

## Lantern succeeds where her dam failed

By Tom Peacock

THE most regal of pedigrees meant that connections of Snow Lantern were excited about her prospects from the outset and the filly lived up to her Group 1 billing on a notable day for both her illustrious parents.

Harking back to the Falmouth Stakes of eight years ago, Snow Lantern was settling a score for her dam Sky Lantern, the Classic winner who suffered a stinging defeat when carried across the track by Elusive Kate and beaten just a neck.

Kept on to breed by the Keswick family for their Rockcliffe Stud, Sky Lantern had produced two other minor winning foals by Dubawi before her third and best to date, a daughter of Frankel who shares her familiar grey hue.

On only her fourth start, Snow Lantern had been second in the same Coronation Stakes that her dam had landed with such elan in 2013.

In taking a fabulous renewal of the Tattersalls-sponsored Falmouth yesterday, with contenders fighting out the finish across Newmarket's July Course, Snow Lantern became Frankel's 51st worldwide Group winner, as well as his 17th at the highest level.

The Juddmonte stallion had brought up his half-century less than an hour earlier when the Queen's homebred Light Refrain emerged a convincing winner of the Group 3 William Hill Summer Stakes at York.

Sky Lantern, a now 11-year-old Red Clubs mare bred by Tally-Ho Stud, was bought for €75,000 by Ed Sackville for the Keswicks at Goffs Orby as a yearling. After an extraordinary career on the track her first foal, Gentile Bellini, made 2,000,000gns when bought in partnership by Coolmore.

She has subsequently bred a Galileo two-year-old colt, named First Emperor, and has two more colts, a yearling and a foal, by Kingman.

Trainer Richard Hannon, for whom Sky Lantern was a first real flagbearer after taking over from his father, reflected on the pair on Racing TV.

"She [Sky Lantern] was brilliant and this filly I've always thought is as good if not better," he said. "This filly has the pedigree, she's by Frankel out of a Classic winner and Sky Lantern was a freak, she wasn't supposed to be as good."

# Williams to look overseas with 88,000gns buy Cap Francais



**TATTERSALLS JULY SALE**

Sales correspondent James Thomas reports

FRANKEL fever was rife on the racecourses of Britain yesterday and the same rang true at Tattersalls as the Juddmonte stallion is the sire of Cap Francais, who topped a strong final morning session of the July Sale, which featured a clearance rate of 100 per cent, when knocked down to Ian Williams and Richard Ryan at 88,000gns.

Cap Francais, who was bred and owned by the late John Pearce, notched three victories for Ed Walker, including a mile handicap at Haydock that earned him a career-best Racing Post Rating of 107. He also gained black type when runner-up to Cape Of Good Hope in Epsom's Listed Derby trial in 2019.

He has not been seen since finishing fourth in a Meydan handicap in February, but Williams said his vet had given the horse a clean bill of health so they could now begin plotting an international campaign for the well-related gelding.

"We've been very fortunate with another Frankel who came from the horse-in-training sales in The Grand Visir [bought by Alex Elliott at 170,000gns], so we love the stallion, as does everybody," said Williams.

"He's had a good break since coming back from Dubai and looks capable of being competitive at the winter festivals abroad.

"That's a great challenge for him, and the challenge for me is finding an owner who wants to go with him! He might go jumping next spring too and we should have some fun with him."

### First-season sires with runners today in GB & Ireland

Sire	Progeny	Race
Caravaggio	Signora a Matisse	Newmarket (July) 1.30
Churchill	Papa Cocktail	Newmarket (July) 3.15
Churchill	State Laqand	Ascot 1.50
Cotai Glory	Costa Adego	Chester 2.15
Cotai Glory	Dewious Angal	Chester 2.15
Cotai Glory	Mot And Tho Messer	Newmarket (July) 3.15
El Kabair	It Might Be You	Neven 2.10
El Kabair	Masakala	Newmarket (July) 3.15
Profitable	Jersey Ros e	York 3.30
Ulysses	Implora	Ascot 1.50
Ulysses	Mimi's Odyssey	Newmarket (July) 1.30

Cap Francais is a sibling to four winners, including the Listed scorers St Jean Cap Ferrat and Miss Cap Estel.

The six-figure mark was reached for the first time during the final day when Roger Varian's King Triton, a three-year-old son of Invincible Spirit from the family of Dubawi, was sold to DPA Bloodstock and trainer Grant Tuer for 100,000gns. The progressive youngster boasted an important update having shed his maiden tag at Thirk since the catalogue's publication.

Two lots brought 80,000gns during the morning session, with the first to fetch that figure the lightly raced Life On The Rocks. The progressive son of Fascinating Rock, who was offered by Kevin Ryan's Hambleton Lodge Stables, is set for a switch of North Yorkshire yards after being sold to Freddy Tylicki, who was acting on behalf of an old ally.

"Richard Fahey gave me a call this morning and asked me to get this horse bought so I was just following instructions," said Tylicki, who was also celebrating his 35th birthday. "He's a nice type with some progressive form and Richard has been very good to me throughout my career, I was champion apprentice while I was with him, so it's nice to link up with him again."

The three-year-old colt made three starts for Ryan and was last seen finishing runner-up in an Ayr maiden over a mile, an effort that earned him an RPR of 79.

The second 80,000gns lot was the useful Royal Dynasty, who departed the Newmarket yard of Mohamed Moubarak and now heads to the County Kilkenny stable of Joseph O'Brien.

The daughter of Charm Spirit won seven times for Moubarak, including her penultimate outing, an effort that achieved a career-high RPR of 96. She matched that rating on her latest start when fourth behind Highfield Princess in the Listed Queen Charlotte Fillies' Stakes.

"She's been bought to race

on," said O'Brien. "She looks a progressive filly with a pedigree and we're delighted to get her. We will kick on with her now and race her through the rest of the year and see what happens."

The five-year-old hails from the family of One In A Million, a foundation mare of Meon Valley Stud whose immediate descendants include major winners such as Milligram, Anapurna, Speedy Boarding and Dashing Willoughby.

Royal Dynasty proved to be an almighty bargain for Moubarak, as she not only fetched a chunky five-figure sum at Tattersalls but netted connections £40,150 in prize-money too, despite having cost a mere 1,000gns as a 69-rated maiden at the 2019 December Sale.

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Cap Francais: winter festivals on agenda for son of Frankel

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