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The fabulously wealthy second Duke of Westminster, commonly nicknamed “Bendor”, was bowled over when he met Anne “Nancy” Sullivan, a 31-year-old horsewoman of great prowess in Co. Cork in the 1940s, and as a result of his enthusiasm, he subsequently purchased both Bryanstown and Derrinstown Studs. Already a lady of considerable means herself, Anne eventually became the Duke’s fourth wife, acquiring the title of Duchess of Westminster. When the Duke died in 1953, Anne became an owner in her own right and possessed many a fine ‘chaser, including the mighty Arkle (Archive), Ten Up (Raise You Ten) – also winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup – and the mercurial Last Suspect (Above Suspicion), who triumphed in the Grand National. Whilst in Ireland, Anne lived at Bryanstown and, though none of her famous horses was bred there, Arkle was initially buried on the estate. When she reluctantly sold Bryanstown and moved to the less grand Derrinstown in 1976, she feared that the land might be built on, so Arkle’s skeleton was somewhat controversially transferred to the Irish National Stud. Derrinstown itself was eventually sold in 1982.

Bryanstown and Derrinstown are now reunited as part of the Irish arm of the extensive stud interests of Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, which began with Derrinstown’s 375 acres, but now comprises eleven establishments of about 2,000 in total situated on what is considered by many as some of the finest land for horses in the world. Three stallions will be on show over the course of the two days, headed by the dual Gr.1-winning miler **Tamayuz**. The son of **Nayef** enjoyed an excellent 2017, with two Gr.1 winners in the shape of Poule d’Essai des Poulisches scorer **Precieuse** and the E P Taylor Stakes winner **Blond Me**. His 19 yearlings sold last autumn averaged over €89,000, with a top price of €385,000. **Awtaad (Cape Cross)**, a winner at two, defeated Gr.1 2,000 Guineas winner Galileo Gold in the Irish equivalent and has his first foals this year, with 60% of his first mares having been Black-type winners or producers. There are few hotter sires about than **Dark Angel**, so it is no surprise that his grey son **Markaz** was also oversubscribed in his first season in 2017. He does not rely on his father alone for his popularity, as he was a very consistent dual Group-winner over six and seven furlongs, and is a full-brother to the dual Gr.1-winning sprinter **Mecca’s Angel**, from a tough, fast, family.

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Kildangan Stud

The heart of Sheikh Mohammed's Irish breeding operation, Kildangan Stud lies some six miles outside Kildare town. Originally owned by the O'Reilly family, it was passed down through Susan O'Reilly to Dominick More O'Ferrell, under whose ownership the estate was extended and improved. This included the building of the handsome Victorian house and the establishment of the impressive garden, designed by British landscapers. His son Roderic then turned Kildangan into a successful training stable until its conversion into a stud in 1946 and he was also president of the Bloodstock Breeders' Association. He bred five Irish Classic winners, including the 1953 2,000 Guineas winner and sire **Nearula (Nasrullah)**, as well as the leading South African sire **Drum Beat (Fair Trial)**.

Sheikh Mohammed bought the stud in 1986 and set about developing the stud further. Its first resident was the Gr.1 St James's Palace Stakes winner **Sure Blade (Kris)**, later the sire of the multiple Group winner and sire Needle Gun, as well as Leaping Water, who would later go on to achieve fame as the dam of the Champion racehorse St Nicholas Abbey. He was then joined by the Champion racehorse and sire **In The Wings (Sadler's Wells)**, sire of the Champion and Classic sire Singspiel, the Gr.1 Irish Derby winner and sire Winged Love and the German Horse of the Year and Champion Sire Soldier Hollow.

In the last few years, the number of stallions has increased markedly and 16 of the 17 residents will be on display for the Irish Stallion Trail. These are headed by the Champion Sprinter **Exceed And Excel (Danehill)**, sire of Gr.1 winners in both hemispheres. New to the stud this year are four-time Gr.1-winning miler **Ribchester (Iffraaj)** and speedster **Profitable**, *Timeform's* highest-rated sprinting son of **Invincible Spirit**. This year will also see the first foals by Gr.1 Champion Two-Year-Old and Gr.1 miler **Belardo (Lope De Vega)**; tough Gr.2 Coventry Stakes winner **Buratino (Exceed And Excel)**, and the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes winners, **Charming Thought (Oasis Dream)** and **The Last Lion (Choisir)**. Meanwhile Champion Sprinter **Slade Power (Dutch Art)**, winner of the Gr.1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes and Gr.1 July Cup in 2014, will be represented by his first runners on the track in 2018.

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Stud focus

by **LISSA OLIVER**

Quality is more important than quantity at **Boardsmill**



Mount Nelson

Founded in 1935 by the late Jack Flood, the family-run Boardsmill Stud in County Meath is proud of its independence and freedom to offer breeders the perfect mix of quality, value and proven results. This should come as no surprise because current owners of this historic farm, William and John Flood, son and grandson of Jack respectively, are National Hunt breeders in their own right and know the undulations of the business inside out. With a band of 16 broodmares producing National Hunt stores, and the four resident stallions, the stud is a year-round business, but there is always time for William and John to open the gate to visitors.

