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TURTLE BOWL

The first week of September has seen two first season sires record their first stakes winners. Amadeus Wolf (Mozart) produced Caledonian Spring to win the Ascendant Stakes (L) at Haydock, while in France Turtle Bowl (Dyhim Diamond), produced his first stakes winner when French Fifteen won the Criterium de l'Ouest (L) at Craon.

Trained by Francois Rohaut, Turtle Bowl proved to be a very smart performer from 7 to 9 furlongs which not only includes winning both the Prix Jean Prat (Gr 1) and the Prix De La Jonchere (Gr 3), both over a mile at Chantilly in 2005, but also a close-up third to Ramonti in Queen Anne Stakes (Gr 1), having been beaten by two short-heads, a runner-up up to Manduro in the Prix d'Ispahan (Gr 1) both in 2007. Turtle Bowl is a son of the Night Shift (Northern Dancer) sire, Dyhim Diamond, a tough and consistent sprinter, who now stands in Spain, won a pair of German Gr 3's as well as being runner-up to Tomba (Efisio) in the 1998 Cork And Orrery Stakes (Gr 2) (now named the Golden Jubilee Stakes (Gr 1)). Turtle Bowl, who is out of the Top Ville mare, Clara Bow, is a half-brother to the Prix d'Astarté (Gr.2) and Prix de Diane (Gr.1) fourth, Turtle Bow (Fairy King), Lingfield Derby Trial (Gr 3) winner Age Of Aquarius (Galileo) and Listed winner Super Bowl (Green Tune).

Retired, at a €5,000 stud fee, to Haras de la Reboursiere et de Montaigu for the 2008 breeding season. With a first crop of 41 registered foals Turtle Bowl has made a strong start to his stud career as to date he is currently lying second in the French first season sire table. With the Northern Dancer line dominated in Europe by the Danzig (via both Green Desert and Danehill) and Sadler's Wells lines it is encouraging to see the Night Shift branch, which also has Azamour (Night Shift), making it mark with stakes results.

Finally, French Fifteen, is out of the Ashkalani winning mare, Spring Morning, who traces directly to the then Aga Khan's "The Flying Filly" Mumtaz Mahal, via his five time 1959 Gr 1 winner Gr 1 winning mare of 1959 Petite Etoile, which is also the family of Zarkava (Gr 1). The Night Shift/Nureyev cross which cross that French Fifteen is bred on has produced two other stakes winners, which includes the Gr 3 winner Sheppard's Watch (Night Shift).

SAINT LIAM

The US third crop sires are a strong bunch as they include Kitten's Joy (El Prado), sire of 8 2011 SW's including recent Del Mar Derby winner Banned, Leroidesanimaux (Candy Stripes), sire of

the 2011 Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom, Roman Ruler (Fusaichi Pegasus), sire of the 5 SW's including the Belmont winner Ruler On Ice, Afleet Alex (Northern Afleet), sire of 4 SW's, and Pollard's Vision (Carson City), sire of Gr 1 winner Blind Luck.

There could have been a very bright future for another sire on this list as the late Saint Liam (Saint Ballado) sired Havre De Grace, to beat the colts by 1 ¼ lengths to win the Woodward Stakes (Gr 1) on September 3rd, a race that he had won in 2005. Having won five Gr 1's and voted US Horse of the Year 2005, Saint Liam was retired to Lane End Farm for the 2006 breeding season for a fee of \$50,000. Saint Liam covered 126 before suffering a fractured tibia hind leg in late August of 2006. From his crop of 98 live foals he produced 79 starters, 63 winners of which seven are stakes winners. The other six stakes winners include the 2011 Listed winners St Liam's Halo, Beyondallboundaries and Saint Isabelle as well as Buddy's Saint the dual Gr 2 and his first stakes winner.

