.25
Sir Percy	2003	Mark Of Esteem	134	58	43.28	79	10.1	683,271	6	4.48	3	2.24
Strike The Gold	1988	Alydar	45	22	48.89	45	9.1	928,755	2	4.44	1	2.22
Halling	1991	Diesis	136	54	39.71	73	10.7	1,779,171	7	5.15	3	2.21
Unaccounted For	1991	Private Account	91	47	51.65	97	8.4	1,585,959	2	2.20	2	2.2

Exceptional month sends Galileo top

Monsun has finally relinquished his lead in a table he has made his own in recent years. This is not only because his percentage has dropped slightly but because Galileo enjoyed an exceptional month. Dubawi in second increased his percentage fractionally.

Galileo had seven new stakes winners from only another 12 runners during the month. Ballydoyle (Debutante Stakes), Fields Of Athenry (Ballyroan Stakes), Mondialiste (Strensall Stakes), Order Of St George (Irish St Leger Trial) and Recorder (Acomb Stakes) all won their first Group race.

Another 'mover' in the top ten is Dark Angel, now in sixth place from eighth. More dramatically, War Front is now 14th after being 40th, but that is typical for a sire with relatively few runners. He had another three facing the starter, taking his total to 40, and Air Force One's success in the Phoenix Stakes doubled his number of stakes winners.