Boardsmill Stud has grown in reputation as one of Ireland's most respected National Hunt stud farms. The beautiful 125-acre farm graces the banks of the River Boyne in an area steeped in Irish heritage, as well as boasting a fine history of horseracing and

breeding, due to the rich Boyne Valley soil that provides the foundation for some of the best farmlands in Ireland.

William and John are just as steeped in history themselves and their experience has helped carry forward the great tradition established by Jack. The principle "quality is more important than quantity" has always been reflected in the stallions standing at Boardsmill Stud and the Floods do their best to operate select limited books for their sires, whilst trying to accommodate their clients and recognising the needs of breeders.

"It's something we try to promote, but at the same time we have loyal clients we do our best to accommodate and it's the nature of the business that mating decisions can often be left until the last minute," John explains. "Mount Nelson, who covered a good number of Flat mares alongside his National Hunt visitors, therefore ended up particularly busy last season."



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Another great help for breeders is the filly concession Boardsmill Stud includes with its stallion fees, although the current stallions in residence are doing remarkably well with their fillies, as they have all sired stakes winning females.

The current stallions owned by Boardsmill Stud are **Kalanisi**, **Califet**, **Court Cave** and recent addition, **Mount Nelson**, and although they had seemingly big shoes to fill, they are already setting their own benchmark. One of the first stallions to stand at the stud back in 1935 was **J'Accours**, followed by the popular Trouville, who from just a few crops, sired numerous major winners including Cheltenham Festival winner French Tan.

Another past success for the Floods was **Chou Chin Chow**, who enjoyed a long and successful stud career, siring the likes of Arkle Chase winner Bronco II and Galway Plate hero Chow Mein. With future echoes of the impeccably bred Court Cave, it was **Brave Invader** who carried Boardsmill Stud to further prominence during the 1970s. The unraced stallion out of an Irish Oaks winner sired a host of top-class horses, including Plundering, Aherlow, Music Be Magic, Erin's Invader, Don't Forget and Mrs Parsons.

You might think Brave Invader a hard sire to replace, but along came the Classic-winning **Furry Glen**, who sired no fewer than 26 Graded winners. These included Toby Tobias, Super Tactics, Triple Witching, Strath Royal, Big Matt, Commercial Artist, Change The Act and Abbey Glen. His death from colic at 16 proved a huge loss for

the National Hunt industry, but his legacy and influence continues as a broodmare sire.

The Flood family have never been ones to rest on any laurels and they have always offered more than one top-class choice to breeders. Standing alongside Furry Glen was the multiple Group-winner, **Orchestra**. Orchestra sired 15 individual National Hunt Pattern winners of 46 races, perhaps being best remembered for Doran's Pride, whose 20 black-type wins included six Gr.1s, most notably the Stayers Hurdle. He was also placed twice in the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

Orchestra also sired the Gr. 1 winners Rince Ri, Fiddling The Facts, Vanton, Pats Jester and Double Symphony. Like Furry Glen, he has since made a big impact as a broodmare sire, vindicating the Floods' astute eye when it comes to standing stallions. **Jurado** and **Semillon** are other sires to have brought black-type success to the stud and now it has fallen to the current four residents to maintain the family honour.

"There's no magic formula," John admits. "The stallions we have at the moment all come from different backgrounds. Kalanisi had started as a Flat sire and we bought him when his progeny showed promise over jumps; Califet had been based in France, whilst Mount Nelson has come from the Flat and looks a good dual-purpose sire. We've had Court Cave from the start, his pedigree appealed and we had been lucky in the past with Brave Invader, who had a similar profile. It's hard to buy stallions from the racetrack, but Court Cave injured a fetlock as a two-year-old and was unraced.

"We're always on the look out for potential stallions and are open-minded, but it is very difficult to buy a Gr.1 horse straight off the

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racetrack that is sound, as there's such big demand, particularly from Australia. Getting sires who have done their stint on the Flat has worked well for us, as the Flat market can be very fickle and they're very quick to give up on a sire. Mount Nelson, however, still seems to be popular and will continue to cover Flat mares as well."

The highly-imposing Mount Nelson (Rock Of Gibraltar – Independence, by Selkirk), is an exciting dual-purpose prospect who has already established an excellent record from his first five crops. He has sired a Gr.1 winner under both codes and is the sire of 40 Group and Stakes performers over all distances on the Flat, including the Gr.1-winning sprinter Librisa Breeze, Purr Along, Berkshire and the Classic-placed pair Mount Moriah and Volume. Over jumps, he could not have made a better start, following Penhill's Gr.1 Cheltenham Festival success and the wins of **Allee Bleu**, **Multiculture**, **Mountain Path** and **Apache Song**. It's little wonder he's in such high demand and he covered an exceptional book of Flat and National Hunt mares last season, setting his career on a continuing upward trajectory.

John says of him, "We had been following his progress at stud with interest and when I went to see him, I was hugely impressed with his good looks and presence and, in particular, his most athletic walk. He has an excellent strike rate with his Flat runners and his Stakes winners/runners statistics are up there with some of the leading Flat sires. It is encouraging to see some of his progeny making their way into the big National Hunt yards."

As was seen with Brave Invader, the Floods are not afraid to take a chance on a good-looking, well-bred unraced horse and there can be few better bred than **Court Cave** (Sadler's Wells - Wemyss Bight, Dancing Brave). The handsome full-brother to Beat Hollow and close relation of Martaline is also a Gr.1 Cheltenham Festival sire and was a leading sire of four-year-old winners in 2017, his younger winners including the top lot at the Doncaster Spring Sale, **Invincible Cave**, and the bumper and maiden hurdle winner **Court Liability**.

