

# PEDIGREE THOUGHTS

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### ROYAL ASCOT

The 30 races at this year's Royal Ascot were dominated by, not surprisingly, two sire lines, Sadler's Wells and Danzig. The Sadler's Wells line was responsible for seven winners while the Danzig line produced 11 winners via the Green Desert and Danehill branches. The Danehill line produced six winners, while the Green Desert branch sired five winners, via Cape Cross and Oasis Dream siring three and two winners respectively.

### SADLER'S WELLS

Galileo certainly had a strong week having produced three stakes winners. The first of these was Frankel who remains unbeaten having won his seven races when winning the St James's Palace Stakes (Gr 1). Although it is fair to say that his win was far from convincing, however none of the other runners who had raced up on the pace with him had finished in the first five places. Galileo also sired Nathaniel to win the King Edward VII Stakes (Gr 2). Nathaniel, who had finished runner-up to Epsom Derby (Gr 1) runner-up, Treasure Beach (Galileo), in the Chester Vase (Gr 3) is out of the former Swettenham Stud owned Magnificent Style. This daughter of Silver Hawk has proved to be a high-class broodmare as she has produced a Fillies Mile (Gr 1) winner, Playful Act, Yorkshire Cup winner Percussionist and US Gr 3 winner Changing Skies all to covers of Sadler's Wells. Magnificent Style, a Musidora Stakes winner, has also produced Gp 2 winner Echoes In Eternity (Spinning World), stakes winner Stylelistick (Storm Cat) and Listed winner Petara Bay (Peintre Celebre). The family is certainly full of class as Echoes In Eternity has produced the Gr 3 winner Whispering Gallery (Daylami) and it is also the family of Gr 1 winners Cavalryman (Halling) and Sleepytime (Royal Academy) and co.

Galileo final stakes winner, the Chesham Stakes (L) winner Maybe, also has strong ties to Swettenham Stud, as they had sold his dam, the Listed-placed Sumora, at Keeneland in November during their dispersal sale in 2007 for \$500,000 to Epona Bloodstock. Again, Maybe's pedigree is very active as Sumora a three-parts sister to this year's Oaks winner Dancing Rain (Danehill Dancer) and is of the family of Epsom Derby winner Dr Devious. Maybe, like Frankel is bred on the all conquering Galileo/Danehill cross. Galileo also came within a short head and a neck of having five stakes winners. Banimpire (Holy Roman Emperor) just touched off Field Of Miracles (Galileo and also out of a Roberto line mare) in the Ribblesdale Stakes (Gr 2) while Solar Sky, half-brother to Oaks winner Love Divine (Diesis), was just run out by Namibian (Cape Cross) in the Queen's Vase (Gr 3).

Many of the staying races were dominated by the Sadler's Wells line. The Gold Cup went to Sadler's Wells line for the seventh time in the last nine years when Fame And Glory, bred on the Montjeu/Shirley Heights cross, put up a classy display to win the two mile race by three lengths. Will he be another Yeats? Time will tell. Veiled (Sadler's Wells) won the Ascot Stakes while Singspiel (In the Wings) sired Swingkeel to win the longest race of the meeting, the 21 ½ furlong Queen

Alexandra Stakes. Juddmonte's Beat Hollow also sired the 8 furlong Sandringham Handicap (L) winner Rhythm Of Light, who was also out of a Danehill mare.

### DANEHILL

The Danehill line's leading sire of the meeting was Rock Of Gibraltar, having sired two winners. These were headed by the Golden Jubilee Stakes (Gr 1) winner, Society Rock, who finished runner-up in the same race in 2010. This four year-old became his sire's eighth Gr 1 winner from his 62 stakes winners to date. Although Rock Of Gibraltar has sired two Gp 1 winners at 10f, with Mount Nelson and Eagle Mountain, he is very much a sire of speed influence, as all of his other Gr 1 winners have won their races at a mile or under. Rock Of Gibraltar is a son of Danehill and out of the Listed-placed Offshore Boom, who was by Waterford Crystal Mile winner (Gr 2) Be My Guest, who won seven Gr 1's from the Dewhurst Stakes, two Guineas to the Sussex Stakes, when taking on the older horses. Society Rock is out of the Anglesey Stakes (Gr 3) third, High Society, who is a daughter of Key of Luck (Chief's Crown). Therefore the mating creates a 3x4 cross to Danzig. Line-breeding back to Danzig line mares has produced four stakes winners for Rock Of Gibraltar, which include the Gr 2 winner La Rocket and Listed winners Roxan and English Colony, who are all out of Green Desert line mares.

The first race on Friday saw Rock Of Gibraltar first stakes winners of the week when his filly, Samitar, won the Albany Stakes (Gr 3). This race is very much in the family as Samitar's dam Aileen's Gift (Rainbow Quest), had produced the 2007 winner Nijoom Dubai (Noverre).

