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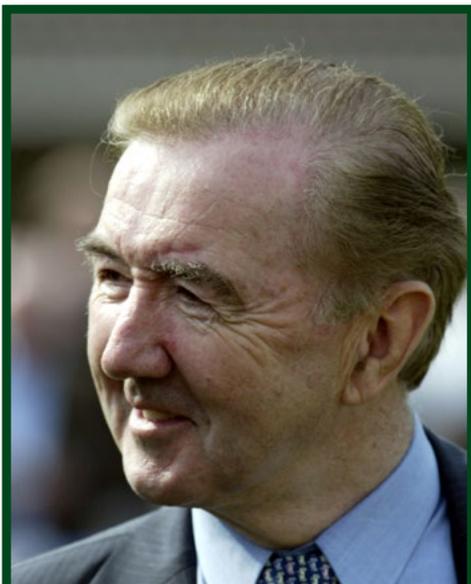
MIGHTY FRANKEL BOWS OUT IN STYLE

The mighty Frankel brought the curtain down on his epic career on Qipco British Champions Day at Ascot on Saturday. The son of Galileo certainly did not disappoint the massive crowd, the vast majority of whom probably only went to see him grace a racecourse for the final time. Despite all the pomp and ceremony Frankel never turned a hair, he was so relaxed he ambled from the stalls giving the field a three length start. Such is his class he was able to eat up the deficit and he stamped his authority on the race despite the gruelling ground conditions. He was a phenomenal racehorse, probably the best there's been and race fans should count themselves lucky to have been able to witness and enjoy two of the finest equine athletes ever within three years of each other, namely Sea The Stars and Frankel. We should also be glad there was a three year gap between the two because otherwise they might have gone head to head and one would inevitably have been beaten.



Frankel

IRISH TRAINERS DOMINATE REST OF CHAMPIONS DAY



Dermot Weld

Apart from Frankel, British Champions day was dominated by Irish trainers who won the first four races on the card. Training performance of the day has to go to Dermot Weld who apart from training a double saddled Rite Of Passage to win the opening Group 3 Long Distance Cup. The winner was defying a near 18 month absence due to serious tendon trouble and he showed remarkable courage to land the spoils under a great ride by Pat Smullen. Dermot Weld was obviously very proud of the former Ascot Gold Cup winner and he commented "We were going to retire him after he broke down for a second time last year but it shows how tough he is to win on that ground after a 510 day layoff. If the leg holds we will be back next year for the Gold Cup again." Weld also didn't rule out a return to hurdling for the Dr Ronan Lambe owned winner. He has two placings already to his name at the Cheltenham Festival and if standing training he could return for a third attempt.

Weld doubled up when Sapphire (IRE) stretched clear for a comfortable success in the Group 2 Fillies & Mares Stakes, beating Shirocco Star and last years winner Dancing Rain. Sapphire was homebred by her owners Moyglare Stud and Eva Maria Bucher-Haefner was on hand to greet her winner who is a highly progressive filly. Dermot Weld has big plans for Sapphire and commented; "I hope she will stay in training next year. She never ran at two, then was very immature at three and I see her progressing more. If she continues to progress at the rate I expect then she could be a filly for the 2013 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe."

MAAREK CULMINATES FANTASTIC WINNING SEASON

In between these two winners Maarek continued his amazing season when winning the Group 2 Qipco British Champions Sprint Stakes. The winner is a massive success story for his trainer David Nagle and owners the Lisbunny Syndicate, headed by well-known Irish breeder Peter McCutcheon. A £2,500 purchase by Emerald Bloodstock as an unraced horse in training from Shadwell, Maarek has now won eight races and over €350,000 for connections. Maarek began his winning spree in a Handicap at Naas in April where he beat none other than subsequent Group 1 winner Gordon Lord Byron and he has been a model of consistency at a high level all season. His trainer David Nagle trains a small string in Tipperary along with his

partner Evanna McCutcheon who is the owner's daughter and he has handled the winner in expert fashion. He was overjoyed in the Ascot winners enclosure on Saturday commenting; "He loves soft, it was a big pot, so why not? He's been in good form all season. He does a lot of swimming at home and he hasn't got that many miles on the clock really. I think that will be him finished for the year and we will go off through the Group races next season. I hope we have another wet summer!"