His older progeny include Cheltenham Festival Gr.1 hero **Willoughby Court** and the Gr.2 Scottish Champion Hurdle winner **Court Minstrel**, as well as multiple Gr.2 Cheltenham winner **Champion Court**.

Califet (Freedom Cry - Sally's Room, Kendor), a tall, beautifully-



Court Cave

made horse, is another established sire going places, his progeny having already earned over €10m. His first Irish-bred crop will be hitting the track as three-year-olds this year and he has sired Group and Graded winners on the Flat, over hurdles and over fences.

Califet was Leading National Hunt Frist Crop Sire of his year and boasts an excellent strike rate, with the three Gr.1 winners, **Carriacou**, **Cilaos Emery** and **Adrien Du Pont** hailing from just 29 runners in his 2012 crop. He is also the sire of dual Gr. 1 winners **Blue Dragon** and **Clarcam** and the Gr. 1 performers **Solway** and **Analifet**.

Another proven Gr. 1 sire at Boardsmill Stud is the tough and honest **Kalanisi** (Doyoun – Kalamba, Green Dancer), who has sired winners at the Cheltenham Festival as well as at Royal Ascot. His National Hunt performers have already yielded dual Gr.1 wins at Cheltenham and Punchestown, thanks to **Fayonagh**, **Barter's Hill**, **Katchit** and **Barizan**, and he has produced two exciting Gr.1 performers this season in **Brain Power** and **Kalashnikov**. "They are all good-looking, with a nice spread from a size perspective," John says of the stallions. "They all work well with individual mares, whether a breeder is looking for a big strong type or something with a little less substance for the bigger National hunt mare, we have one that suits."

Situated close to Trim, Boardsmill Stud is well worth a visit during the Stallion Trail and a warm welcome will be guaranteed. Opening hours during the Stallion Trail are 10am-4.30pm, but the four stallions are always available for viewing throughout the year.



Califet



Kalanisi

Ballylinch Stud

Ballylinch Stud, established by Major Dermot McCalmont in 1914, has, since its foundation, been a leading stallion stud and breeder of top quality bloodstock. In 1914, it became home to the famous "Spotted Wonder" **The Tetrarch (Roi Herode)**, an unbeaten Champion Two-Year-Old, who was injured before he could race at three. Though he struggled with fertility, his progeny included the 2,000 Guineas winner **Tetratema** and the outstanding filly **Mumtaz Mahal**, who later went on to be the ancestress of a host of top-class horses, including three winners of the St Leger. Other early residents at Ballylinch included **Fortino II (Grey Sovereign)**, subsequently the sire of **Caro**.

In 1987, Ballylinch Stud and its neighbour the Mount Juliet Estate were purchased by Dr Tim Mahony from the McCalmont family and, shortly after, John O'Connor joined the stud as manager and resident veterinary surgeon, before becoming Managing Director. Success for the new owner was almost instantaneous, with **The Caretaker (Caerleon)** landing the Cartier Million in 1989. Homebred **Priory Belle (Priolo)** took the Gr.1 Moyglare Stud Stakes in 1995, **River Keen (Keen)** was successful in the 1996 Gr.1 Jockey Club Gold Cup and, more recently, **Red Rocks (Galileo)** won the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Turf and the Gr.1 Man O'War Stakes, before becoming a successful stallion. Dr Mahony died in 2008 and was succeeded as director by his daughter Jenny Howes before the stud's sale in 2014 to John and Leslie Malone, who also own Bridlewood Farm in Florida.

Ballylinch stallions have been Champions under both codes, with the late **King's Theatre**, who at the end of the last National Hunt season in Britain and Ireland, landed a fifth Champion Sires' title, and **Lope De Vega (Shamardal)**, the 2014 Champion First Season Sire in Europe. He has sired six Gr.1 winners from only four crops, including four new top-level winners in 2017, doubtless a prime reason for his yearlings averaging €161,571 last year. Standing alongside him are **Lawman (Invincible Spirit)**, who has 48 Individual black-type performers to his name to date, including the 2018 Classic prospect **Luminate**; multiple Gr.1 winner **Beat Hollow**, a Gr.1 producing son of **Sadler's Wells** on both the Flat and over jumps and the Gr.1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Gr.1 Prix de la Foret scorer – in a record time – **Make Believe (Makfi)**, who has his first yearlings in 2018. Last year the stud welcomed both **Fascinating Rock (Fastnet Rock)**, a dual Gr.1 winner, and **New Bay** (Dubawi), winner of the Gr.1 Prix du Jockey Club, to its roster and their first foals are eagerly awaited this spring.

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Liam also stood prolific National Hunt sires, including **Strong Gale (Lord Gayle)**, **Phardante (Pharly)**, **Pollerton (Rarity)**, **King's Ride (Rarity)**, **Good Thyme (Herbager)** and most recently the multiple Champion **Presenting (Mtoto)**, who died last year. Such was the stud's success, he decided to split the disciplines in 1991, with Glenview Stud set aside for National Hunt stallions. He was joined in the business by son Paul, a useful amateur rider, and daughter Niamh, but he sadly died suddenly in March 2010.

