

## More on overseas sire lines for when we can afford them

MONDAYS  
WITH  
DAVID ALLAN



*Acclamation at Rathberry Stud.*

**At a time when the mid-ranges of the South African breeding industry are being hammered by the sales results of 2017, it might be thought insensitive to advocate overseas purchasing.**

In one sense, there's no "might be" about it. Saying "*Hey let's go and spend money you haven't been able to earn*" would be downright offensive. Those in our industry who don't have to work to the bottom line, or if they do can subsidise the business when it drops into the red, are financially bomb proof. They can and do spend overseas whether investing in farms and stock for those farms or sending runners or importing new stallions. If they do it well, the trickle-down back into SA racing and breeding will always be valuable.

But for those who must work to the bottom line with a bank obligation, a family, workforce and future to safeguard, singing "*Come Buy With Me*", to paraphrase the Sinatra title, would be taking the you-know-what.

Nevertheless, being armed with information and having a plan formulated in advance of our next rise in prices and/or the arrival through the door of the next investor is essential.

Whilst it is not possible to follow all racing everywhere, it is important to be ahead of the game not behind it, and to have the background information to take full advantage of opportunities.

Where some SA yearling or breeding stock buyers will have researched deeply and will lap up new names, recognising them from overseas achievement, others are working from the base of what has already happened within South Africa. It is the blend of the two that is essential to the refreshment of a tired gene pool - as well as being exciting.

Nothing in the 2017 run of poor sales results is clearer than the incredibly narrow band of sires that are "wanted". Or, conversely, the long list of sires of good winners whose correct, attractive progeny are not wanted. The essential truth is that there is insufficient support in actual end users (real owners) of racehorses in the current circumstances, whether by virtue of "the economy", the paucity of real buyers or some real or exaggerated progeny reputations that seem to "stick". Trainers-as-buyers face a tough task convincing doubtful cheque signers that "this colt by [not one of the obvious few] could be a really good prospect".

As the sun was setting in Johannesburg on 16<sup>th</sup> July, off a flight from the North and waiting for a pivotal meeting between sales companies, I wrote my Turf Talk-Monday column for the next day, <http://bit.ly/2hkGU9K> extolling the virtues of the Royal Applause/Acclamation sire line as ideal for South Africa. (*to p2*)

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Harry Angel (Dark Angel) – Gr1 Darley July Cup winner - got a mention in that piece. He followed up on Saturday winning the Haydock Sprint Cup Gr1 proving that he can handle any ground. This race has been won by Green Desert and Danehill, Dayjur and Invincible Spirit, and Royal Applause himself.

**Harry Angel reconfirmed his future in the Darley Stallion ranks with a runaway win. He may well stay in training as a 4 year old before covering mares. The recent tongue lashing dished out to stallion owners, including Darley, for standing too few stallions that have performed beyond a mile will not deter them from putting this super speedster up in lights.**

Meanwhile, have a look at the table (*Leading Sires in Europe 2017, page 3*) to see how well all three of those antecedents of Harry Angel are doing today.

Old Royal Applause is gone but is still 17<sup>th</sup> by Sires of European Winners. His son Acclamation remains one of the best commercial sires and sits 3<sup>rd</sup>, his 103 winners including Gr1 Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes filly Marsha. Acclamation (now 18) covered 104 mares last year.

Meanwhile, just above him in 2<sup>nd</sup> is one of the hottest of the hot Dark Angel, now 12 having retired at 2 and gone to stud at 3 as is happening quite often these days. Dark Angel has transcended that methodical quest for cheap speed and is sire not only of Harry Angel but also of Mecca's Angel who won that Nunthorpe Stakes twice. He covered 195 last year at a fee of €65,000, not far off a million rand, a lot more rand a year ago and way above cheap speed levels.

When it comes to money won, Galileo (now 19 – 158 mares when 18) is miles ahead with £9.4 million pounds compared to Dubawi (15 – 159) next at £3.6 million (boosted yesterday by Shamreen's Gr2 win in the race in which Smart Call finished 6<sup>th</sup>) but only a little ahead of Dark Angel at around £3 million and Acclamation very competitive at £2.4 million.

