



Mondays with DAVID ALLAN



Harzand holds off Coolmore challengers - then Coolmore and Mayfair bought his dam.

A South African champion in foal to Galileo

EVERY major breeding stock sale has a fireworks section. Whereas sales arenas are only populated by those who want to be in there for "that particular lot or lots" and many sitting down are spectators or more casual visitors, there is always a session that packs 'em in...

(I smiled the other day at a Tattersalls Ireland Sale, standing with a Godolphin Ireland Manager watching a nice yearling get a decent price. "You see who bought that," I said nodding towards the far side of the ring. "Jeez", he answered "that's a lot for the seats").

The circus has been in County Kildare for a couple of days already working through the foals at Goffs that start selling not long before you may be reading this. The mini-doorstop of a catalogue has 775 Part 1 foals across three 10am-starting days, the first day (Monday) having 276 to go through the ring.

Well, actually 250 with 26 withdrawals as I write. That ought to mean selling until around 8pm give or take.

Those three days are followed by two days of mares

and fillies for stud, then – in an unusual formula introduced last year – there are two weekend days of 300+ Part 2 foals considered lesser sorts, but if you pan for gold in an unpromising stream, you might nevertheless find a nugget. Or you might have gone home.

As the third Part 1 foals day starts (Wednesday), some sectors of Goffs excellent but often weather-hammered complex will be taken over by mares, one of which will be a South African Champion.

The aforementioned arena-filling session consists – or was to consist – of a run of outstanding mares, some of which had been purchased by the Coolmore/Mayfair combination.

One which was not, but presents a page choc-a-bloc with black type, is called FRANKLY SO, (*to p2*)



A big selling foal at Goffs making 150 times the previous lot.

DAVID ALLAN (fm p1)

an unraced daughter of FRANKEL in foal to STARSPANGLED BANNER.

Plenty of Frankels don't run. The good ones are very very good but Well, you know the saying. But in addition to being a son of GALILEO, FRANKEL brings his dam KIND'S bloodline so what 's not to like?

However, more importantly, FRANKLY SO is a daughter of the great DARSHAAN mare APSARA who herself is out of an even greater one, WHAKILYRIC by MISWAKI.

Anything with Darshaan in the female line makes breeders stop and think hard. WHAKILYRIC – Gr 3 winner and multiple Gr1 placed in France – produced the Champion HERNANDO (Niniski), sire of double Gr1 winner GITANO HERNANDO who didn't go down too well in South Africa bar some discerning aficionados. JOHANN QUATZ (Sadler's Wells), Gr 1 winner, and several others with big bold type fill the page.

APSARA by DARSHAAN wasn't as good a runner herself, but produced three big Stakes Winners plus an unraced filly by MONTJEU called Souen, dam of a South African Gr3 winner THREE BALLOONS by JUDPOT.

STARSPANGLED BANNER (AUS) is sire of our latest syndicated yearling in the UK version of Hintlesham Racing, so we like him. A lot. The European Champion Sprinter had early fertility issues but has been substantially improved going from a modest €15,000 fee to a slightly less modest 17,500.

Next in the book would be just the job for South Africa, although not necessarily a bargain. Out of a

winning Roberto line mare (by ARCH), BIJIN is a Stakes placed winning HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR filly for stud. The ARCH mare is HAYAKU (Japanese for "Quickly") out of PROMPTLY. BIJIN is "Beauty" in Japanese and her winning full brother is DAIMYO (a Shogunate local baron – or a Local Roman Emperor). She would do nicely.



Our own (syndicating now) Starspangledbanner.

Mayfair and Coolmore signed a 2 million Guineas ticket for HAZARIYA when she was already 14 years old. Her progeny includes the 2016 European Champion and Epsom Derby Winner HARZAND. Now 16 she was catalogued NOT in foal to GALILEO – and has been withdrawn.

One would like to think that she had to go into a sale for partnership reasons but something else has been done, not least because she is 16.

DAVID ALLAN (cont)

Her GALILEO filly foal is still in the sale though...and GALILEO is of course half brother to SEA THE STARS, the sire of this foal's Derby Winning brother. More fireworks.