The family has continued unabashed, however, with the first foals of Gr.2 winners **Kodi Bear (Kodiac)** and **Ajaya (Invincible Spirit)** due, while juvenile Gr.2 winner **Moohajim (Cape Cross)** has his first two-year-olds next season. On the jumping front, established sires **Malinas (Lomitas)**, **Sholokhov (Sadler's Wells)**, **Shirocco (Monsun)** and **Robin Des Champs (Garde Royale)** have been joined this year by new acquisition **Karpino (Cape Cross)**, who won the Gr.2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen, but has particular relevance to National Hunt breeders as his dam is a full-sister to **Milan (Sadler's Wells)**, from the family of **Kahyasi (Ile De Bourbon)**.

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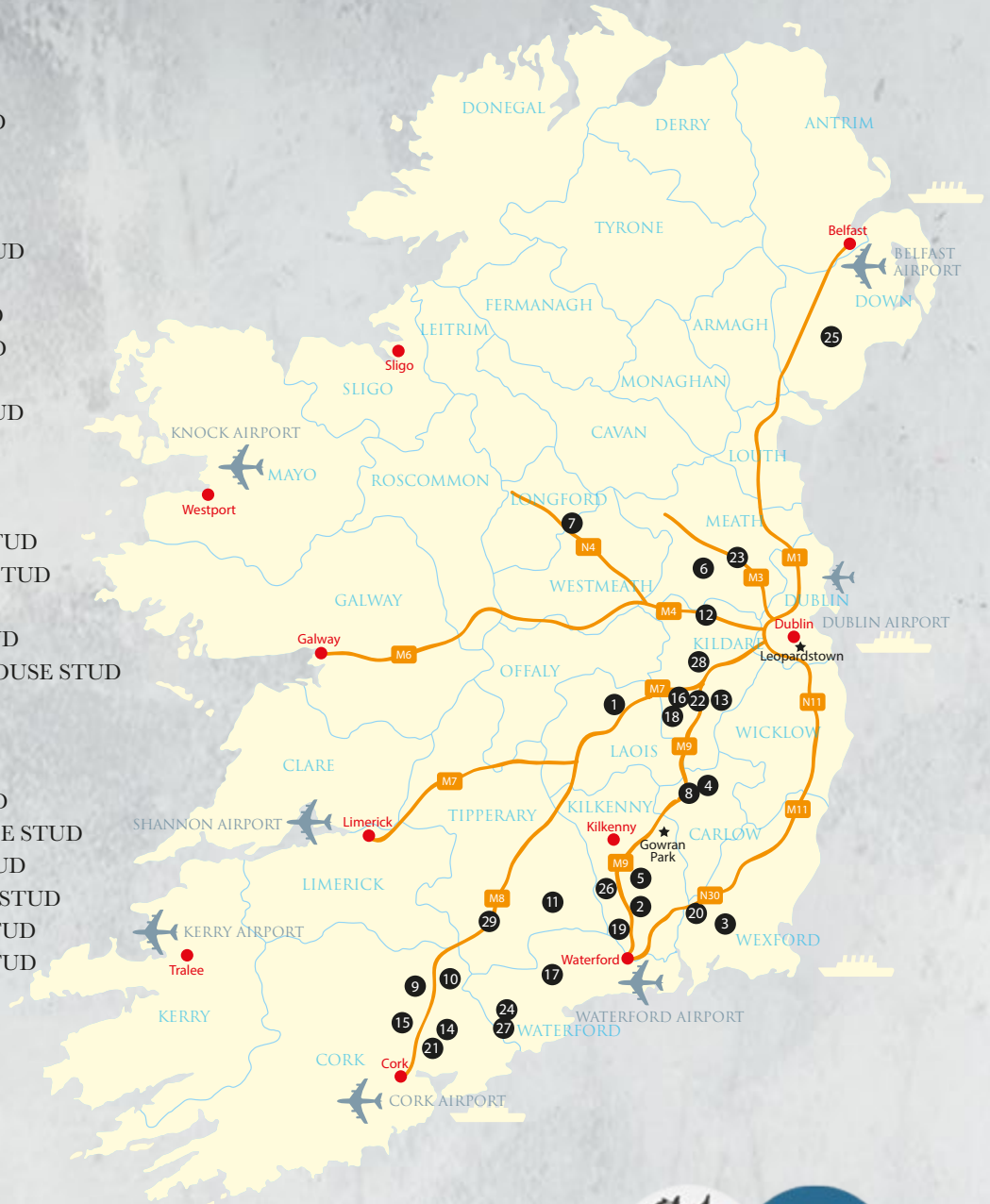
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ANNSHOON STUD	10.00-16.00	Koropick, Masterofthehorse, Pillar Coral, Silver Galaxy
ARCTIC TACK STUD	09.00-17.00	Aizavoski, Arcadio, Jet Away, Ol' Man River
BALLYHANE STUD	09.00- 17.00	Battle Of Marengo, Dandy Man, Elzaam, Prince Of Lir, Red Jazz
BALLYLINCH STUD	10.00- 16.30	Beat Hollow, Fascinating Rock, Lawman, Lope De Vega, Make Believe, New Bay
BOARDSMILL STUD	10.00-16.30	Califet, Court Cave, Kalanisi, Mount Nelson
BRIDGE HOUSE STUD	10.00-16.30	Cappella Sansevero, Let The Lion Roar, My Dream Boat, Strath Burn
BURGAGE STUD	10.00-16.00	Jukebox Jury, Sea Moon, Shantou
CASTLEHYDE STUD	10.00-15.00	Champs Elysees, Dylan Thomas, Excelebration, Footstepsinthesand, Holy Roman Emperor, Ivawood, Kingston Hill, Requinto, Rock Of Gibraltar, Ruler Of The World, Starspangledbanner, War Command, Westerner, Yeats,
COOLAGOWN STUD	10.00-16.00	Carlotamix, Frozen Fire, Shantaram, Zambezi Sun
COOLMORE STUD	10.00-15.00 compulsory to register through ITM website	Australia, Camelot, Caravaggio, Churchill, Fastnet Rock, Galileo, Gleneagles, Highland Reel, Mastercraftsman, No Nay Never, Pride Of Dubai, The Gurkha, Zoffany
DERRINSTOWN STUD	Friday 10.00-15.30 Saturday 09.30-12.00	Awtaad, Markaz, Tamayuz
GILLTOWN STUD	Saturday ONLY Show Times - 11.00, 12.30, 14.00 & 15.00	Born To Sea, Harzand, Sea The Stars
GRANGE STUD	10.00-15.00	Getaway, Leading Light, Milan, Pour Moi, Walk In The Park
IRISH NATIONAL STUD	11.00-15.00 Visitors are requested to enter through business entrance	Decorated Knight, Dragon Pulse, Elusive Pimpernel, Free Eagle, Gale Force Ten, Invincible Spirit, National Defense, Worthadd
KEDRAH HOUSE STUD	Friday ONLY 11.00-15.00	Rule Of Law, Well Chosen
KILBARRY LODGE STUD	10.00-16.00	Diamond Boy
KILDANGAN STUD	10.00-15.00	Belardo, Buratino, Dawn Approach, Epaulette, Exceed And Excel, Fast Company, Fulbright, French Navy, Hallowed Crown, Profitable, Raven's Pass, Ribchester, Slade Power, Teofilo, The Last Lion
KNOCKHOUSE STUD	09.00-17.00	Libertarian, Notnowcato, Prince Flori, September Storm, Workforce
KNOCKMULLEN HOUSE STUD	10.00-16.00	Quest For Peace
RATHBARRY & GLENVIEW STUDS	10.00-12.30 & 14.00-16.00	Acclamation, Ajaya, Kodi Bear, Moohaajim, Tagula, Karpino, Malinas, Robin Des Champs, Sholokhov, Shirocco
SUNNYHILL STUD	10.00-16.00	Doyen, Lucky Speed
TARA STUD	10.00-15.30	Alhebayeb, Divine Prophet, Estidhkaar
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Pedigree focus

