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BLOODSTOCK WORLD



Invincible Spirit secures a Goodwood hat-trick

Stallion

By Katherine Fidler

KING GEORGE STAKES victor Muthmir completed a Goodwood hat-trick for his sire Invincible Spirit yesterday – but not before causing favourite-backers some consternation as last year's winner Take Cover rapidly closed on Paul Hanagan's mount to miss out by just a head.

Impressive Richmond Stakes winner Shalaa kicked off the sire's winning run on Thursday, promptly followed by Tatler Stakes scorer Indescribable.

Muthmir, trained by William Haggas for Hamdan Al Maktoum, was bought by Shadwell for 130,000gns at Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale in 2011

Bred by the Tsui family's Sunderland Holdings, he is one of three winners and two black-type scorers out of Fairy Of The Knight. The Danehill mare, winner of the 7½f Listed Fairy Bridge Stakes, is also the dam of CL Weld Park Stakes scorer My Titania – the first Group winner for young sire Sea The Stars.

Fairy Of The Night is a half-sister to Dress Rehearsal, winner of the Grade 3 Orchid Stakes over 1m4f and the dam of one-time Derby fancy Christophermarlowe. Further back it is the family of Doncaster Cup winner Far Cry and

Punchestown Champion bumper scorer Shaneshill.

Glorious Stakes scorer Dubday broke new ground when becoming the first horse trained in Qatar to win a race in Britain, and earned his sire Dubawi a first win at the meeting this week in the process.

Darley's flagship sire has been in flying form of late, with last Saturday's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes hero Postponed the ninth top-flight winner this year for the stallion.

Trained by Jassim Al Ghazali, five-year-old Dubday is a multiple stakes scorer in the gulf state, and came close to making history last time out when beaten just a short head by Gospel Choir in the Listed Fred Archer Stakes.

Bred by Southcourt Stud, former home of the late Renee Robeson, Dubday is one of three winners for the Daylami mare Dayrose. A winner in the colours of Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, she is a half-sister to Rambling Rose – the dam of Notnowcato.

Dubday, an 11,000gns two-year-old at the 2012 Tattersalls Horses-in-Training Sale, was bought by Chantilly Bloodstock Agency for €200,000 at the Arqana Arc Sale 12 months later.

Raven's Pass and Shamardal doubled their tally at this year's meeting yesterday. Malabar,

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Invincible Spirit	Green Desert	3	1	1	2
Raven's Pass	Elusive Quality	2	1		1
Shamardal	Giant's Causewa	ay 2	1		1
Singspiel	In The Wings	2	1		1
Duke Of Marmalade	Danehill	2		1	2
Galileo	Sadler's Wells	1	1		1
Paco Boy	Desert Style	1	1		1
Cape Cross	Green Desert	1		1	
Dubawi	Dubai Millenniu	m 1		1	1
Iffraaj	Zafonic	1		1	
Sir Percy	Mark Of Esteem	1		1	
Sea The Stars	Cape Cross	1		1	
Arakan	Nureyev	1			1
Bushranger	Danetime	1			
Dansili	Danehill	1			
Equiano	Acclamation	1			
Holy Roman Emperor	Danehill	1			
Kyllachy	Pivotal	1			1
Lawman	Invincible Spirit	1			
New Approach	Galileo	1			
Pastoral Pursuits	Bahamian Boun	ty 1			
Scat Daddy	Johannesburg	1			

decisive winner of the Group 3 Thoroughbred Stakes, earned a second victory for Raven's Pass following Blue Wave on the opening day, while Amy Eria claimed the Group 3 Oak Tree Stakes for Shamardal following a sixth-length demolition job by Sands Of Fortune in the Goodwood Stakes on Wednesday.

Five lots by Frankel set for Keeneland

KEENELAND has catalogued five lots by Frankel for its flagship auction, the September Yearling Sale.