EXCELEBRATION WINS EN ROUTE TO BREEDERS CUP

The easiest of the Irish trained winners was Excelebration (IRE) who strode clear under Joseph O'Brien to land the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. Now a three time Group 1 winner Excelebration is a classy, consistent horse who had the misfortune of being born the same year as Frankel, otherwise he would be hailed as an outstanding miler. Joseph O'Brien kept his cool when he found himself slightly trapped on the rail with two furlongs to race and when a gap appeared Excelebration had the necessary gears to avail of the gap sprinting clear of Cityscape.

Aidan O'Brien was thinking ahead with the 4yo who will retire to Coolmore Stud and commented; "He's been working brilliantly and has an awful lot of speed and class. The Breeders' Cup Mile was in the owners' minds before this run and I suppose that's still likely if it all goes well." Excelebration will join So You Think, Power and Henrythenavigator as new Coolmore sires for the 2013 breeding season. Coolmore's Eddie Fitzpatrick commented; "So You Think, Excelebration, Power and Henrythenavigator are all multiple Group 1 winners and Henrythenavigator has already proven himself capable of siring a Group 1 winner. They're all exciting prospects with very bright futures."



Excelebration (IRE)



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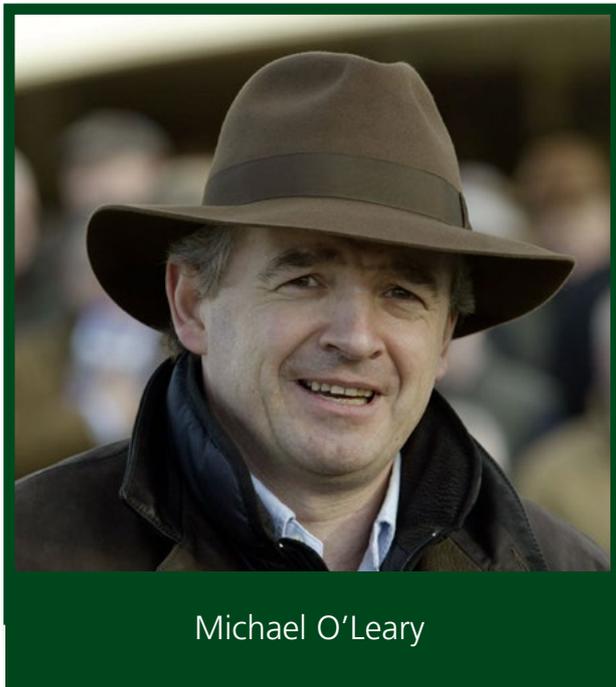
TIMELY SUCCESS FOR IRISH BRED IN TURKEY

There was a major Irish bred winner in Turkey last week when Talip Han (IRE) won the domestic Group 1 Caldiran Stakes at Istanbul, the only Group 1 race for 2yo's in Turkey. Talip Han is by Oratorio out of Idle Rich and was bred in partnership by Dermot Cantillon and Forenaghts Stud. The colt was bought as a foal in Goffs for €21,000 by Ahmed Melsh Yoxas when consigned by Cantillon's Tinnakill House Stud. The winner's half-brother by Clodovil is catalogued lot 696 at next month's foal sale at Goffs and Talip Han is actually the second major winner in Turkey this year bred by Dermot Cantillon following the recent exploits of the Araci family owned Toruk Macto. ITM's Elaine Hatton along with Joey Cullen of Goffs were in Turkey at the weekend promoting the catalogue for this year's Goffs Breeding Stock sale.

