

The TBA NH Stallion Parade

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This year's TBA National Hunt Stallion parade highlighted that British breeding currently has a strong roster of National Hunt sires.

Henry Beeby, Chief Executive of the Goffs Group, and Stephen Hadley, the international equestrian commentator, gave superb commentaries on each sire as it entered the winner's enclosure, leaving breeders full of praise for what was on offer.

The parade opened with ACT ONE, who joins Wood Farm Stud for his first season. He will be popular with National Hunt breeders, as he proved an excellent sire on the Flat, having produced a strong group of stakes horses, including the five times Group 1 winner Dancer's Daughter.

One of the younger sires to have made an immediate impression on the National Hunt circuit is BEAT ALL. A stakes winning miler, his oldest foals are only six-years-olds and he is already producing useful performers which include the smart stakes hurdler Dani California.

It is hard to forget how tough DOUBLE TRIGGER was on the racecourse, and the East Burrow Farm inmate looks to be transferring this toughness to his off-spring as proved by Russian Trigger, the Midlands Grand National winner, Faltering Fullback and Double Dizzy.

The second resident from East Burrow Farm was Barathea's son TOBOUGG. This Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes winner, who enjoyed a successful career under the Darley banner, siring two Classic winners in Penny's Gift and The Pooka, joined his Devon base in 2009. With Bouggler (GB) winning the Grade 2 Mersey Novices' Hurdle, Tobougg is sure

to have advertised his qualities as a potential leading National Hunt sire.

The standout in the parade was unquestionably KAYF TARA (GB). The dual winner of the Group 1 Ascot Gold Cup is one of the leading NH sires in Europe. Having sired 10 National Hunt stakes winners over hurdles and fences, as well as the Cheltenham Festival winner Kayf Aramis, Kayf Tara looks a future champion.

LUCARNO has recently joined the Shropshire-based Wood Farm Stud. Having won the Group 1 St Leger Stakes, his first foals are awaited with great interest in 2010.

Making a real impact on the National Hunt circuit is MIDNIGHT LEGEND (GB). This son of Night Shift, who was himself a stakes winner under both codes, has had a staggering 56% winners to runners ratio.

REVOQUE, formerly a successful flat sire, is now making a strong impression on the National Hunt world. He is proving to be a major source of hurdlers, having sired the smart performers Voyourovitch, De Blanc and Waterlilly and he is also the maternal grandsire of Denman. VICTORY NOTE has also proved to be a successful source of speed with his flat runners, having sired the Group 1 winning sprinter Peace Offering. He has also proved a prolific sire of hurdlers, having produced City Note, Swiss Note and Victram to win Listed races in France, where he stood for seven seasons. Now standing at Dairy House Stud, he is bound to have the same impact in Britain.



Victory Note



Beat All



Act One

NH Stallion Stud and Fee 2010

Stallion	Standing at	Fee (£)
Act One (GB)	Wood Farm Stud	2,000
Beat All (USA)	Mickley Stud	2,000
Double Trigger (IRE)	East Burrow Farm	1,750
Grape Tree Road (GB)	Shade Oak Stud	2,000
Helissio (FR)	Larkinglass Farm	2,500
Indian Danehill (IRE)	Yorton Farm	2,000
Kayf Tara (GB)	Overbury Stud	4,500
Lucarno (USA)	Wood Farm Stud	2,000
Midnight Legend (GB)	Pitchall Farm Stud	4,000
Revoque (IRE)	Yorton Farm	2,000
Tobougg (IRE)	East Burrow Farm	2,500
Victory Note (USA)	Dairy House Stud	1,750



Helissio