There are two damp squibs that will not ignite. The 2.1 million Guineas Coolmore/Mayfair buy HENCE (Listed winner and Gr3 placed full sister to very recent multiple Gr1 winner ALICE SPRINGS) is withdrawn. ALICE SPRINGS has four more GALILEO black type siblings.

Shades of MARIAH'S STORM by RAHY (bringing GLORIOUS SONG dam also of SINGSPIEL and RAKEEN) going loads of times to STORM CAT producing GIANT'S CAUSEWAY and YOU'RE SOTH RILLING, an incredible young mare, and three other stallions including TIGER DANCE, Gr3 placed winner, fabulously bred, but not extensively appreciated in South Africa. Had he seen better mares, his fillies should be gold dust.

Another GALILEO filly MAGIC WAND (Mayfair 1.4 million Guineas) became a Gr2 and Listed winner, multiple Gr1 placed. Also out.

So where is this South African Champion?

At the Cape Premier Yearling Sale, we – AllanBloodlines on behalf of an eminent Irish owner/breeder of Classic Winners and Sale Toppers – were only trying on three in the sale. One was a CAPTAIN AL filly out of US-bred daughter of FUSAICHI PEGASUS and half sister to ARTIE SCHILLER, both being out of HIDDEN LIGHT, a double USA Gr1 winner herself.

We were under-bidder. No complaints. Mega disappointed, but no complaints. We went one above our 2 million rand limit and could see the group of Mr & Mrs Shanahan and Mr & Mrs Nagle not looking like they were stopping on behalf of what turned out to be a partnership of themselves, Mayfair and regular associates.

The filly – named CLOTH OF CLOUD – was converted by Sean Tarry into a champion 2 year old, winning the South African Nursery Gr1 and a Gr3 in only four starts. And now here she is, Lot 964, in foal northern time to GALILEO. Coolmore would be thought unlikely to offer mares in foal to him, but there was no "Magnier" in the racing ownership therefore perhaps the treatment may be different.

If so, it will be fascinating to see an SA Champion in foal to the great man going through. The strategy for unwinding of the partnership may determine the outcome, but will SA majors who have farms in UK or Ireland go for her? What will the general market make of a South African Champion by CAPTAIN AL?

Tune in on goffs.com to find out – Thursday – or give me a call if you'd like to throw in a (big) bid. Cats and pigeons spring to mind. Personally, I wouldn't care a hoot if the progeny is northern time for South Africa, or take that one out and take her home covered Southern time. - **tt.**



Princess Magdalena - a Pennekamp half sister to Dancer's Daughter bought twice at Goffs by AllanBloodlines and now a successful mare in South Africa.



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Buffalo Bill to Queen's Plate

MIKE de Kock confirmed at the weekend that Buffalo Bill Cody (IRE) will not be running in the Gr1 Summer Cup at Turffontein on 1 December.

"We've decided to miss the Summer Cup and aim him at the G1 L'Ormarins Queen's Plate at Kenilworth in January," he said.

However, he did confirm that all of Cascapedia, Like A Panther, Noble Secret and Victory Moon Stakes-winning filly Takingthepeace will accept to run in the Summer Cup come the declaration stage on Tuesday.

Despite her defeat to Wilgerbosdrift SA Oaks winner Secret Potion in a Pinnacle Stakes at Turffontein on Thursday night, Betting World have Cascapedia up as the 11-2 favourite with Noble Secret at 7-1. Takingthepeace is at 15-2 while Like A Panther drifted to 14-1, a price he shares with Secret Potion, after finishing eighth in the Victory Moon.

The decision to run Buffalo Bill Cody in the Queen's Plate over 1600m on 5 January means that race is turning into one of the most hotly contested races seen in years. Legal Eagle will be looking to emulate the feat of Pocket Power by winning his fourth successive Queen's Plate and anybody who thought he might be past his best were given a serious wake-up call on Thursday night when he won – for the first time – his warm-up race over 1160m. - *TAB News.*

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