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**H**ailed as one of the most exciting Derby winners in recent memory, Desert Crown delivered a day to remember for the British breeding industry at Epsom Downs in early June, leading home a 1-2-3 for horses bred on these shores (p.3).

For Julian Dollar of Newsells Park Stud, the result was a particularly gratifying one. Nathaniel has arguably been underappreciated by a commercially-driven market in recent years, despite producing a raft of Group 1 winners including champion mare Enable. His strong record in the NH sphere – celebrated at the recent TBA NH Awards (p.29-30) – can have done nothing but fuel this, but our Summer 2022 cover star continues to make quite the statement on behalf of his sire, who clearly represents exceptional value at his current fee of £15,000.

Nathaniel is not the only British stallion to have had their profile significantly boosted in recent months. Cachet's tenacious 1,000 Guineas win gave The National Stud's young sire Aclaim a first Classic success (p.20), while the first crop by Havana Grey have ensured an electric start for the Whitsbury Manor resident (p.17).

Indeed, there is a strength in depth emerging at the lower and middle sections of the stallion market in Britain that can complement the demand for Dubawi (p.13) and Frankel (p.8 & p.12), at the top end, very nicely.

This all bodes very well for the domestic breeding industry, which was on parade as delegates from 23 countries gathered in Newmarket for the 2022 ITBF Conference (p.18). As headline sponsor, GBRI hosted and attended various events across the week, and the response from delegates throughout

really brought into focus the degree to which industries around the world look up to the world-leading standards set in Britain.

Of course, international interest in British racing in June did not stop there. The world watched on as Platinum Jubilee celebrations unfolded at Epsom Downs and beyond, with British racing honouring Her Majesty The Queen's involvement in the sport with a wide range of initiatives, including GBRI's commemoration of the 2022 winners of races named after The Queen, in partnership with British Champions Series (p.6).

Richard Brown, who purchased Desert Crown (p.4) for our June 'International Owner in Focus' Saeed Suhail (p.31-32), says of British racing in this month's Q&A (p.33-34), *"I'm obviously biased being British but it's the best racing in the world"*. Nowhere is this more evident each year than at Royal Ascot, and 2022 was no different, with the jewel in the crown of the sport delivering fabulous stories for operations big and small (p.12-15).

We hope you enjoy this look back on the headlines for British racing over the last three months.

**Minty Farquhar**  
GBRI General Manager

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# Desert Crown so impressive as British-breds dominate The Cazoo Derby

Desert Crown burst on to the global racing scene like a comet when maintaining his unbeaten record with a commanding two and a half-length victory, leading home a 1-2-3 for British-breds, in the £1.604 million Group 1 Cazoo Derby (In Memory Of Lester Piggott) at Epsom Downs Racecourse.

Now a winner of all three lifetime starts, Desert Crown is a son of the Newsells Park Stud stallion, Nathaniel, sire of the dual Arc and three-time Oaks heroine, Enable, who currently stands at a covering fee of just £15,000. He was purchased for 280,000 guineas at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale Book 2 by Blandford Bloodstock on behalf of owner Saeed Suhail.

The victory was the sixth in Britain's premier race for the ten-time British Champion Trainer, Newmarket-based Sir Michael Stoute, who first tasted Derby victory with Shergar in 1981 but had not enjoyed further success in this colts Classic since Workforce won it in 2010.

By contrast, it was just a second ever Derby ride and first triumph for the 35-year-old Somerset-born jockey, Richard Kingscote, who always had his mount in the first half dozen. Having hit the front approaching the two furlong marker, Desert Crown strode clear to score in impressive fashion.

He was chased home by the 150-1 outsider, Hoo Ya Mal, who is from the second crop of the Dalham Hall Stud stallion, Territories, while Westover, who had to be taken to the outside having been denied a clear run inside the final quarter mile and is by Banstead Manor Stud's Frankel, finished strongly to get within a head of second place, the front three drawing five and a half lengths clear of the rest of the field.

Desert Crown has yet to be seriously challenged in any of his three racecourse appearances, so further improvement is highly likely. He raced just once as a two-year-old, notching a five and a half-length success in a maiden race at Nottingham last November, and Stoute was adamant that he was a long way short of full race fitness when he pulled off a three and a quarter length triumph on his 2022 reappearance, in the Group 2 Al Basti Equiworld Dante Stakes at York last month.

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Nathaniel at Newsells Park Stud

Photo credit: Newsells Park Stud

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# From Perfect Power to Desert Crown

He has been branded a pessimist by Sir Michael Stoute for admitting as much, but Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock, who bought Cazoo Derby hero Desert Crown (Nathaniel), believes Saturday's achievement will never be topped.

Brown, a renowned bloodstock agent with over 20 years of experience in the game, went to 280,000gns to secure Desert Crown on behalf of Saeed Suhail at Book 2 at Tattersalls in 2020 and counts himself as extremely lucky to have sourced what he believes is a once-in-a-lifetime colt.

"I ended up at Sir Michael's for quite a few glasses of wine on Saturday night," said Brown on Monday. "I called him yesterday [Sunday] to thank him and I said, 'look, you've done this before but I haven't and I'm sure I never will again."

"He gave me a bollocking and told me not to be a pessimist. I think it's once-in-a-lifetime stuff, mainly because so few Derby winners are offered up at public auction and you are up against the might of the top breeding operations like Coolmore, Juddmonte, Aga Khan and Godolphin. The chance of buying a horse like Desert Crown is so slim. We got very lucky."

Desert Crown became Stoute's sixth Derby winner when powering home at Epsom under Richard Kingscote who, like Brown, was securing his first Derby. Prior to Saturday, Brown may have been best known for sourcing dual Group 1-winning juvenile Perfect Power (Ardad) and top-notch sprinter Dream Ahead. However, Desert Crown eclipses all other achievements in the business and Brown is convinced he will never come across one better.

He explained, "This won't be topped. It can't be topped. Rabbah Bloodstock was formed in 2006 and Jono Mills, who is one of my greatest mates, is the managing director and I work very closely with him, Bruce Raymond and Philip Robinson. It's through them that I have been able to buy for the people that I do. Also, I have known Sir Michael for a long time and, while we haven't done a lot of business together, we share a pretty big passion for cricket, which is all we ever seem to talk about. To be a small part of that team and to do it with these guys is very special."



Photo credit: Tattersalls

Brown added, "I am fortunate to buy for the people I do. I get to go to the sales and pick out the horses I like for people who trust me. It gives you a sporting chance. I spent many years going to the sales and not being able to buy these types of horses so I realise how fortunate I am that I have people who will back me to stretch out if I like one."

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# Hukum seals ‘wonderful’ first Group 1 for Owen Burrows in Coronation Cup

When the axe fell on the Shadwell empire following the death of Hamdan Al Maktoum last year, Owen Burrows was arguably cut the deepest as he relocated to new premises with a significantly slimmed-down string having previously been a private trainer for the operation.

However, as Shadwell ‘rationalised’ the number of horses, Burrows held on to Hukum and at Epsom was able to revel in a first Group 1 success and his biggest prize since striking out alone.

“He’s been a wonderful horse for me,” Burrows said. “I’m thrilled he’s done it, for myself and for everyone back home. It’s been well documented it’s been a tough 12 months but I’m thrilled for everyone.

“It’s massive. We have reduced numbers now but we still have a good team and it means a lot to do it for Shadwell and Sheikh Hamdan’s family.”

That stance was supported by Angus Gold, Shadwell’s longstanding racing manager, who was particularly pleased for Burrows.

“I’m delighted for Owen and his team,” he said. “It’s been a tough time for them and for everybody since Sheikh Hamdan died.



We have a smaller team, and they have a smaller team, but we wanted to keep the best ones and the horses we thought could be winning on days like today.

“I thought Jim gave him a terrific ride on a course that the horse wasn’t totally in love with and it’s days like today that are so important to Shadwell. It’s a wonderful result for Sheikh Hissa and her family as well as Owen, especially with this horse.”

As Shadwell cut back through much of last year, the mantra repeated was the operation would have fewer horses but the ones who remained would ideally be competing in the best races.