Casamento (IRE) is another horse closely associated with the Cantillon family having been bred by them and it was announced last week that the Group 1 winning son of Shamardal would be joining his sire at Kildangan Stud for the 2013 breeding season. In other stallion news Caspar Netscher, the winner of the Group 2 ITM Gimcrack Stakes at York last year has been retired to stand at the O'Callaghan family's Morrinstown Lattin Stud. The son of Dutch Art will stand for a fee of €7,500 and will take up stud duties alongside Dark Angel, Camacho and fellow Gimcrack winner Approve.



Casamento (IRE)



Michael O'Leary

A FUTURE STAR AT NAAS?

Noel Meade has his jumps string firing on all cylinders and he unleashed a very impressive winner of the Bumper at Naas on Sunday. The well named Road To Riches (IRE) cruised through the race under Nina Carberry and he showed an impressive change of gear to win easily. A former point to point winner for Martin Cullinane he was bought by Gigginstown Stud after that and came to the racecourse with a tall reputation. The son of Gamut certainly was deeply impressive and his trainer commented; "Road To Riches is a good horse. He's been very impressive at home and we think a lot of him. He will go hurdling in a few weeks' time and I'd imagine he'll be a horse for novice races around 2m4f." Road to Riches was bred by Sunnyhill Stud where Gamut stands alongside Doyen and he was bought as a yearling in Tattersalls Ireland for €8,000 by Simon Walford.



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MANIEREE SIGNS OFF IN STYLE

The John Oxx trained Manieree (IRE) finally came good late in the season when winning the Listed Irish Stallion Farms EBF Garnet Stakes at Naas on Sunday. She outclassed her rivals winning by seven lengths under Niall McCullagh after which her trainer said; "Manieree is a very good filly who missed most of the season after meeting with a serious setback in January. We probably went too fast with her at Longchamp and Niall took things a bit easier today. That will probably be her last race as she is going to the December

sales in Newmarket." Manieree was bred at her owner Max Morris' Iverk House Stud and she will be a valuable breeding prospect. Successful at both Group 2 and Group 3 level the daughter of Medicean is out of Sheer Spirit who is a half-sister to Derby winner Oath and has also bred stakes performers Bold Spirit and Solid Rock.

SALES NEWS

There is a busy Irish sales calendar over the next four weeks and there is action this week in Goffs on Thursday when they host their Horse-in-Training and Open Yearling Sale. The HIT section features quality drafts from the yards of Jim Bolger, John Oxx, Michael Halford, Dermot Weld, Eddie Lynam, Paul Deegan and from breeders Moyglare Stud and the Aga Khan. There are also 147 yearlings catalogued with offerings from top stallions including Invincible Spirit, Acclamation, High Chaparral, Rock Of Gibraltar, Fastnet Rock, Dark Angel, Footstepsinthesand and promising sires like Bushranger and Dandy Man. Another example of the value available at Goffs was weekend French Stakes winner Pollyana (IRE) who was bought as a yearling in Goffs for only €3,000 by Michael Grassick.

Goffs have also released the catalogue for the November sale which features foals, select yearlings and breeding stock. Last year's foal section broke records and an extra day has been added this year to cope with demand. The 877 strong catalogue which kicks off on Monday November 19th is now available online.

It features some star pedigrees a few which are listed as follows:

- Lot 812** Shamardal brother to 2yo Group 1 winner Casamento.
- Lot 734** Arcano sister to 2yo Group 2 winner in 2012 Sir Prancealot
- Lot 728** Equiano colt out of 2yo Group 1 winner Mail The Desert
- Lot 733** Azamour colt out of 2yo Group 1 winner Miss Beatrix
- Lot 753** Duke of Marmalade brother to two Group winners in Westphalia and Cliquot

Tattersalls Ireland have also released the catalogue for their November NH Sale. It runs from 12th – 16th November and begins with a day of store horses and yearlings, followed by three days of foals and finishes with a day of mares. The catalogue can be accessed at www.tattersalls.ie or can be requested by contacting ITM.

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