by **MICHAEL ROSS**

A new male line on the European breeding scene

From time to time, a new male line emerges on the breeding scene in Europe in which the stallions are top-class sprinters and whose progeny are also speed merchants who dominate the principal sprint events, but have very little influence on the Classic races. This happened before and after the Second World War with such as **Sir Cosmo**, **Gold Bridge**, **Panorama**, **Whistler**, **Golden Cloud** and **Galivanter**, also in the 1960s with **Abernant** and **Tudor Melody**. In more recent times, **Pivotal** and **Kyllachy** have sired many outstanding sprinters, but nowadays the majority of the Gr.1 races up to seven furlongs are going to the sons or daughters of a new branch of the **Northern Dancer** male line from which **Royal Applause**, **Acclamation** and **Dark Angel** all descend.

This branch began with one of the less fashionable sons of Northern Dancer, **Try My Best**, an own-brother to **El Gran Senor** whose four wins included the Gr.1 Dewhurst Stakes, making him the European Champion Two-Year-Old of 1977. Retired to Coolmore in 1979, Try My Best sired 30 individual stakes winners, the best of which were **Last Tycoon** and **Waajib**, both born in 1983.

The champion three-year-old sprinter in Europe in 1986, Last Tycoon not only won the Gr.1 King's Stand Stakes and the Gr.1 Nunthorpe at York, but also the Grade 1 Breeders' Cup Mile. That extra stamina helped Last Tycoon to sire the dual Europa Preis victor **Taipan**, the Prix de la Foret star **Bigstone** and the Eclipse Stakes winner **Ezzoud**, but his most influential son has been **Marju**, a half-brother to the champion filly **Salsabil** who scored in the Gr.1 St James's Palace Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot and was second to Generous in the Epsom Derby.

Marju's three best winners in Europe were the Gr.1 winning fillies **Soviet Song**, **My Emma** and **Sil Sila**, so he has never had a really successful son at stud in Britain or Ireland, though his dual Group-winning son **Watar** is covering at Moortown Stud in Co Wexford. However, Marju is the maternal grandsire of the record-breaking filly **Marsha** (more details later), of Champion Milers **Ribchester** and **Canford Cliffs**, also the sire of the grandam of Champion Sprinter **Slade Power**. Marju's final crop born in 2012 includes one of the best horses currently racing in Japan, Satono Crown, who scored in the Gr.1 Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin in December 2016 and this year he has won the Gr.1 Takarazuka Kinen at Hanshin and was second in the Gr.1 Emperor's Cup, taking his earnings to almost £4,000,000.