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Owen Burrows

# British racing to commemorate winners of races named after Her Majesty The Queen in Platinum Jubilee year

To mark Her Majesty The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, British racing will make a special presentation to this year’s winning owners of various Group/Grade 1 races around the world that are named after Her Majesty. The initiative celebrates The Queen’s international impact on the sport of horse racing.

The races involved in the initiative – the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Royal Randwick, the Grade 1 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at Keeneland in October and the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Hanshin Racecourse in November – are, together, indicative of the respect in which Her Majesty is held by the world’s racing community and are symbolic of her far-reaching impact on the sport.

Her Majesty’s eponymous race in Great Britain, the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (sponsored by QIPCO), is held on QIPCO British Champions Day in October.

The winning owners of the 2022 renewals of these Group 1 contests around the world will each receive a strawberry dish commissioned by Great British Racing International and QIPCO British Champions Series on behalf

of British Racing, and produced by Royal jewellers, Garrard.

The first recipient, Richard Johnston of Bylong Park, whose Think It Over won the Queen Elizabeth Stakes in April, said upon receiving the commemorative dish:

“Her Majesty is loved and admired here in Australia, particularly amongst the racing fraternity that share her passion for the thoroughbred.

“To play a miniscule part in celebrating her Platinum Jubilee, as a result of Think It Over’s effort in winning the prestigious Longines Queen Elizabeth Stakes, I find it both humbling and a source of great joy. I will be sure to give him a pat for Her Majesty.”

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Her Majesty The Queen’s lifelong passion for racing has created widespread interest and global investment in the sport throughout her reign and her attendance on a racecourse always creates a special occasion. That there are so many prestigious races named after her internationally is testament to her patronage of the sport throughout her life and we are delighted to be marking the Platinum Jubilee with this special presentation.

Rod Street, CEO of Great British Racing and QIPCO British Champions Series

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## Westover continues Frankel's fabulous form with seven-length Irish Derby romp

**Westover franked the Epsom Derby form and gave his sire, Frankel, a third Group 1 victory within the last nine days when storming home seven lengths clear of his nearest rival in the €1 million Dubai Duty Free Irish Derby over a mile and a half at The Curragh Racecourse in County Kildare, Ireland.**

**D**enied a clear passage in the home straight before flashing home to almost grab second, under three lengths behind the winner, Desert Crown, at Epsom, the Ralph Beckett-trained Westover left nothing to chance this time.

Ridden by Colin Keane, he was soon slipstreaming the front-running French Claim and, having moved into the lead with just over two furlongs to run, drew right away to score in emphatic fashion with Piz Badile a distant second and French Claim holding on for third ahead of the Epsom Oaks heroine, Tuesday. He thus became the 30th homebred Classic winner to be produced by the late Prince Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms operation and their second homebred winner of the race following on from Commander In Chief's success back in 1993.

He also became the fourth different three-year-old Group 1 winner of the season for Banstead Manor Stud's super sire, Frankel, following on from the Irish 1,000 Guineas

triumph of Homeless Songs in May, and in the last week or so, the Coronation Stakes victory of Inspiral and the Prix de Diane triumph of Nashwa. Simon Mockridge, General Manager of Juddmonte Farms UK, spoke to GBRI after the race on Saturday afternoon. He reflected:

*"It was a scintillating performance by Westover, super impressive, and I know that Prince Khalid's family are ecstatic to have their first Classic win since he passed away early last year."*

*"Westover is from an amazing family which goes back to our Prix de Diane winner, Nebraska Tornado, and is testament to Prince Khalid's 34 years of breeding expertise. The pedigree tells us that he should have an awful lot of speed, so don't be surprised if he comes back in distance – he looked like he could have won easily if today's race had been over ten furlongs."*

*"Although we were very happy for him to finish in the first three at Epsom, when you watch the race back and see the job Rob Hornby had to*

*do to extricate him, he did finish remarkably strongly. Even so, no one could have expected him to win in the style that he has today."*

*"He was a very big foal, weighing 154 pounds, so Ralph [Beckett] did an incredible job to get him to race as often as he did last year. Sadly, we lost his mother, Mirabilis, last year at the age of nineteen because of a nasty foot problem, but she had one more foal, an Expert Eye now two-year-old filly called Jalapa, who is with Ralph but has yet to see a racecourse."*

When asked about Westover's sire Frankel, Simon Mockridge commented:

*"Frankel has just been an absolute delight to have anything to do with. He was a truly great racehorse and he has made a phenomenal start to his stallion career."*

*"He is covering 180 mares per season at the moment, which is to be expected from a stallion who can now boast over 50 individual Group winners, including 23 at Group 1 level and nine Classic winners."*

## Nashwa delivers Al Sagar's Blue Diamond Stud a first homebred Classic victory

**Blue Diamond Stud homebred Nashwa built upon a fine third-place finish in the Group 1 Oaks at Epsom earlier this month with a victory in the French equivalent, the Group 1 Prix de Diane at Chantilly.**

**T**he result represents a first homebred Classic success for her Kuwaiti owner-breeder, Imad Al Sagar, today the sole proprietor of Blue Diamond Stud just outside Newmarket. Al Sagar has tasted Classic success in the past, courtesy of Authorized winning the Derby and Araafa winning the Irish 2,000 Guineas for him and his former co-owner of Blue Diamond Stud, Saleh Al Homaizi, in 2007. Neither horse, however, was bred by the stud, with both of those Classic winners having been acquired as yearlings at Tattersalls.

The Prix de Diane also represents a first Classic win for jockey Hollie Doyle, who judged the pace perfectly on the favourite, ensuring she had enough in the tank to repel the challenge of La Parisienne in the final furlong.

Al Sagar has upwards of 20 horses in training with several British trainers. The majority of these horses are now homebreds, produced from his 40-odd broodmares.

Nashwa, who is in the care of John and Thady Gosden, is out of former Blue Diamond Stud

flagbearer Princess Loulou, a daughter of Pivotal who won the Listed Gillies Fillies' Stakes at Doncaster in 2015. Among the young stock Al Sagar can look forward to in the next few years are Princess Loulou's yearling filly by Blue Diamond Stud's homebred stallion Decorated Knight and her colt foal by Royal Ascot 2022 leading sire Dubawi. The mare is currently carrying a full-brother or sister to Nashwa by Frankel.

For Juddmonte Farms' Champion sire, Sunday's result represents an 8th Classic winner and 22nd Group 1 winner. Of those Group 1 winners, five have now been out of a Pivotal mare.

Lord Grimthorpe, racing manager to Imad Al Sagar, spoke to GBRI after the race on Sunday afternoon. He reflected:

*"This is absolute pure gold as far as Imad and his entire team are concerned, it really is. To raise a filly of that quality and that temperament is really some achievement."*

*"Anyone who comes into the breeding game aspires to what the French call 'les grandes épreuves', and this certainly is right up there with all aspirations for any owner-breeder. To achieve it in such style was really exceptional, coming only 16 days after the Oaks."*

When asked about what the future might hold for Nashwa, Lord Grimthorpe commented:

*"She's versatile, she's got a really good turn of foot. We'll have to get her back and see how she is and map out a campaign now for her, probably along the mile and quarter route, but I don't know. It'll be interesting to see how she comes out of the race, but it'll be Group 1s anyway."*

Lord Grimthorpe added of Al Sagar's retained jockey:

*"It was an inspired choice by Imad to employ Hollie. I think the most important thing is that she's a very good jockey, and you don't have to put she's a very good female jockey, you just say she's a very good jockey, and so why wouldn't you want her riding your horses?"*





## DREAMING OF OWNING A ROYAL ASCOT WINNER?

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# Derby Second Hoo Ya Mal Tops Spectacular Goffs London Sale At £1.2 Million

Goffs London Sale in association with Privat 3 Money made a spectacular return to Kensington Palace on the eve of Royal Ascot with a vibrant evening's trade in the sunshine topped by the £1.2 million sale of Derby runner up Hoo Ya Mal (Lot 6) who will head to Australia having been purchased by Gai Waterhouse, McKeever Bloodstock, Adrian Bott and Go Bloodstock.

Bidding opened at £1 million for the Andrew Balding trained son of Territories, winner of the Convivial at York at two and placed in the Craven Stakes this season for owner Ahmad Al Shaikh. The underbidder was Marie Yoshida of Asian Bloodstock Services bidding via telephone from the US. Hoo Ya Mal holds Royal Ascot entries in the Group 3 Hampton Court Stakes on Thursday and Friday's King Edward VII Stakes.