Equiano (Acclamation) – the same age as Dark Angel, with 95 mares last year, the books in England being generally smaller than in Ireland - won the Gr1 Kings Stand Stakes at The Royal Meeting twice and is sire of Gr1 winner The Tin Man (see Turf Talk 26<sup>th</sup> June <http://bit.ly/2eOuSS0>) also 3rd in Saturdays Gr1 Haydock Sprint. Standing at Dr Andreas Jacobs' Newsells Park Stud and advertised in Maine Chance yellow and black, he sires sensibly priced yearlings, some of which we shall be seeing from next week at Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sales.

**Equiano**  
King of Speed

Fee: **£8,000**  
1st Oct SLF

**7 Gr/Stks winners in 2016 including**

**THE TIN MAN**  
Gr.1 QIPCO British Champions Sprint

**MEDICINE JACK**  
Gr.2 winning 2yo

**Leading GB sire of sprinters in 2016**  
By winners – 4th in GB & IRE (5f & 6f)

**Leading European third-crop sire**  
With 75 winners (44% winners/runners)

*Equiano advert. Medicine Jack was the one on which we underbid*

There we shall try not to repeat the mistake of two years ago when under bidder on a cracking Equiano colt very early in the sale. Nine months later, he won the Gr2 Railway Stakes at The Curragh multiplying his value. Equiano is a good way into this blood.

Elsewhere in the table, we pick out the recently retired Kyllachy (Pivotal) a speed sire often recommended by us as a broodmare sire, the strength of Mastercraftsman (Danehill Dancer) who will only get even better as his best bred crops come through now and the greatly underrated Footstepsinthesand (Giant's Causeway).

Finally, "Rocky". Rock of Gibraltar fades then comes back, fades then comes back. Right up there in 13<sup>th</sup>, his 2017 performance should give heart to those who have invested in his youngsters who came into the country in utero in the CTS mare deals. Rocky (18 years old) covered 87 mares this year, down from previous heights, but still in demand. - tt.

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# Leading Sires in Europe in 2017