Try My Best's other good son **Waajib** was a smart miler whose seven wins included the Gr.2 Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot and two Gr.3 events. Retired to Coolmore, Waajib sired 19 black-type



Royal Applause

winners before being exported to Japan, only one of which attained Gr.1 status. He was Royal Applause, who won nine of his 14 starts and was the second-best juvenile in Europe in 1995, when he was unbeaten and won the Middle Park Stakes, and then added the Gr.1 Haydock Park Sprint Cup two seasons later, when he was the Champion Older Sprinter in Europe.

Standing at Sandringham Stud, Royal Applause sired 50 black-type winners, including the excellent filly **Ticker Tape**, successful in the Grade 1 American Oaks at Hollywood Park and the Grade 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Keeneland, and eight different Gr.2 winners, among them **Finjaan**, who won the Lennox Stakes at Goodwood and sired some winners from his first crop racing in 2017. However, undoubtedly the best son of Royal Applause has been the fine sprinter Acclamation, among whose six wins was the Gr.2 Diadem Stakes at Ascot, while he was also placed in the King's Stand Stakes, the Nunthorpe and the Prix de l'Abbaye.

Retired in 2004 to the Cashman family's Rathbarry Stud in Co Cork, Acclamation has already sired 46 stakes winners from his first 11 crops, with some 600 individual winners of more than 1,730 races worldwide and over £25,000,000 in prize money. In 2017, he was one of the top five sires in Europe by individual winners, with 113 of them winning 163 races, and he was also eighth on the prize money list. Of course, the best of those winners was the remarkable filly Marsha (out of a Marju mare), who scored in the Gr.1 Nunthorpe Stakes and the Gr.1 Prix de l'Abbaye, before setting a new record price of



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6,000,000gns at the recent Newmarket December Sales, when bought by a Coolmore syndicate.

Acclamation has several other outstanding sprinters among his offspring, with two Gr.1 stars from his first crop, the grey Dark Angel in the Middle Park Stakes and **Equiano**, with two runnings of the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot to his credit. Then in 2017 his son **Aclaim** scored in the Gr.1 Prix de la Foret at Chantilly, having already achieved Gr.2 success in the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket and the Park Stakes at Doncaster, and he is a new stallion at The National Stud at Newmarket this spring.

There are also six individual Gr.2 winners sired by Acclamation and, remarkably, three of those have followed the new fashion set by Dark Angel by being retired to stud after just one season on the racecourse. **Harbour Watch** took the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, while **Lilbourne Lad's** success came in the Railway Stakes at The Curragh, and they have both sired a good number of winners. Then in 2017, **Mehmas** was retired to Tally-Ho Stud after a two-year-old career which had brought wins in the Gr.2 July Stakes and Gr.2 Richmond Stakes, as well as being placed in the Gr.1 National Stakes and Middle Park Stakes. One other young son of Acclamation, who is a newcomer at the Haras du Quesnay in 2018, is **Attendu**, who was a Group winner in France in each of his three seasons in training, including the Prix Quincey at Deauville, and had seven other Group placings, including the Group 1 Critérium International.

The Middle Park Stakes hero Dark Angel has proved to be a spectacular success at Yeomanstown Stud, where he has already sired 42 black-type winners from his first seven crops, among them five Gr.1 stars. Altogether, this handsome grey stallion has over 360 individual winners to his credit, which have won well over 1,000 races for earnings exceeding £20,000,000. In 2017 alone, his stock won some 185 races in Europe, the second highest total for any stallion, according to the EBN sires' list on 4th November.

Two of Dark Angel's daughters are Gr.1 stars, with the brilliantly fast **Mecca's Angel** twice winning the Nunthorpe Stakes at York as well as Group races in Ireland and France, while **Persuasive** carried off the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot in 2017. So far his only son to have runners is **Lethal Force**, also a grey, who was the Champion Older Sprinter in Europe in 2013, when he defeated **Society Rock** in both



Dark Angel

the Gr.1 Darley July Cup and the Gr.1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot. He stands at Cheveley Park Stud and sired 25 individual two-year-old winners from his first crop last season.

In 2017, two more of Dark Angel's sons attained Gr.1 status, with **Harry Angel** scoring in the July Cup and the Haydock Sprint Cup, while **Battaash** showed off his tremendous speed in the Prix de l'Abbaye at Chantilly, besides winning two Group sprints in England. Eight others of Dark Angel's progeny have won Gr.2 events and several of those are now young stallions who will have runners in the near future. Now at Tara Stud, **Alhebayeb** took the July Stakes at Newmarket and has his first two-year-olds racing in 2018, as will **Heeraat**, who won the Gr.3 Hackwood Stakes at Newbury and covers at Mickley Stud in Shropshire. The grey **Gutaifan** (standing with his sire at Yeomanstown) scored in the Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster and will have his first yearlings at the sales this autumn, whilst the Gr.2 Superlative Stakes hero **Estidhkaar** (at Tara Stud) and the grey **Markaz**, a dual Gr.3 winner standing at Derrinstown Stud, are expecting their first foals this spring.