Trainer Michael O'Callaghan enjoyed a superb sale with his pair of Royal Ascot-bound two-year-olds. The Time Test colt Crypto Force (Lot 24) sold to Hamish Macauley Bloodstock, Amo Racing and Omnihorse for £900,000 and is entered in the Chesham Stakes on Saturday, while early on the winning Harry Angel colt Harry Time (Lot 5) who runs in today's Coventry Stakes was purchased by Meah Lloyd Bloodstock for £300,000.

Group 2 winner Cadillac (Lot 20) was another Royal Ascot entrant in great demand and will run today in the Wolferton Stakes for

new owner Sheikh Abdullah Al Sabah having secured the four-year-old Lope de Vega colt for £500,000 from Jessica Harrington's Commonstown Stables. A Listed winner at Leopardstown earlier this month, Cadillac will move trainer to Kevin Philippart De Foy following the Royal Meeting.

Goffs Group Chief Executive Henry Beeby reflecting on a spectacular return for the London Sale said:

*"It was great to be back at Kensington Palace Gardens and to welcome so many international guests who created such a wonderful atmosphere. We are delighted with the results of the sale which made enormous progress from its 2019 renewal and we thank our vendors who supported the sale with some outstanding offerings. It is rare to get a horse that was placed in the Derby to sell – and what a result, selling for £1.2m going to Australia, with the underbidder a US client."*

*"This sale is unlike any other. The opportunity to purchase a Royal Ascot runner has*

*grabbed the imagination of buyers since its inception, and as a social occasion to open the most prestigious week in international racing there is simply nowhere better. We cannot deliver an event of this standard without the tremendous support of our partners and I wish to express our gratitude to our new title partner Privat 3 Money along with our supporting sponsors Chateau Leoube, Ampito Group, IYC, J Craft, Cashel Palace and Flexjet who, together with their guests, add so much to the event."*

*"We look ahead to Royal Ascot and wish the new connections of all London Sale purchases the very best for this week and beyond".*

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Photo credit: Sarah Farnsworth

# Inspiral brings Cheveley Park Coronation cheer as unbeaten Frankel filly romps home in stunning fashion

Inspiral went one better than both her dam and her great grand dam as she proved herself to be the best filly in Europe and, quite possibly, the world, with a brilliant victory in a red-hot international renewal of the £500,000 Group 1 Coronation Stakes at Ascot Racecourse.

Regarded beforehand by many as the highest quality race of this year's five-day Royal Ascot meeting, this one mile event for three-year-old fillies lived up to every expectation as the 1,000 Guineas heroine, Cachet, set a strong pace with rivals from America, Ireland and France all in hot pursuit.

Inspiral, who owing to a slight setback as she was being prepared for the classics by trainers John and Thady Gosden, had not raced since clinching the status of European Champion Two-Year-Old Filly with victory in the Group 1 Fillies' Mile at Newmarket last October, was slowest of the 12 runners out of the stalls and had to be scrubbed

along by jockey Frankie Dettori in order to maintain contact with the field.

Dettori did not panic and, moving smoothly through the field despite having to wait momentarily before switching to find racing room with under two furlongs to run, she burst clear and stayed on strongly to the line to score by an impressive four and three-quarter length margin. Second was the gallant US raider, Spendarella, with Discoveries just beating Tenebrism in an all-Irish battle for third and Cachet back in fifth.

Inspiral is a fourth generation homebred for her Newmarket-based owners Cheveley Park Stud. By Banstead Manor Stud's fabulous World Champion racehorse, Frankel, who

enjoyed an unblemished record of 14 straight victories on the track and is now one of the globe's premier stallions, she was putting to rights two Royal Ascot near misses achieved by her maternal ancestors.

For, each sporting the patriotic red, white and blue Cheveley Park Stud silks, her dam, Starscope, finished second in this very race in 2012 while two decades earlier her third dam, Mystic Goddess, had beaten all but the stupendously fast Lyric Fantasy in the 1992 Queen Mary Stakes. Mystic Goddess went on to become the mother of the late great Cheveley Park stallion, Medicean, himself a Royal Ascot winner in 2001.



Photo credit: Megan Rose Photography



# Naval Crown becomes Dubawi's 50th Group 1 winner in Platinum Jubilee Stakes

Naval Crown led home a 1-2 for Godolphin, Charlie Appleby and Dubawi in the £1million Group 1 Platinum Jubilee Stakes, reversing the result of last year's Group 3 Jersey Stakes, won by stablemate Creative Force.

**T**he result represented a 50th Group 1 winner for Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum's cornerstone sire at Dalham Hall, Newmarket.

Racing over six furlongs for only the second time in his career, Naval Crown was sent off a relatively unfancied 33-1 shot in what was an ultra-competitive renewal of the final Group 1 of the Royal meeting, with 24 runners taking their chance. Having broken alertly from the gates, jockey James Doyle was able to keep things simple on the Godolphin second

string, making the running on the stands rail. Having left the horses around him for dust before the one-furlong pole, the four-year-old Dubawi colt kicked on in style up the run-in to narrowly head his stablemate, running on the opposite side of the track, on the line.

Naval Crown is the first foal out of Godolphin's homebred Come Alive to have raced thus far. The daughter of Dansili, who won the Listed Prix Amandine in 2016, is back in foal to Dubawi this year.

It has been a landmark week for Dubawi. Not only did he secure the title of leading sire at Royal Ascot 2022, with 5 winners to his name, but Lanwades Stud-bred Eldar Eldarov brought up another landmark - 150 Group winners - when winning the Group 2 Queen's Vase. Among the other winners was Coroebus, the Group 1 2,000 Guineas champion who successfully went on to claim the Group 1 St James's Palace Stakes on the opening day.



Photo credit: Megan Rose Photography



## Bargain buy Bradsell bounds to brilliant Coventry Stakes triumph for small breeder O'Brien

Yorkshire breeder Deborah O'Brien landed her first Royal Ascot success when Bradsell, who cost just 12,000 guineas as a yearling and £47,000 as a two-year-old, proved much too strong for a top-class line-up in the most prestigious juvenile race of the Royal Ascot meeting, the £150,000 Group 2 Coventry Stakes, at Ascot Racecourse.

**B**red at Bearstone Stud in Shropshire on behalf of O'Brien, Bradsell is from the first crop by Tasleet, who stands at Nunnery Stud in Norfolk for a covering fee of just £5,000. Nunnery is part of the late Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's Shadwell breeding operation which enjoyed an incredible start to Royal Ascot - it's homebred world champion, Baaed, maintained his unbeaten record with an easy victory in the opening race, the £600,000 Group 1 Queen Anne Stakes, and was followed 40 minutes later by this landmark success for Tasleet.

A third career victory at the royal fixture for jockey Hollie Doyle and a second for Lambourn-based trainer Archie Watson, Bradsell was squeezed out leaving the

stalls and then looked in danger of being marooned in the centre of the course while the action surrounded the pace-setting Rousing Encore much closer to the stands rail. But he overcame these setbacks to move into the lead with a third of the contest's six furlongs still to travel and passed the post a length and a half in front of Persian Force.

Asked about her mount's price as a yearling in a TV interview as Bradsell walked back to the winner's enclosure, Doyle said: "No matter what you pay, if you get a good one, they can bring you here."

Bradsell has already changed hands on three occasions despite having raced only twice. His yearling purchase, at the Tattersalls

Somerville Sale in September 2021, was by Highflyer Bloodstock on behalf of the Group 1-winning trainer, Harry Dunlop.

He was then prepared for the breeze-up sales by former jump jockey Mark Grant and was sold at Goffs UK's breeze up in Doncaster for £47,000 to Blandford Bloodstock. Finally, following a stunning debut success when he trounced his York rivals by fully nine lengths, in a deal brokered by Oliver St Lawrence he was sold again to Victorious Racing, the ownership banner used by Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa of Bahrain.

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## Brilliant Baaeed maintains unbeaten record with storming Queen Anne win

William Haggas sent a rocket into orbit as Baaeed started the royal meeting with an almighty bang in the Queen Anne Stakes.