Havre De Grace, who is out of a Carson City half-sister to the graded-placed The Brink, the dam of dual Flower Bowl Invitational Stakes (Gr 1), Riskaverse (Dynaformer), now looks to take on the colts again with a tilt at the Breeders' Cup Classic (Gr 1). Havre De Grace is one of three stakes winners that Saint Liam has bred to Mr Prospector line daughters, which Saint Ballado/Carson City cross has also produced two other stakes winners which includes the Gr 2 winner Northern Solider.

Saint Liam's family was very much in the news as his half-sister, the three-year-old Quiet Giant (Giant's Causeway), won the Molly Pitcher Breeders' Cup Handicap (Gr 1) on the same day at Monmouth Park. Quiet Dance, who is due to be offered at Keeneland November Breeding Stock sale as part of the Edward P. Evans dispersal, is also the dam of Gr 3 winner Congressionalhonor (Forestry) and the 2011 stakes winner Dance Quietly (AP Indy).

MARJU

It is sad to hear that Marju (Last Tycoon) has been retired having been at stud for twenty seasons. Marju, who was trained like his half-sister to Salsabil (Sadler's Wells) by John Dunlop, proved himself to be an outstanding performer. Having won the Cavern Stakes (Gr 3) he went off the 6/4F for the 1991 2,000 Guineas (Gr 1). However he ran very disappointingly and was reported to be lame in his near-hind stifle. Having recovered he proved a versatile enough to be able to step up to 12 furlong to take on the Epsom Derby (Gr 1), a

race his half-sister Salsabil had won the previous year. Despite being by Last Tycoon, the Champion Sprinter of 1986, Marju ran a respectable race to be a 5 length runner-up to Generous (Caerleon). Two weeks later Marju was back in the winner's enclosure having been dropped back to a mile to win the St James's Palace Stakes (Gr 1) at Royal Ascot. With below efforts in both the Eclipse and Champion Stakes due to a reoccurrence stifle problem, Shadwell retired him to their Derrinstown Stud in Kildare for the 1992 season at a fee of Ir£7,000.

Having been bred by Pat O'Kelly's Kilcarn Stud, it was not surprising that Shadwell paid 440,000 Ir Gns at Goffs Cartier Million Yearling Sale (the 17th highest priced yearling of 1989) as they owned Salibasil winner of the Prix Marscel Boussac (Gr 1) that year. Since then Marju dam, Coronation Stakes (Gr 2) winner Flame Of Tara (Artaius) has gone on to produce Gr 3 winners Danse Royale (Caerleon) and Flame Of Athens (Royal Academy) and Listed winner Song Of Tara (Sadler's Wells) as well as being granddam to the likes of Gr 2 winners Echo of Light (Dubai Millennium), Essential Edge (Storm Cat) and Sahn (Mr Prospector) to name a few.

At stud, Marju also proved to be equally versatile as he was able to produce both sprinters as well as middle distance performers. Marju has sired 1029 foals of racing age to date, which has produced over 550 winners and 51 stakes winners. Eight of these stakes winners are at Gr 1 level which includes the Prix Vermeille and Yorkshire Oak winner, My Emma, who was from his first crop, five time Gr 1 winning miler Soviet Song, French Oaks winner Sila Sila and four time Hong Kong Gr 1 winner Viva Pataca (ex Comic Strip) to name a few. With Marju having covered over 100 recorded mares in the 2009/10 breeding season there is plenty more to come from this sire who is from the same Try My Best branch of the Northern Dancer sire-line that has produced Royal Applause and Acclamation.

Marju's legacy is sure to live on. His son, the Italian based Martino Alonso (L) and sire of Ramonti, is currently the leading sire in Europe on percentage winner/runners. It will be perhaps be his daughters that will really carry on his name. Marju is the dam-sire of eighteen stakes winners which includes not only Canford Cliffs (Tagula) but also the recent Japanese 1000 Guineas (Gr 1) winner, Marcellina (Deep Impact) and useful sire and Listed winner, Big Bad Bob (Bob Back) and recent Solario Stakes (Gr 3) winner Talwar (Acclamation). With over 241 mares currently registered we are certainly going to hear a lot more about Marju daughters.

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