Coolmore's second season sire, Holy Roman Emperor, who is enjoying a strong year, recorded his finest stakes wins, as a sire, when his tough filly Banimpire won her fifth stakes of year when winning the Ribblesdale Stakes (Gr 2). Holy Roman Emperor also went very close to having a second winner when Roman Soldier got just touched off in the Coventry Stakes (Gr 2). Darley's exciting sire, Exceed and Excel continued his good run with his juveniles when Best Terms won the competitive Queen Mary (Gr 2). Best Terms, who is bred on the Danehill/Kris cross which has produced 11 stakes winners including the 1994 Coronation Stakes (Gr 1) winner Kissing Cousin, stems from the Time Charter family that has given her homebred owner, the Barnett family, so much success. Tiger Hill's Rewilding put up a career best to beat, to many eyes the week's banker, So You Think (High Chaparral), in the Prince of Wales's Stakes (Gr 1), for his owners Godolphin. Rewilding is of course a half-brother to Dubai Sheema Classic (Gr 1) and Yorkshire Oaks (Gr 1) winner Dar Re Mi (Singspiel) amongst other and is out of the Prix Vermeille (Gr 1) Darshaan half-sister Darara. The Danehill line's final success was when Oratorio's daughter, Lolly For Dolly won the Windsor Forest Stakes (Gr 2).

### GREEN DESERT

As mentioned Green Desert's son, Cape Cross, also enjoyed three winners. The first of these was Julianas in the Hunt Cup on the second day. Julianas, a Pendley Farm homebred, is out of the Sir Pekan's (Red Ransom)

Cherry Hinton Stakes (Gr 2) winner Dora Carrington. Friday's card saw trainer, Mark Johnston train his sixth winner of the Queen's Vase (Gr 3), run over 2 miles, when Namibian (Cape Cross), from the family of Valentino, Pursuit Of Love and Look Here just held off Solar Sky. Cape Cross final win was the following race when Manassas won the 7 furlong Buckingham Palace Stakes. Manassas, a Rebecca Philipps homebred, is out of the Machiavellian Listed winner Monnavanna, who is a half-sister to Gp 2 winner Monturani and recent winner Suhaili (Shirocco).

Juddmonte Farm's, Oasis Dream also produced further success for the Green Desert sire line with two winners. Power looked very impressive in Coventry stakes (Gr 2) when just getting the better of Roman Soldier. Power, who is a half-sister to the Ribblesdale Stakes (Gr 2) winner, Thakafaat (Unfuwain) and is out of Inchinor half-sister to Footstepsinthesand (Giants Causeway) from the Hascombe Stud family. Power is likely to go for the National Stakes (Gr 1) next and is sure to get a mile next year. He could be the leading two year-old colt in 2011. The following race gave Oasis Dream his second win when Prohibit continued his improved form to come with a late run to win the 5 furlong King's Stand Stakes (Gr 1). Prohibit is a half-brother to Listed winners Prior Warning and Emergency, who is out of the Cherry Hinton Stakes Well Warned (Warning). This Juddmonte bred's third dam is an own-sister to Zaizafon, the dam of Zafonic, Zamindar, which is the same family of Gr 1 winners Reams Of Verse and Midday and Regal Parade.

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

The opening race of the meeting, the Queen Anne Stakes (Gr 1), proved that Canford Cliffs is one of the best milers we have seen for a long time, particular as defeated Goldikova (Anabba), herself the winner of 13 Gr 1's. Canford Cliffs is by Prix Morny (Gr 1) winner Tagula (Taufan) and out of Mrs Marsh, a daughter of the St. James's Palace Stakes (Gr 1) winner, Marju. Mrs Marsh is a half-sister to the stakes winner Pina Colada (Sabrehill) while her granddam is multiple US graded stakes winner Triple Triple (Raise A Cup).

Another highlight for me was the Darley second crop sire, Shirocco's Brown Panther, who was a convincing winner of King George V Handicap. Brown Panther, a Michael Own homebred is out of his smart Listed winning Unfuwain mare Treble Heights. Brown Panther looks set to go for the German Derby next, where he is likely to take on a number of other Shirocco sons, before a possible tilt at the St Leger (Gr 1). Interestingly Shirocco's sire, Monsun, has sired two Gr 1 winners out of Unfuwain daughters, with Getaway and his sister to Guadalupe. Shirocco looks a real future Classic sire who has a number of smart middle distance three-year-olds including Mijhaar (whose dam-sire is Nashwan, half-brother to Unfuwain), who finished fourth in the King Edward VII Stakes (Gp 2).

Finally it was a strong week for the Danehill, Sadler's Wells and the Roberto sire line as dam-sires. Danehill and Sadler's Wells had three winners and a further two placed, while the Roberto line had four winners. CWC

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