Officially rated the best turf horse in training on the planet, Baaeed stretched his unbeaten record to eight in comfortable fashion, although those who sent him off at 1-6 might have expected a larger winning margin than the length-and-three-quarter verdict over Real World.

The winning distance, however, was only a small part of the story, with Baaeed's rider Jim Crowley keeping his hands firmly on the reins throughout and never forced to even think about picking up his whip.

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### Seven Days: A Haggas Masterclass

The Somerville Lodge stable cat has recently gone AWOL for fear that he might be entered up at Catterick and would have to live up to the extraordinarily rich vein of form currently being exhibited by the larger quadrupeds whose fetlocks he rubs up against during evening stables.

Over the last fortnight 41 horses have been sent out by the trainer and 17 of them have returned home with a trophy to add to the cabinet. Most impressively, 10 of those victories have been in stakes races. Taking up where Baaeed (Sea The Stars) and Lilac Road (Mastercraftsman) left off the previous this week, the stable's runners over the last seven days have won a Group 1, Group 2 and four Listed races, headed of course by Alenquer (Adlerflug)

trouncing some fairly fancy opposition in the Group 1 Tattersalls Gold Cup and Maljoom pilfering the Group 2 Mehl-Mulhens-Rennen (German 2,000 Guineas) to become the first Classic winner for his sire Caravaggio.

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♦♦ My mare, **MAGICAL MAGGIE**, whom I bred, has just won her second **Great British Bonus** for her win at Bangor last Saturday, 14th May 2022. **GBB** has given **MAGICAL MAGGIE** two £10,000 bonuses and, as a small breeder, this has genuinely enabled us to cover two additional mares this year.♦♦

Norma Harris, owner-breeder of multiple **GBB** winner **MAGICAL MAGGIE**.

### GBB – influencing purchasing

♦♦ It is a proper pedigree and she was so impressive in her point. I bought her for Paul Nicholls. She has got all the bonuses, which, for me, is a massive addition; if she is above average, there is £60,000 to £100,000 in bonuses – you are getting some money back.♦♦

Tom Malone, bloodstock agent. Purchased **GBB** mare **SEYOUINMYDREAMS** for 235,000gns from the Tattersalls National Hunt May Sale 2022.

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# Harper Happy with Havana Grey's Bright Start at Stud

No first-season sire has made an impact with his runners on the track quite like Havana Grey (Havana Gold) has and, for all that Ed Harper of Whitsbury Manor Stud is petrified to tempt fate, he agreed that the early signs are hugely positive for their up-and-coming stallion.

Havana Grey was a brilliant two-year-old himself, winning the Group 3 Molecomb Stakes before finishing runner-up in the Group 1 Prix Morny and Group 2 Flying Childers Stakes, but it wasn't until the end of his three-year-old campaign until he recorded his greatest day on a racecourse. That triumph came when he snared the Group 1 Flying Five Stakes at the Curragh in 2018 and, while Havana Grey has clearly injected precociousness into his offspring with 10 individual winners in Europe on the board already, the most of any first-season sire, Harper is confident that the stallion's offspring will progress with racing.

He said, "It's still very much early days and we're keeping our heads down but, for a horse who ran his best race at the end of his three-year-old campaign, it's particularly exciting that his progeny

appear to be very easy to get to the track." Harper added, "We speak with trainers all the time and the one thing we hear is of how hardy his offspring are. Things that would have upset or derailed a yearling during its prep last year, the Havana Greys seemed to just dust it off, which was quite impressive. I think we are seeing that by how many have made the track already.

"They are like the kids in the playground who fall down and scrape their knee or bang their head but get back up and keep on running. They have a great attitude. We're very happy at the moment and are just happy that our clients will hopefully benefit from his brilliant start."

Havana Grey's progeny have amassed eight wins between them in Britain and Ireland but it's Amuninni, who broke his duck in Italy recently, who springs

to mind as Harper illustrated how the stallion's runners progress from their debut. Harper said, "They seem to come on from their first run. No-one will have watched this, but a perfect example of this was a colt [Amuninni] that we sold at the Silver Sale at Doncaster for £11,000. He wasn't perfect but he was a good strong colt who went out to Italy. He was a little bit lost on his first run but was slow out the gates, which they can be, and it all looked a bit much for him first time out. Second time up, he was like a bullet from a gun and he'd have won [by] 10 lengths if he wasn't eased down."

Harper added, "Karl Burke told me of how they expected Havana Grey to win first time out and he didn't. He surprised them by how green he was first time out but he really progressed. They really do come forward."

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Photo credit: Whitsbury Manor Stud

# The International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation concludes its highly successful four-day conference

The International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation (ITBF) concluded its highly successful four-day conference with its biennial General Meeting. The conference was attended by 23 of its 25 member countries, from 6 continents. Over 40 delegates having already gathered at Epsom, ahead of the Newmarket programme, to attend the ITBF Derby Experience, generously provided by the Jockey Club.

The programme included visits to all the leading Newmarket stallion studs, as well as the two equine veterinary hospitals. A half-day veterinary meeting plus an all-day General Meeting, covered areas of worldwide interest and included presentations on varying subjects from, amongst others, the JRA (Japan Racing Association), Weatherbys, SITA (Society of International Thoroughbred Auctioneers), the TBA, The TBA of Chile and TB Australia.

At the General Meeting, ITBF members voted unanimously to continue to stand

resolute against the use of artificial breeding methods (Artificial Insemination, Embryo Transfer, Cloning, Sexing of sperm, Genetic engineering/manipulation, and other possible methods yet to be defined).

The Newmarket conference was deemed a resounding success by all delegates, who, despite a very busy schedule, also found time for furthering worldwide professional networking. The hosting of four consecutive evenings at the National Horseracing Museum, the Jockey Club Rooms, Queens College, Cambridge and Lanwades Stud providing a perfect opportunity for attendees to interact.

ITBF was supported by an impressive list of leading Thoroughbred industry organisations, whose generous sponsorship enabled such an extensive programme of events to be provided.

The ITBF will continue working to advance and protect the interests of Thoroughbred breeders' interests, throughout the world.

Its next General Meeting will be hosted by Japan in 2024.



Photo credit: International Thoroughbred Breeders' Federation



# The QIPCO Guineas Festival: ‘It’s extra special’ - homebred Coroebus a delight for Darley in 2,000 Guineas

Godolphin’s domination of the Flat season looks set to continue, with the breeding arm of Sheikh Mohammed’s global operation providing yet another homebred hero in QIPCO 2,000 Guineas winner Coroebus.

**T**he son of Darley’s flagship record-breaking sire Dubawi has the blue blood of Godolphin coursing through his veins.

He is a grandson of Godolphin’s blue hen Eastern Joy, being the second foal out of a Group 3-winning Teofilo half-sister to dual Dubai World Cup hero Thunder Snow, May Hill Stakes scorer Ihtimal and the Listed-winning Group 1-placed Always Smile among five black-type performers.

Godolphin homebreds have lit up global Flat racing in recent years, and they include last year’s Derby and King George hero Adayar, Breeders’ Cup Turf scorer Yibir, Breeders’ Cup Mile winner Space Blues and decorated juvenile Pinatubo, not to mention Natalma Stakes victress, and 1,000 Guineas contender, Wild Beauty.

Sam Bullard, Darley’s director of stallions, said: “When the whole team is involved it’s

*extra special, and of course his dam is by Teofilo so we go back a long way with him. What a great performance it was though.”*

Coroebus is the third winner of the colts’ Classic at Newmarket for Dubawi who, at the age of 20, has enjoyed record-breaking success with 49 top-level winners to date and a host of exciting young stallion sons such as Darley’s Night Of Thunder (the 2014 2,000 Guineas hero), Too Dam Hot, Ghaiyyath and Ballylinch Stud resident New Bay.

Bullard said: “Dubawi is 20 now and he’s the best stallion who has ever stood in Britain by quite a long way. To have the horse by our own and conceived by our own, born on one of the farms and raised on our farms and trained by Charlie [Appleby] is what it’s all about.”

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Sam Bullard

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# The QIPCO Guineas Festival: Classic victory for National Stud’s Aclaim as gallant Cachet tops the charts

Cachet has a habit of making everything a first - the filly was her sire’s very first winner, his very first Group winner, and now she has written herself into the history books by becoming National Stud sire Aclaim’s first Classic winner after scorching to 1,000 Guineas glory.