Going back to Acclamation, another of his Gr.1-winning sons who is already a great success at Newsells Park Stud is Equiano, who scored in the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot in 2008 and 2010 and was second in the July Cup. He has now had runners for four seasons and has sired some 150 individual winners of over 330 races and £5,000,000 in prize money. A dozen of those are stakes winners, with pride of place going to **The Tin Man**, who loves Ascot, where he has won both the Gr.1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes and the Gr.1 Qipco British Champions Sprint Stakes. Another of Equiano's sons is **Strath Burn**, who won the Gr.3 Hackwood Stakes and was second in the Gr.1 Haydock Sprint Cup; he is now at Bridge House Stud in Co. Westmeath and is expecting his first foals in the next few months.

Disregarding the races for two-year-olds, if we look back at the results of the seven Gr.1 events for older sprinters in Britain in 2017, plus the two in France, we see that six of the nine races were won by direct male line descendants of Royal Applause. The Tin Man scored in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes, while Harry Angel had a double in the July Cup and the Haydock Sprint Cup, with Marsha running away with the Nunthorpe in between. Two of the other three British Gr.1 sprints were won by American-breds. Then in France, the Prix de la Foret was won by Aclaim, with the Prix de l'Abbaye going to Battaash with Marsha second.

It does not seem at all unreasonable to say that we now have a brilliant new male line of sprinters. How well named was Royal Applause!



Acclamation

The Bloodstock World according to...

EIMEAR CHANCE, marketing executive at ITM,
talks to EBN about this year's Stallion Trail.

1 Your grounding in racing has come in both Ireland and the UK. How has this helped in your current role?

It has been a massive help, particularly the 20-plus years I spent living in the UK. My family left Ireland when I was nine and moved to Lambourn, so I grew up in a racing village. When I finished university, I worked at Windsor Racecourse for four years and then at GBRI. My role at ITM is focused on promoting the Irish bloodstock industry to the UK market, so growing up and working in racing in England has been a huge asset in terms of contacts, knowledge of the UK industry and the country in general.

2 What does a typical week entail for you?

For me, there isn't really a typical week, which is one of the reasons I love my role at ITM. I could be in the office for the week; I could be going on trips spanning the length and breadth of the UK or I could be in the office for part of the week and travelling the other part. It really varies so much. But because the UK is the most important market to the Irish breeding industry, I am typically there attending a race meeting, sale or training centre at least three times a month.

3 What are the main challenges you face within your role?

When I first started at ITM, I used to find it really challenging to go up and introduce myself to people at the races or the sales. Timing is so important as often the trainers, agents, owners, etc, are very busy. But, I was there to do a job and just had to get on with it and brave it out.

4 What impact does the ITM Stallion Trail have for the Irish bloodstock industry?

The Irish Stallion Trail attracts a vast number of domestic breeders and ITM has organised a group of 40 Czech owners and breeders an itinerary for the 2018 renewal. There are also breeders attending from the UK, Germany and France. In addition, the Irish Stallion Trail gives racing enthusiasts the opportunity to visit stud farms and see horses that they probably watched race enjoying their new life as a stallion. Racing can often be accused of being inaccessible, but the Irish Stallion Trail gives people who normally wouldn't have the opportunity a chance to visit beautiful Irish stud farms and see top-class stallions up close. I think the industry needs to continue to introduce these kinds of initiatives to continue the growth of the fan base in our sport – in particular, it is always brilliant to see so many families and young people attending the Trail.

5 Do you have any tips for people coming on the ITM Stallion Trail for the first time?

I would highly recommend planning your route carefully, so you make the most of your time. There is a section on the ITM website where you can plan your route which is very helpful. I would also leave enough time to visit each stud and not to rush from farm to farm so you can take in and enjoy the Irish countryside.

6 What does 2018 hold for ITM?

2018 is looking to be another busy year for ITM. David Burns has just joined the team and he will predominantly be



working in Europe. There are lots of new initiatives being planned and being scoped out at the moment and we have over 90 international trips scheduled. In terms of my role in ITM, we are heightening our UK activity compared with previous years and I am currently working with a number of racecourses all over the country confirming plans. There is plenty to look forward to and the team is very excited going into 2018.

7 If you could change one aspect of the thoroughbred industry, what would it be and why?

I think one of the things I find hard in the racing industry is the reluctance of people to accept change; to move with the times, or to try new or different ideas to increase participation. However, even in my short time working within racing and breeding, great work has been done to attract new people into the sport, whether that be participating in it professionally, new owners, or people becoming fans and attend race meetings. I think we need to build on this and I think initiatives like the Irish Stallion Trail are a really good way to do so. There is still a lot of work to be done and we are certainly going in the right direction, but I don't think anyone should ever underestimate the importance of it to

the growth and stability of all aspects of the industry.

8 Which major race meet and major sale are you looking forward to most in 2018?

I love Punchestown. There is great racing, a fantastic atmosphere and it is a wonderful festival to conclude the NH season. ITM takes a suite every year and we host the UK owners and trainers, which is always a lot of fun. I always look forward to the Irish Store Sales; the sun is normally shining on the gorgeous big store horses and there is always a great vibe at both the Goffs Land Rover Sale and Tattersalls Ireland Derby Sale.