## in order of Individual Winners

Sire	Born	Grandsire	Rnrs	Wnrs	Wnrs male	Wnrs female	Wins	BT Wnrs	BT Placed	GP Wnrs	GP Placed	% Wnrs to mrs	% BT Wnrs to mrs	Av Winning Dist (F)	Total Money £
1	KODIAC	2001 Danehill	303	111	70	41	163	10	9	1	7	37	3.30	6.90	2,136,391
2	DARK ANGEL	2005 Acclamation	289	105	60	45	151	9	14	6	9	36	3.11	7.61	3,008,751
3	ACCLAMATION	1999 Royal Applause	244	103	67	36	141	9	2	5	4	42	3.69	6.86	2,441,942
4	EXCEED AND EXCEL	2000 Danehill	234	101	66	35	142	8	10	3	9	43	3.42	6.88	1,930,401
5	HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR	2004 Danehill	221	100	57	43	147	5	7	0	4	45	2.26	8.03	1,589,426
6	GALILEO	1998 Sadler's Wells	242	98	68	30	146	35	16	25	18	40	14.46	10.10	9,393,024
7	DUBAWI	2002 Dubai Millennium	180	93	67	26	131	16	11	13	9	52	8.89	9.28	3,619,685
8	INVINCIBLE SPIRIT	1997 Green Desert	231	88	63	25	127	6	13	4	8	38	2.60	6.84	2,584,527
9	ZEBEDEE	2008 Invincible Spirit	203	83	53	30	124	2	1	2	0	41	0.99	6.43	996,793
10	KYLLACHY	1998 Pivotal	192	79	55	24	131	2	3	1	1	41	1.04	6.98	1,152,752
11	LAWMAN	2004 Invincible Spirit	220	77	45	32	111	1	9	0	4	35	0.45	8.98	1,415,507
	PIVOTAL	1993 Polar Falcon	158	77	52	25	120	7	11	3	7	49	4.43	8.04	2,061,416
13	ROCK OF GIBRALTAR	1999 Danehill	196	75	49	26	102	3	6	0	3	38	1.53	8.70	1,395,650
14	DUTCH ART	2004 Medicean	194	74	45	29	100	2	8	1	6	38	1.03	7.57	1,159,598
15	SHAMARDAL	2002 Giant's Causeway	176	72	53	19	102	6	6	3	5	41	3.41	8.08	1,759,134
16	KHELEYF	2001 Green Desert	192	71	44	27	104	2	1	1	2	37	1.04	7.05	948,572
17	ROYAL APPLAUSE	1993 Waajib	164	70	50	20	105	1	0	0	0	43	0.61	8.05	705,231
18	FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND	2002 Giant's Causeway	182	69	48	21	104	1	6	1	1	38	0.55	8.13	1,388,094
	MASTERCRAFTSMAN	2006 Danehill Dancer	226	69	35	34	100	6	7	2	2	31	2.65	9.65	1,477,337
20	CAPE CROSS	1994 Green Desert	158	67	43	24	98	6	10	2	2	42	3.80	9.57	1,366,536
	ELUSIVE CITY	2000 Elusive Quality	162	67	48	19	96	2	1	1	0	41	1.23	7.98	1,257,394
	OASIS DREAM	2000 Green Desert	174	67	49	18	114	3	7	3	3	39	1.72	7.76	1,459,467
	TEOFILO	2004 Galileo	160	67	37	30	101	9	8	6	6	42	5.62	10.06	1,976,344
24	AREION	1995 Big Shuffle	132	65	36	29	95	5	7	4	3	49	3.79	7.98	1,288,576
25	IFFRAAJ	2001 Zafonic	181	64	43	21	106	4	4	2	3	35	2.21	8.27	1,967,460
26	POET'S VOICE	2007 Dubawi	171	63	38	25	89	4	2	4	1	37	2.34	7.55	1,146,777
27	ZOFFANY	2008 Dansili	158	62	44	18	89	3	3	1	3	39	1.90	8.37	1,224,713
28	FASTNET ROCK	2001 Danehill	161	61	35	26	88	9	5	5	5	38	5.59	9.47	1,663,919
29	LOPE DE VEGA	2007 Shamardal	133	60	46	14	83	5	8	2	4	45	3.76	8.27	1,207,309
30	KENDARGENT	2003 Kendor	175	58	42	16	88	5	6	2	2	33	2.86	9.01	1,487,939
31	ARCANO	2007 Oasis Dream	159	57	31	26	86	3	3	1	2	36	1.89	7.84	1,023,227
	FAST COMPANY	2005 Danehill Dancer	143	57	40	17	81	3	3	1	0	40	2.10	7.83	733,375
	NEW APPROACH	2005 Galileo	139	57	38	19	87	5	9	2	8	41	3.60	9.93	1,393,200
34	HENRYTHENAVIGATOR	2005 Kingmambo	118	53	33	20	77	1	2	1	0	45	0.85	8.79	915,601
35	DANSILI	1996 Danehill	121	51	32	19	78	10	8	7	4	42	8.26	10.26	2,010,102
	EQUIANO	2005 Acclamation	175	51	34	17	68	2	1	1	1	29	1.14	6.42	1,038,583
	HIGH CHAPARRAL	1999 Sadler's Wells	160	51	33	18	78	4	3	2	2	32	2.50	9.95	1,071,155
	MYBOYCHARLIE	2005 Danetime	142	51	23	28	67	1	3	1	0	36	0.70	9.45	1,171,749
	SEA THE STARS	2006 Cape Cross	111	51	28	23	73	12	7	8	7	46	10.81	10.96	2,507,717
40	DREAM AHEAD	2008 Diktat	126	50	27	23	80	5	6	1	3	40	3.97	6.83	1,567,182
	RIP VAN WINKLE	2006 Galileo	166	50	29	21	75	4	5	2	3	30	2.41	9.19	1,110,292
	SIYOUNI	2007 Pivotal	141	50	28	22	68	4	10	1	7	35	2.84	8.15	1,688,038

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