**A**claim retired to the National Stud for the 2018 breeding season after a career that saw him land the Prix de la Foret, Park and Challenge Stakes for Martyn Meade and Canning Downs and Partner.

The son of Acclamation, who stands for a fee of £6,000 this term, has sired four stakes performers to date from his first crop, including his Classic-winning daughter, who

finished third behind Inspiral in the Fillies’ Mile and second to Hello You in the Rockfel Stakes as a two-year-old.

The George Boughey-trained Cachet had landed the Nell Gwyn Stakes this term and built on that on the Rowley Mile on Sunday, being there to be shot at out in front but keeping on gamely in the Highclere silks under James Doyle.

Cachet is another stunning recent advert for the breeze-ups, having sold to Highclere for 60,000gns from breeder Hyde Park Stud at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale last April.

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# Glory for Tattersalls Graduates

Jubilant Scenes as 60,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Buy Cachet Lands Classic Glory

**60,000 guineas Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up purchase Cachet was greeted with jubilant scenes as she returned to a packed Newmarket winners enclosure after a pillar-to-post win in the 1,000 Guineas.**

Owned by Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, for whom it was a first British Classic success, and trained by 30 year old Newmarket based trainer George Boughey, Cachet was a hugely popular winner and a reception more reminiscent of Cheltenham than Newmarket greeted the daughter of Aclaim who had been purchased by Jake Warren just over a year ago at the 2021 Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale. Bred and consigned at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up by John Bourke under his Hyde Park Stud banner, Cachet is the third foal out of the winning Teofilo mare Poyle Sophie who Bourke purchased for 3,000 guineas at

the 2018 Tattersalls December Mares Sale carrying the future Classic winner. Aclaim, for whom Cachet was the first winner when

making a winning debut at Newmarket last May, stands at the National Stud for a fee of £6,000.

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## Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Star Native Trail Gives Godolphin Historic Guineas Treble

**210,000 guineas Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up purchase Native Trail returned to his imperious best to give Godolphin an historic English, French and Irish 2,000 Guineas treble when landing the Tattersalls sponsored Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh.**

Purchased from Oak Tree Farm by Godolphin at the 2021 Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up, Native Trail was originally bought from Kildaragh Stud by Mags O'Toole and Norman Williamson for 67,000 guineas at Book 1 of the 2020 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. Out of the Observatory mare Needleleaf, herself a half-sister to the Group 1 winning sprinter African Rose, Native Trail's Classic success also represents a major triumph for breeder Jose Delmotte who purchased Needleleaf from Juddmonte Farms at the 2015 Tattersalls December Mares Sale for 60,000 guineas.

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## Derby Glory for Tattersalls October Yearling Purchase Desert Crown

**280,000 guineas Tattersalls October Yearling purchase Desert Crown stormed to Derby glory to give veteran trainer Sir Michael Stoute his sixth victory in the world's premier Classic.**

The unbeaten son of Nathaniel established himself as an outstanding Derby winner with a display of absolute authority under the guidance of jockey Richard Kingscote who has partnered the colt in all three of his lifetime starts. Easing effortlessly past toiling rivals with just over two furlongs to go, Desert Crown crossed the hallowed finish line a comfortable 2 1/2 lengths clear of runner up Hoo Ya Mal who was also purchased at the 2020 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Purchased by Richard Brown of Blandford Bloodstock on behalf of owner Saeed Suhail,

Photo credit: Tattersalls

Desert Crown Derby procession was a massive triumph for his breeder Gary Robinson who sold the handsome colt at Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale from his Strawberry Fields Stud which is situated not far from Newmarket.

Hailing from the Juddmonte family of Proviso and Byword, Desert Crown is the fifth foal and fifth winner out of Robinson's winning Green Desert mare Desert Berry, who has a yearling colt by Study Of Man destined to appear at this year's Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

At 280,000 guineas, Desert Crown was the highest priced Nathaniel yearling of his

generation and his Derby win takes the Newsells Park Stud based stalwart's tally of Classic/Group 1 winners to six. Desert Crown's Epsom glory also continues the impressive run of 2022 Classic success for Tattersalls graduates following in the footsteps of 60,000 guineas Craven Breeze Up 1,000 Guineas winner Cachet and 210,000 guineas Craven Breeze Up Tattersalls Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Native Trail, who was also purchased for 67,000 guineas at Book 1 of the 2020 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.



## Top lot of 525,000 guineas at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale

A colt by Kodiak was the star of the opening session of the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale when selling to Dave Loughnane for 525,000 guineas, on a day that saw five lots realise 300,000 guineas or more.

The top priced lot on the opening day of the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale was the Kodiak colt out of the Oasis Dream mare No Lippy who realised 525,000 guineas to the bid of Shropshire-based trainer Dave Loughnane after a prolonged bidding duel with agent Oliver St Lawrence, standing with Bahraini owner Fawzi Nass.

*"I loved everything about him, he is a lovely animal, he is very well balanced, he did an exceptional breeze, the fastest breeze of the lot," said Loughnane. "He just looks an out and out Royal Ascot horse. He has a very good pedigree, his dam was a very good two-year-old for*

*Mark Johnston. I love everything about him, he has a lot of quality and let's hope he can back up on the track, fingers crossed."*

Of ownership plans Loughnane said: *"He is for a new British-based syndicate. I didn't think that we would have to go that far for him, I knew he was not going to be cheap, but thankfully I have some owners who are willing to back him. The sire has done it year in and year out and he comes from a very good farm in Tally-Ho Stud."*

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## Records Broken at Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up & Horses in Training Sale

The Tattersalls Guineas Breeze Up and Horses in Training Sale registered record turnover for both the 'breeze up' and 'horses in training' sections of the catalogue as the strong trade from the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale continued at Park Paddocks.

There were eight lots that realised 100,000 guineas or more in the 'breeze up' section, more than at the previous three renewals of the sale combined. The 'horses in training' section of the sale saw turnover pass the million guineas mark for the first time.

The top lot at the Guineas Breeze Up Sale was the Time Test colt from Tally-Ho Stud who was knocked down to trainer Michael O'Callaghan for 160,000 guineas.

O'Callaghan is a strong supporter of the breeze ups and commented: *"He is the seventh breeze-up horse I have bought this year, we had a few more bought at this point last year but we keep tipping away and try to get the numbers up as well as a quality bunch. I bought more of a spread of horses last year, but I am trying to buy more of a quality horse this year."*

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## Record Renewal of Tattersalls Cheltenham April Sale

The Tattersalls Cheltenham April Sale's record-breaking aggregate has capped a record-breaking year for the Tattersalls Cheltenham Sale division, which has witnessed the highest-ever turnover achieved by the six sales staged through from November to April.

The April Sale's own turnover of £3,506,000 was an increase of 63 per cent on 2021, while the median of £53,500 and the average of £67,423 are both the second-best ever for the April Sale.

Nine horses sold for £100,000 or more and session's top price of £200,000, the highest price given at the sale since 2017, went to the five-year-old point-to-point winner Search For Glory.

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## Inaugural Tattersalls May NH Sale topped by Ittack Blue at 310,000 guineas

The inaugural Tattersalls May NH Sale was headed by the sale of Ittack Blue for 310,000 guineas, with four further point-to-pointers selling for more than 150,000 guineas.

The average stood at 51,509 guineas and the median at 37,500 guineas, with turnover just shy of three million guineas and 21 lots sold for 50,000 guineas or more.

The top lot of the inaugural Tattersalls May NH Sale was the four-year-old gelding Ittack Blue who was knocked down for 310,000 guineas to Ryan Mahon following a protracted bidding duel with Eddie O'Leary.

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# Dual Grade 1 winning mare Put The Kettle On sells for £380,000



*A total of 13 lots sold for six-figure sums and it was the debut point-to-point winner Croke Park who topped the sale when purchased by Gordon Elliot Racing for £400,000.*

The Goffs UK Aintree Sale celebrated its return to the sale calendar in fine style, setting a new record average and turnover, and a top price of £400,000, with a high-class select catalogue of pointers and form horses which sold to a big crowd in Aintree’s iconic winners’ enclosure.

Making a return following the forced cancellation in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID, this year’s Aintree Sale will be looking to build on the world-class results it has achieved on the track thus far with the first four sales producing five Grade 1 winners.