9 What does 2018 hold for Eimear Chance?

2018 is going to be a pretty busy year. ITM has increased its activity and presence in the UK by at least 50 per cent and I will also be making a trip to India in February to attend a sale out there. On a personal

note, I am getting married in August so I also have a wedding to plan, three hen parties being organised in my honour and hopefully an amazing honeymoon, so a hectic and exciting year ahead.

10 Who in the racing industry do you look up to the most, and why?

It will probably appear a very obvious choice, but it is my dad, Noel Chance. His father was a head lad, but passed away when dad was a baby. He was brought up by his aunt and had no association with horses. A neighbour had a hunter and he started to help him with the horse as a teenager and it all spiralled from there. He worked very hard to achieve all that he did and he did all himself, with no leg up from anyone. I am very proud of all that he and my mother Mary achieved. Dad has a wealth of knowledge – he is my go-to person with ideas and questions. With our industry, it doesn't matter how

long you have been in it or how much you know, there is always more to learn, so having my dad on hand is invaluable.

11 What would be your favourite moment thus far in your life?

Well this is a very close toss-up between the day I got engaged to my fiancé Mark Grant and when dad trained Looks Like Trouble to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup in 2000. Although, when I mentioned this to Mark who is a jump jockey, he said if he'd won the Gold Cup, he'd definitely choose that over the day we got engaged! In seriousness both were amazing times; however I was only 13 when Looks Like Trouble won and I didn't quite realise the enormity of it. We had been lucky enough for dad to also win it in 1997 with Mr Mulligan. Whilst I appreciated Looks Like Trouble's win more, I thought it was easy and we would probably win the Gold Cup every couple of years!

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Anglo-Scottish brewing magnate William Hall Walker, later Lord Wavertree, purchased land at Tully in 1900 from the Fay family and became the era's most successful breeder. He loaned homebred **Minoru (Cyllene)** to King Edward VII and he won the 1909 Derby, making the King the only reigning monarch to win it. He also bred five consecutive winners of the Gimcrack Stakes and warned bookmakers would control the sport in a speech at the traditional dinner. He believed in astrology and gave away horses born under a bad sign; he only lost one good horse, but he was very good, **Prince Palatine (Persimmon)**, winner of the St Leger and other top-class races. He introduced Aga Khan III to British racing and constructed the Japanese Gardens, probably the finest in Europe and such an attraction at Tully today. He was a remarkable man indeed.

In 1915, he gave the entire stud and its stock to the Crown and the National Stud under Sir Henry Greer produced the winners of all the Classics, headed by **Sun Chariot (Hyperion)**, winner of the fillies' Triple Crown for King George VI in 1942. It became the Irish National Stud in 1946 and occupies 850 acres, with 400 stables and a roster of eight stallions.

They are headed by multiple Champion sire and Gr.1 winner **Invincible Spirit (Green Desert)**, who needs no introduction. The stud welcomes two new stallions this season, Invincible Spirit's son **National Defense**, a Champion Two-Year-Old in France after winning the Gr.1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, and triple Gr.1 winner **Decorated Knight (Galileo)**, who is out of a full-sister to multiple Champion sire **Giant's Causeway**. Fellow Gr.1 winner **Free Eagle (High Chaparral)**, who won the Prince of Wales's Stakes, has his first yearlings this year, while dual Classic-placed **Gale Force Ten (Oasis Dream)**, a Premier Yearling Sale-topper, has 140 juveniles to represent him during his first year with runners.

In addition to Invincible Spirit, established sires on the 2018 roster include the Gr.2 Futurity Stakes and Gr.1-placed **Dragon Pulse (Kyllachy)**, sire of nine-length Group winner **Aethos** in 2017; **Elusive Pimpernel (Elusive Quality)**, a multiple Stakes-producing sire in 2017 with his first Tully conceived runners, and Champion Three-Year-Old and dual Classic winner **Worthadd (Dubawi)**, whose first crop are three this term and whose biggest crop was born in 2017.



Champion French 2-y-o **National Defense (Invincible Spirit)** is new for 2018.



The multiple Champion sire **Invincible Spirit (Green Desert)**, continues to lead the way at the stud.

The stud is also home to the *Living Legends*, including **Hurricane Fly**, who holds the world record for the number of Gr.1 wins by any racehorse at 22; Gr.1 Cheltenham Gold Cup victor **Kicking King**; 10-time Gr.1-winning chaser **Beef Or Salmon**; dual Gr.1 Champion Hurdle winner **Hardy Eustace**. and Gr.1 Gold Cup hero **Rite Of Passage**. The on site museum houses the skeleton of **Arkle**, the greatest steeplechaser ever; memorabilia connected with **Sea The Stars**, who was bred and raised at the stud, and Gr.1 Melbourne Cup winner **Vintage Crop**. Along with the Japanese Gardens, the stud contains St Flachra's Garden, designed in 1999 by Martin Hallinan, commemorating the patron saint of gardeners.

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- » **Shadow Hunter** – Stakes winner at 2
- » **Sanjida** – Stakes placed at 2
- » **Lethal Quality** – Dam of Promising, Stakes placed at 2
- » **Dreamaway** – Dam of Bing Bang Bong Stakes placed at 2
- » **Malikayah** - Stakes winner at 2 & dam of Captain Cirdan, Stakes winner at 2
- » **Propaganda** - Dam of Shagah, Stakes placed at 2



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