The news comes after Arqana announced six yearlings by the ten-time Group 1 winner would go under the hammer during its August sale, with the dual world champion's first crop already generating media interest on both sides of the Atlantic.

Stakes wins

"We are delighted to have yearlings by Frankel in the September Sale," said Keeneland director of sales Geoffrey Russell. "The presence of his yearlings and those by other highly-prized international sires reflects the fact US breeders have travelled overseas to buy mares in foal to these stallions, or breed mares to these stallions with the intent of selling the resulting offspring at Keeneland."

The full catalogue will be online from August 11, but the company has revealed 4,164 yearlings – 2,168 colts, 1,995 fillies and one gelding – will be lined up for the two-week sale, which starts on September 14.

Epiphaneia retired to stud

LAST year's Japan Cup winner Epiphaneia has been retired due to an injury incurred as he was being readied for a return in the Takarazuka Kinen, writes Masakazu Takahashi.

The five-year-old, who was a general 20-1 shot for the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, will take up stud duties at Teruya Yoshida's Shadai Stallion Station.

Trainer Katsuhiko Sumii said: "Even if it [suspensory desmitis] could be cured at once, there is too much risk of it reoccurring. I am sure he will be welcomed by breeders because he can be mated for the inbreeding of Sunday Silence [his dam is a granddaughter of the late sire].

"I look forward to the days when I can challenge in top races around the world with his sons or daughters."

The son of Symboli Kris S gained six wins from 14 starts, including the 2013 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger).

Molecomb Stakes treble for SackvilleDonald

By Tom Pennington

UNBEATEN juvenile Kachy, who landed the Molecomb Stakes in impressive style at Goodwood on Wednesday, became the third consecutive winner of the race bought by Ed Sackville and Alastair Donald following last year's winner Cotai Glory and 2013 scorer Brown Sugar.

All three were purchased as yearlings – Kachy, a son of Kyllachy, fetched £52,000 at DBS last year, Exceed And Excel colt Cotai Glory, who finished fifth at Goodwood yesterday, made 75,000gns at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale in 2013, and Tamayuz four-year-old Brown Sugar cost €47,500 at the Goffs Orby Yearling Sale.

"We're very pleased to have bought the last three winners of the race," says Sackville. "It's not the easiest thing to do, although Alastair has bought three out of six winners of the Breeders' Cup Marathon.

"In the grand scheme of what racehorses cost, they were all relatively cheap and proof you don't have to part with huge sums to have success.

"Brown Sugar was small and strong, very much a two-year-old, but the one thing all three have in common is strength, they were all very strong yearlings. Kachy is a very good-looking horse as is Cotai Glory. They were all good walkers and very athletic."

Kachy, trained by Tom Dascombe, is the first foal out of the winning Dubai Destination mare Dubai Bounty. Dubai Destination, who was sold to continue his stud career in Saudi Arabia this year, is beginning to flourish as a broodmare sire. His daughters are responsible for Derby and Coral-Eclipse hero Golden Horn as well as King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes winner Postponed, but that was not what attracted

Sackville to Kachy.
"I have to say the
Dubai Destination
influence wasn't a big
factor when I saw Kachy
last year," says
Sackville.

"Although it's

amazing what he is achieving this year – those really well-bred stallions always seem to go on and become good broodmare sires.

"I'd twice seen Kachy at Fiona Denniff's stud and he was gorgeous, such a good-looking horse. I also saw a son of Exceed And Excel on the farm as well [unraced two-year-old Above N Beyond] who we also ended up buying at DBS for £85,000. He's also with Tom and is highly thought of."

Sackville has been busy studying this year's DBS catalogue, looking for the next star juvenile.

"I took the train down to Goodwood on Tuesday and was busy studying the catalogue," says Sackville. "One lot of particular interest is Kachy's Royal Applause half-sister who I presume will appeal to a number of buyers."

> Ed Sackville: excellent record at Goodwood