The quality of this year’s catalogue, along with the sale’s proven track record, meant the 2022 line-up was well contested by a big crowd of owners, trainers and agents and the sale got off to a very strong start with the opening lot, the dual Grade 1 winning mare Put The Kettle On, selling for £380,000 to the bid

of Highflyer Bloodstock. The only mare to win the Cheltenham Festival’s Champion Chase, the daughter of Stowaway has been purchased on behalf of Simon Davies to visit his stallion Planteur who is standing at Chapel Stud.

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# Doncaster Breeze Up Sale Celebrates Another Record Sale

The drive to secure runners for the much-coveted Royal Ascot meeting saw buyers from around the world secure horses at today’s record Goffs UK Breeze Up Sale at Doncaster which has become the world’s leading two-year-old source of recent Royal winners with six in six years.

The sale enjoyed a record return in 2021, surpassing the figures achieved before the pandemic, and this year saw it

take another step up, with an international audience driving the turnover, average and median to new highs and seeing a record total of 17 horses make six-figure sums.

Topping the sale was Bushypark Stables’ colt which received a timely boost earlier in the week with his sire Tasleet, a graduate of the Doncaster Premier Sale, enjoying his first winner on the track. After completing

a very impressive breeze, he attracted bids from around the ring before selling to Blandford Bloodstock for £230,000. Blandford Bloodstock purchased nine lots in total and will be hoping to add to their impressive list of Doncaster Breeze Up graduates, currently headed by the dual Group 1 winner Perfect Power.

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# British Record for a Store at 60th Doncaster Spring Sale

The Goffs UK Spring Sale at Doncaster celebrated its 60th diamond anniversary this year and did so in style, setting a new British record for a NH store with a top price of £200,000.

*In a memorable week, the Doncaster Spring Sale also set a new record turnover for the four days (Store Sale and HIT/PTP Sale) – surpassing the £14 million mark for the first time.*

The milestone came on the opening day of the sale which surpassed the previous record that has stood for 20 years, and it was Ballincurrag House Stud’s Adlerflug gelding who achieved the feat, drawing an opening bid of £80,000 and

subsequent bids from around the ring before being knocked down to Henrietta Knight for £200,000. The new British record surpassed the 185,000 guineas achieved by a Roselier four-year-old gelding at the old DBS complex back in 2002 – a world record price at the time.

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# Queen Of The Stage Sells for £340,000 on Goffs Online

Goffs Online featured another sale in May with Queen Of The Stage, dam of the dual Grade 1 winner Constitution Hill, put up for auction and she made headlines when selling for £340,000.

The twelve-year-old daughter of King’s Theatre drew bids from multiple parties via Goffs’ proven online platform before selling to Jayne McGivern’s Dash Grange Stud. She was sold in foal to leading sire Blue Bresil, making any resulting progeny a full-sibling to Constitution Hill who set a new course record in his 22 length victory in the Cheltenham Festival’s Grade 1 Supreme Novices’ Hurdle.

The £340,000 price was a new record for a horse sold via the Goffs Online timed auction platform, having surpassed the previous record of £300,000 which was achieved by the bumper winner Hollymount in last year’s online January Sale.

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# British-bred National Hunt stars end season on a high

## Maiden Grade 1 wins for Hales & Harris at Grand National Festival

The Grand National Festival started in much the same way for the British breeding industry as the Cheltenham Festival did, with horses carrying the (GB) suffix claiming Grade 1 honours on the opening day. A first top-level victory for trainer Alex Hales in the first race, the Group 1 Manifesto Novices' Chase, was made all the more special for the fact that Hales bred the winner, Millers Bank, himself.

Ridden patiently throughout by Kielan Woods, Millers Bank was foot-perfect over Aintree's Mildmay course fences. Closing in on the leading pair up the home straight, the eight-year-old skipped clear approaching the final fence and swiftly put 10 lengths between him and his closest rival, War Lord.

Speaking with Great British Racing International, Hales reflected on his limited but successful foray into breeding:



"Many moons ago, I had an owner who wanted a foal, so we went to the old Doncaster sales and bought the mare [It Doesn't Matter], then a Karinga Bay filly foal, and she came back to us. We reared her and she came into training. She worked really nicely and I thought she'd be

okay as a racehorse, then she injured herself behind. In a fit of stubbornness, I suppose, because I'd spent so much money and time on her, we decided to breed from her, and here we are, god knows how many years later.

"We didn't set out to breed. She's the first mare that Sally and I had, and it's a fairytale because not only did she breed Millers Bank but she's bred Bourbon Beauty who won the Grade 2 at Newbury last year, and that's from her only two foals to hit the track so far, so it's been phenomenal.

"At home we've got a three-year-old half to Millers Bank by Clovis Du Berlais, and then a yearling full-sister by Passing Glance. She [It Doesn't Matter] was covered by Jack Hobbs the other day. We've got the bug and we've got two- and a-bit mares now."

The Manifesto Novices' Chase result - and indeed the day as a whole - was also a significant one for Batsford Stud, whose resident stallion Passing Glance now has two Grade 1 winning chasers to his name. Batsford Stud were given further cause to cheer when another of the sire's progeny, Latenightpass, won the Foxhunters' Open Hunters' Chase.

"He has to be the most underrated stallion, really," Hales continued. "Bless him, he's never covered that many decent mares, but he's bred Dasher Drasher and he consistently seems to come up with the goods."

Hales was not the only British trainer celebrating a maiden Grade 1 win on the opening day of Aintree's showpiece meeting.

Milton Harris, who has enjoyed a landmark season, also landed a career defining success as Knight Salute was eventually declared the outright winner in the Group 1 Anniversary 4-y-o Juvenile Hurdle, after a stewards enquiry saw the initial dead heat verdict amended in his favour.

Knight Salute, who was bred by Willie Carson's Minster Stud And Mrs H Dalgety, has been a revelation over hurdles under Harris' tutelage. A string of five victories since September, a trio of which were at Grade 2 level, preceded a sub-par performance in the Grade 1 Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival, but the son of Lanwades Stud sire Sir Percy rounded out his impressive season on an all-time high.

The result was also significant for the way in which it demonstrated that there is always value to be found for buyers with smaller budgets at Britain's horses-in-training sales. While the eventual runner-up Pied Piper, bred by Her Majesty The Queen, was purchased for 225,000 guineas at the Tattersalls Autumn Horses-In-Training Sale last year, Knight Salute was picked up at the July equivalent for just 14,000 guineas by Mark Adams of the Four Candles Partnership.



It is easy to forget that the British National Hunt breeding industry is, by some way, an underdog versus its Irish and French counterparts in terms of sheer numbers, producing around 25% of the foal crops in those countries. British-bred jumpers achieving more than we might expect based on population size has been a recurrent theme throughout this season, particularly on the big occasions. We saw it on the opening day of the Cheltenham Festival, and we've seen it again at Aintree.

Minty Farquhar, General Manager of GBRI

## Constitution Hill crowned best hurdler in Britain and Ireland with mark of 170

Constitution Hill was named the highest-rated hurdler in the Anglo-Irish Jumps Classification on Thursday having been assessed with a mark of 170, 5lb higher than Champion Hurdle winner Honeysuckle. The five-year-old landed the Supreme Novices' Hurdle by 22 lengths at the Cheltenham Festival on just his third start but was ruled out of a clash with Honeysuckle in the Paddy Power Champion Hurdle. They could finally meet in the Unibet Champion Hurdle next March. His rating

was the highest awarded to a novice hurdler since the classifications were introduced after the 1999-2000 season, eclipsing the 168 awarded to Iris's Gift, who was second in the 2003 Stayers' Hurdle behind Baracouda. It was also the highest given to a two-mile hurdler since 2019 Champion Hurdle winner Espoir D'Allen.

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## Rachael Blackmore and Honeysuckle achieved another big-race success as the star mare won a second successive Punchestown Champion Hurdle

After another dominant Champion Hurdle triumph at Cheltenham, Honeysuckle was a 1-5 favourite to extend her perfect race record to 16 wins. The Henry de Bromhead-trained mare finished three lengths clear of Willie Mullins' 18-1 shot Echoes In Rain.