Leading sires of two-year-olds 2015 by earnings

Name	YOF	Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs	%WR	Races	AWD	Earnings (£)	Top horse	Eamed (£)
Dark Angel	2005	Acclamation	56	23	41.07	32	5.9	647,672	Gutaifan	134,095
Invincible Spirit	1997	Green Desert	42	13	30.95	19	5.7	620,988	Shalaa	308,433
Kodiac	2001	Danehill	91	29	31.87	42	5.7	547,837	Besharah	184,911
*Zoffany	2008	Dansili	54	16	29.63	23	5.9	412,774	Illuminate	92,181
Showcasing	2007	Oasis Dream	49	17	34.69	24	5.6	388,729	Staleet	208,789
*Canford Cliffs	2007	Tagula	54	23	42.59	31	6.2	368,871	Painted Cliffs	62,482
Exceed And Excel	2000	Danehill	50	17	34.00	22	6.1	325,341	Burratino	125,202
Galileo	1998	Sadler's Wells	23	11	47.83	14	7.3	306,080	Ballydoyle	69,906
Victory Gallop	1995	Cryptoclearance	32	14	43.75	25	6.0	293,307	Ildir Beyi	89,044
Acclamation	1999	Royal Applause	63	24	38.10	25	6.1	285,331	King Of Rocks	58,893
War Front	2002	Danzig	12	7	58.33	10	6.4	243,629	Air Force Blue	137,272
Lion Heart	2001	Tale Of The Cat	29	9	31.03	14	5.7	238,434	Ilkaan	67,294
Equiano	2005	Acclamation	46	16	34.78	24	5.5	233,099	Fly On The Night	52,830
Zebedee	2008	Invincible Spirit	68	18	26.47	26	5.7	219,984	Zebstar	22,740
Paco Boy	2005	Desert Style	34	10	29.41	14	6.0	205,703	Galileo Gold	123,720
Royal Applause	1993	Waajib	45	19	42.22	21	6.0	194,602	Still On Top	39,217
Shamardal	2002	Giant's Causeway	29	13	44.83	17	6.4	194,304	Lumiere	51,544
Pastoral Pursuits	2001	Bahamian Bounty	29	10	34.48	13	5.6	187,848	Ferryover	64,080
*Dream Ahead	2008	Diktat	32	14	43.75	18	6.0	165,569	Final Frontier	37,400
Ifraaj	2001	Zafonic	33	9	27.27	11	7.3	163,167	Ribchester	48,263
Scat Daddy	2004	Johannesburg	9	6	66.67	6	5.7	158,159	Acapulco	123,360
*Roderic O'Connor	2008	Galileo	30	8	26.67	10	6.8	156,120	Great Page	81,271
American Post	2001	Bering	14	6	42.86	8	6.3	153,228	Robin Or Navan	59,502
Compton Place	1994	Indian Ridge	23	4	17.39	5	5.5	150,797	Lathom	132,838
Sri Pekan	1992	Red Ransom	8	5	62.50	11	5.9	148,997	Radyocu	69,108
Holy Roman Emperor	2004	Danehill	40	9	22.50	10	6.2	148,136	Mayfair Lady	38,797
Rock Of Gibraltar	1999	Danehill	34	6	17.65	8	6.8	144,649	Tony Curtis	29,502
Bosporus	1995	Night Shift	18	7	38.89	12	5.9	143,699	Princess Westport	36,126
Dubawi	2002	Dubai Millennium	29	11	37.93	13	7.2	139,093	Tanaza	35,353
Air Chief Marshal	2007	Danehill Dancer	20	7	35.00	8	6.8	135,558	Rougeoyant	36,614
*Halicarnassus	2004	Cape Cross	12	7	58.33	10	6.0	132,778	Halgalein	62,100
Bushranger	2006	Danetime	51	13	25.49	15	6.3	129,205	Now Or Never	27,550
Kheleyf	2001	Green Desert	48	13	27.08	15	5.8	123,725	Kurland	16,344
Turtle Bowl	2002	Dyhim Diamond	20	6	30.00	10	6.4	119,903	Danza de la Barre	32,147
Country Reel	2000	Danzig	8	5	62.50	6	5.8	119,843	Tourny	80,928
Raven's Pass	2005	Elusive Quality	24	7	29.17	8	6.1	118,798	Ibn Malik	47,528
Siyouni	2007	Pivotal	21	6	28.57	7	6.5	116,382	Kotama	16,710
New Approach	2005	Galileo	12	5	41.67	7	6.8	113,895	Herald The Dawn	65,907
Fast Company	2005	Danehill Dancer	32	13	40.63	16	6.0	113,093	Fire's Company	18,100
Teofilo	2004	Galileo	16	3	18.75	6	6.2	112,911	Furglow	43,350
Fastnet Rock	2001	Danehill	28	9	32.14	9	6.9	112,000	How High The Moon	21,739
Dehere	1991	Deputy Minister	8	4	50.00	8	6.0	107,350	Rumba	43,807
Mountain Cat	1990	Storm Cat	16	6	37.50	9	6.1	106,987	Kinowa	46,529
Kyllachy	1998	Pivotal	34	7	20.59	9	5.5	106,640	Pachy	49,002
*Lilbourne Lad	2009	Acclamation	55	13	23.64	14	5.8	106,265	Lil's Joy	13,078
Dutch Art	2004	Medicean	25	8	32.00	14	6.0	105,948	Ottone	38,717
Arcano	2007	Oasis Dream	39	11	28.21	12	6.1	104,529	Shadow Hunter	36,355
*Poet's Voice	2007	Dubawi	38	8	21.05	14	6.4	104,465	Whitman	30,369
Bahamian Bounty	1994	Cadeaux Geneurex	28	6	21.43	8	5.9	103,474	Blue Bayou	40,198

Spirit closes the gap after Shalaa stunner

Shalaa's impressive victory in the Prix Morny gave Invincible Spirit a boost and he is breathing down the neck of Dark Angel, albeit with significantly fewer winners – 13 against 23.

Dark Angel increased his tally by five during the month and his percentage of winners to runners is 41%. That puts him third behind Canford Cliffs and Royal Applause among sires with 40 runners or more.

Canford Cliffs has a lead of seven in the first-season sires race based on numbers. He notched another five to take his tally to 23, while Zoffany, in first position on earnings, had six to move on to 16.

They have both had 54 runners and both had 12 newcomers, a figure none of the others in the list could match.

Dream Ahead had four new winners and is on 14, followed by Frozen Power, who failed to add to his score of ten.