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**BRITISH-BRED GR.1 WINNER**

**PUNCHESTOWN CHAMPION HURDLE**

**HONEYSUCKLE (GB)**

Sulamani – First Royal  
Bred by Dr G W Guy

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## Paul Nicholls – 2021/22 Champion Jumps Trainer in Britain

- 143 winners
- 11 Grade 1 races
- Nearly £3M in prize money
- 13th title



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# TBA Annual National Hunt Breeders' Awards



Lucy Blackburn, daughter of Tim Frost, breeder of Sam Brown, who was crowned Leading Chaser



TBA NH Awards 2022



The evening's main award, the Queen Mother's Silver Salver, was given to agent and breeder Aiden Murphy



Steve & Jackie Fleetham, breeders of Mac Tottie, who was awarded the Eric Gillie Special Achievement Award



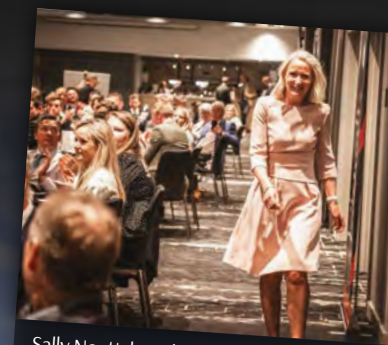
James Grey of Elusive Bloodstock (right) with Simon Sweeting, representing Joanna Daniell, breeder of Hullback who won the Elusive Bloodstock Trophy for Leading National Hunt Flat Horse



Ian, Jeanette and Alice Thurtle, who co-bred Edwardstone, a dual Grade 1 winner last season and the recipient of the Overbury Stud Trophy for Leading Novice Chaser



Julian Dollar received the Whitbread Silver Salver for Nathaniel, who was the Leading Active British-based stallion by prize money



Sally Noott, breeder of Constitution Hill, who won the Peel Bloodstock Trophy for Leading Novice Hurdler



Tess Greatrex and Anthony Bromley of Highflyer Bloodstock flank Marietta Fox-Pitt, breeder of Snow Leopardess, who was crowned Leading Chase Mare



John Lightfoot, breeder of Lily Du Berlais who won the Batsford Stud Trophy for Leading National Hunt Flat Mare



Sally Burnell and Alex Hales received the Dudgeon Cup, sponsored by Alne Park Stud from Grace Skelton. Hales owns broodmare It Doesn't Matter, who was named Broodmare of the Year



Julian Dollar on hand to represent The Glanvilles Stud, with David & Kathleen Holmes who awarded Honeysuckle the Midnight Legend Trophy for Leading Hurdler Mare



Simon Sweeting of Overbury Stud in discussion with Nick Luck after Schiaparelli won the Horse & Hound Cup for Leading Active British-based stallion by number of individual chase winners



Ian Lawrence, owner of Elle Est Belle, who won the Mickley Stud Trophy for Leading Novice Hurdler Mare



Honeysuckle gained two awards for connections on the evening - the Midnight Legend Trophy for Leading Hurdler Mare and the Yorton Trophy for Leading Hurdler



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# INTERNATIONAL OWNER IN FOCUS

as featured in The Owner Breeder magazine

## Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum

Sheikh Rashid Dalmook Al Maktoum is becoming an increasingly recognisable figure in global racing. In no small part, this can be attributed to his ascendancy to the role of Chairman of the Board of the Dubai Racing Club in 2021, a role in which he has the potential to shape the future of racing in the UAE.

Sheikh Rashid's string of horses in training in Britain are doing his profile no harm either. Indeed, an eye-catching strike rate of 26% since 2018 has ensured that the owner's recognisable yellow silks are already amongst the most successful today, and the best could be yet to come, with current flagbearer Perfect Power (pictured) confirming his Classic credentials with a commanding comeback performance in the Group 3 Greenham Stakes at Newbury in April.

Of course, Sheikh Rashid is no stranger to success at the very top level. Having first

ventured into ownership in 2012, it took less than 18 months for him to become a Group 1 winning owner courtesy of superstar filly Rizeena. Trained by Clive Brittain, Rizeena won the Moyglare Stud Stakes and the Coronation Stakes, as well as the Group 2 Queen Mary Stakes as a two-year-old. With two Royal Ascot victories within his first three years of ownership, Rizeena ensured a truly charmed introduction to the sport for the young Sheikh.

From that point until last year, Sheikh Rashid had been knocking on the door at Group 1 level. A trio of fillies in training with William Haggas – Besharah, Beshayir and Move Swiftly – each claimed Group 2 honours, while the promising three-year-old Far Above, in training with James Tate, looked a Group 1 winner in the making before being retired through injury.

And then along came Perfect Power. The association with Blandford Bloodstock had already been a fruitful one, with agent

Richard Brown sourcing Far Above and Beshayir, among others. But it was a son of first season sire sensation Ardad, picked up for £110,000 at the Goffs UK Breeze Up Sale last spring and sent into training with Richard Fahey, who propelled Sheikh Rashid back into the Group 1 spotlight when winning in the Prix Morny and Middle Park Stakes.

With this exciting colt at the head of a strong team that also includes promising homebred three-year-old fillies Perfect News and Daneh – the daughters of Besharah and Rizeena, respectively – Sheikh Rashid can be optimistic that 2022 will be every bit as special as 2021 – and perhaps even more so.

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## Saeed Suhail

Racing has a habit of serving up anguish and delight in quick succession. For Dubai-based businessman Saeed Suhail, this lesson rang true in May, for no sooner had we heard the news that two-time Group 1 winner Dream Of Dreams had been retired through a persistent injury, than a new star emerged in the shape of leading Derby contender, Desert Crown (pictured).

A close friend and associate of late Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum, elder brother of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Suhail has been involved in British racing for more than thirty years. Having started out in partnership with trainer Ben Hanbury, he soon formed a rapport with Sir Michael Stoute that would stand the test of time, with Stoute providing the owner with his first Classic success at the turn of the millennium in the shape of 2,000 Guineas winner King's Best.

Of course, the pair are no strangers to success together in racing's blue riband event. Kris Kin, the subject of a significant gamble in 2003, brought

the blue and yellow silks into the wider public's consciousness with an immensely popular victory under a much-lauded ride by Kieren Fallon. Suhail and Stoute have enjoyed a phenomenal rate of success in recent years with a clear focus on quality over quantity. Going into battle with only a dozen or so runners each year, they have managed to win the Group 1 Canadian International Stakes with Cannock Chase, the Group 1 Prince of Wales's Stakes and Group 1 King George IV & Queen Elizabeth Stakes with Poet's Word, and the Group 1 Diamond Jubilee Stakes and Group 1 Sprint Cup with Dream Of Dreams.

Despite the disappointment of having to retire the latter, last month gave Suhail plenty to feel optimistic about. Two winners from two runners at Chester's May meeting, including Solid Stone in the Group 2 Huxley Stakes, preceded a sparkling performance from Desert Crown on the Knavesmire, and this was followed up by an eye-catching performance by Prince Of Wales's Stakes entry Mighty Ulysses at Newmarket. At the time of writing, the owner is enjoying a 67%

strike rate in May, with Stoute, Andrew Balding and the Gosdens all sending out winners for Suhail. Remarkably, if we look further back, nearly half of Suhail's runners since he began owning in Britain in 1989 have finished in the top three. Among his 293 winners are seven Group 1 successes and 33 Group races so far. By anybody's standards, Suhail's record is impressive. And if the early season signs are to be believed, this record could easily improve further still in 2022.

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## His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, KHK Racing Ltd

Bahraini owners have long enjoyed a close association with British racing. But over the last five years, it has been impossible to overlook a resurgence in their presence at the top table, as a new generation has made its impact felt across Britain's key festivals and bloodstock sales. Recent renewals of Royal Ascot have proven fruitful for members of the Bahrain ruling family. Daahyeh and A'Ali delivered a brace of victories in 2019, while Golden Horde followed up by winning the Group 1 Commonwealth Cup in 2020.

2022 was no different. Bradsell got the meeting off to a flyer when landing the Group 2 Coventry Stakes for His Highness Shaikh Nasser Al Khalifa's Victorious Racing, and the family's celebrations continued into day two, as the Roger Varian-trained Eldar Eldarov gave His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa a first Royal Ascot winner from his first runner at the meeting.

Dressed in a waistcoat to match the yellow and black striped silks that are carried by the horses that run under his KHK Racing

banner, Shaikh Khalid celebrated his Dubawi colt's tenacious win in the Group 2 Queen's Vase alongside his brother (below). Success in the prestigious race comes less than two years after KHK Racing's first win, courtesy of the aptly named Bahrain Pride, who went on to give Shaikh Khalid a first taste of British Stakes race glory when landing a Listed contest on just his second outing.

KHK Racing increased its footprint in British racing in 2021, with 11 individual runners for seven different trainers. Shaikh Khalid's impact was also felt at the sales, notably when Oliver St Lawrence bought him a Kingman colt at Tattersalls Book 1 for 2,700,000 guineas. Now named Akhu Najla, the colt has had three runs for Varian, including a win and a third place at Listed level. Further success for KHK Racing in 2022 would come as little surprise. Indeed, the young operation has all the credentials needed to become a regular force at Britain's key fixtures, including an excellent bloodstock agent in St Lawrence, whose

seven runners at the Royal Meeting this year produced a trio of wins – including Bradsell and Eldar Eldarov – and two runner-up performances.

*"The pressure was on with them having taken the box for all five days, and to win two races, one for each of them, was a complete dream,"* St Lawrence reflected after the Royal Meeting.

*"They have a real enthusiasm to race at the premier meetings and to win some of the nicer races. If we can keep producing those sort of results or better, I think they can do nothing but expand in a measured way."*

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# From The Horse's Mouth: Q&A

## QUESTIONS

**Q 1** What has been the highlight of 2022 for you/your business so far?

**Q 2** What is it that you feel makes British racing unique?

**Q 3** Which British first season stallion's progeny are impressing you the most this summer?

**Q 4** What do you predict for the remainder of 2022 for your side of the industry?



**Ed Harper**  
Stud Director at  
Whitsbury Manor Stud

**A 1** The quality of Sergei Prokofiev's first foals. I could bore people by saying how nice they are, but the real proof is that he's been as popular this season as he was in his first, covering 150 mares. There's nothing quite like clients having good foals on the ground to get breeders coming back.

**A 2** The choice. A friend who is new to racing said to me recently that in the last four months she'd visited Wincanton, Salisbury, and Ascot and couldn't believe how different each race day had been. Hopefully, there is something for everyone whether they are more comfortable in a t-shirt or a top hat.

**A 3** Of course I would say Havana Grey who we are chuffed to bits with, but it was also great to see Tasleet sire the Coventry winner. Not only is he by Showcasing who can now claim to be an emerging sire of sires, but we also bred Tasleet at Whitsbury which makes it extra satisfying.

**A 4** Breeding has plenty of hurdles to overcome, but I see the success of the GBB scheme really beginning to gain full momentum. Many new trainers and owners have seen the benefits of winning with British bred fillies and this should feed into renewed demand for them at the yearling sales.



**Richard Brown**  
Bloodstock Agent

**A 1** Being at Epsom to watch Desert Crown win the Derby. A day I will cherish forever, it still hasn't sunk in properly! His owner Saeed Suhail came over from Dubai and I'm just very lucky to be involved with a horse of his calibre.

**A 2** The history and heritage. I'm obviously biased being British but it's the best racing in the world, it's just so hard to win here at any level. I believe the Tote is very important for the future of racing in this country and it's time everyone got behind them. They've made a superb start and the future can be bright for British racing if the stakeholders get right behind the concept.

**A 3** Tasleet and Havana Grey have made good starts but Cracksman is the one I like the look of. It's still too early to be judging though.

**A 4** I think that yearling sales will continue to be polarised but those breeders producing good looking sorts with a bit of pedigree will be well rewarded. We are lucky that there is a huge participation and investment in British racing from people from all over the world.



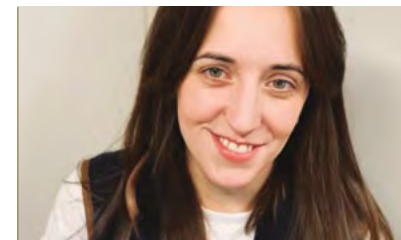
**Bobby Jackson**  
Marketing Executive at Tattersalls

**A 1** Native Trail's win in the Tattersalls Irish 2,000 Guineas. A fantastic performance from last year's Champion two-year-old on what was a fantastic weekend at The Curragh. It was also wonderful to see Norman Williamson and Peter Kavanagh with Native Trail in the winner's enclosure having sold him at the Tattersalls Craven Breeze Up Sale and Book 1 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale respectively.

**A 2** From the pageantry of Ascot to the passion of Cheltenham, the beauty of Goodwood to the idiosyncrasies of Epsom, every racecourse offers something different. That's what makes British racing so interesting and therefore so very good.

**A 3** Tasleet has had serious success on the track, highlighted by 12,000gns Tattersalls Somerville Yearling Sale purchase Bradsell's victory in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot. The Shadwell Stud stallion's success is particularly notable considering his first crop numbers just 69 in total.

**A 4** The October Yearling Sale will see even more international purchasers than 2021. With travel restrictions now eased further, the Tattersalls team have been racking up the air miles and we're looking forward to welcoming buyers from the world over in October as a result. Over 50 yearlings went to buyers from the USA last year and I don't see that number decreasing considering the interest we've already had for attending again.



**Charlotte Newton**  
Great British Bonus  
Operations Executive

**A 1** Definitely GBB hitting the £5 million milestone (now over £6 million)! Knowing that in two years we've put that much money in the hands of the owners and breeders of British bred fillies is hugely rewarding – these fillies are selling well, racing well and rewarding their supporters in the process.

**A 2** We obviously have some very special race meets – you can't beat Ascot or the Cheltenham roar! For me though, it's the people – breeding and racing is a tough game and for the most part you have to be in it for the love of the thoroughbred. I'm lucky that I get to speak to a whole range of people – smaller owner breeders whose passion for their mares and offspring shine through, sales consignors who stand out in all weathers smiling and cheerful and stable staff whose love and kindness to their charges is so patently obvious. We're so incredibly lucky to have knowledgeable, dedicated and enthusiastic people giving their all to make the industry what it is. It is very special.

**A 3** It has got to be Havana Grey – his progeny are flying! He's already had 9 individual GBB winners taking home 12 bonuses worth £210,000 between them – in just over two months of racing!

**A 4** Bumper foal crop registrations for Stage 1 of GBB (deadline 30th September – don't miss it!) and we'll certainly be handing out a lot more bonuses – looking forward to seeing more 2yos making their mark and a fresh crop of NH fillies hitting the track later in the year. The sales should be exciting too – we've got some super yearlings heading to Goffs UK Premier Sale and of course, Tattersalls Yearling sales.



**George Boughey**  
Trainer

**A 1** The highlight of the year so far is undoubtedly winning the 1000 Guineas in Newmarket. Obviously, training in Newmarket, the Guineas are two of the biggest races of the year. Cachet is a very special horse to the yard and it was fantastic to do it for Highclere and give them their first Classic winner. It shows how hard it is and how long they had been trying to do it. The two Royal Ascot winners are also pretty high up there. It is the biggest stage in the world and I am very proud to have a couple of winners owned by friends and bought by a friend in Sam Haggas.

**A 2** Our major racing festivals are so unique, Royal Ascot for example is like nowhere else. Trainers from around the world come to compete at Royal Ascot, the prestige and heritage of having a winner there makes it so special, and makes for very competitive racing! Every trainer, jockey and owner dreams of having a winner at the meeting and having two this year was amazing.

**A 3** Havana Grey has had an exceptional start to his career and he is incredibly well managed down at Whitsbury Manor by the Harpers. He got some good mares and he seems to be upgrading the ones that lacked a bit of quality. I got a nice filly that probably won't be seen until the second half of the year but I would like to have one or two more by him.

**A 4** We have got some lovely horses to run for the remainder of the year. We haven't run a huge amount of two-year-olds yet. It's nice to start having a few maiden winners and we have a bunch of very nice horses for the back end who haven't really been seen yet and they are probably nicer types than the earlier ones. The horse with the most upside in the yard is Missed The Cut. He will be stepped up from handicap company to Stakes company next time and I expect him to be very competitive at that level.





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