

Brighthill Farm

SPOTLIGHT ON DALGHAR'S FIRST CROP

A major yearling sale is always a great showcase for young sire talent and among the new brigade represented at Karaka in 2015 is Brighthill Farm's Dalghar (FR). A dashing grey by Anabaa (USA), one of Danzig's best sire sons, Dalghar was bred and raced by the Aga Khan and is from one of that acclaimed breeder's finest families.

HIS dam is the wonderful stakes winner Daltawa (Miswaki-Damana by Crystal Palace) whose stellar career as a broodmare has seen her produce seven winners including four stakes winners, two of them, Daylami and Dalakhani (IRE), earning champion status and a combined record of 11 Gr.1 wins.

Both stallions have proved their worth at stud, Daylami siring 14 stakes winners (including the Gr.1 gallopers Voila Ici and Grey Swallow) and Dalakhani, who shuttles to Cornerstone Stud in SA, 40 stakes winners including the big race winners Conduit, Integral, Reliable Man, Chinese White, Seismos, Duncan and Moonstone.

Also showing high class form on the track, Dalghar won the Prix du Palais-Royal-Gr.3 at Longchamp and the Prix Luthier-LR at Deauville. He was stakes placed on a further six occasions and raced well at two, three and four. He is a record holder for seven furlongs (1:17.40) at Longchamp, recording a blistering 9.7 seconds for his final furlong in winning the 2010 Prix du Palais-Royal by 2.5 lengths. "While that sectional was impressive," Brighthill's Nick King said, "I think it's more relevant only five horses have broken 1.20.0 for the Longchamp 1400m and he is the fastest of them."



Dalghar | a record holder over 1400m at Longchamp

King was delighted when approached by Neven Botica who purchased Dalghar in training from the Aga Khan. "We were pretty excited to get him," he said, "and Neven has been a terrific supporter of the horse."

Well aware of the long-term commitment required to stand a stallion, Botica has been steadfast in his backing of Dalghar, sending a good number of mares to him and spreading the

progeny among trainers across Australasia. "Dalghar has yearlings in Western and Eastern Australia and that access to the Australian market is a big boost for the horse," King said.

A big fan of Dalghar on type, King noted that he has thrown to both his sire and dam. "He has Anabaa's strength and the quality of his family. He is a cracking type of horse, a real man. He is from a family which has really taken off during the past 15 years.

PREMIER DRAFT

40	Bay Colt	Dalghar - Macavelli Miss
100	Ch Colt	Pentire - On the Limit
101	Ch Filly	Cape Blanco - Opus Four
109	Ch Colt	Dalghar - Penny Arcade
277	Bay Colt	O'Reilly - Bazelle
422	Br Colt	Dalghar - Honor Babe

"While Dalghar is a European horse there is plenty about him to appeal to Australians and New Zealanders. Anabaa, who shuttled to Widden Stud, has proven a good fit for this part of the world and Dalghar's half-brother Dalakhani (who now stands in South Australia) had Reliable Man win at Gr.1 level in Australia. Also, Daylami is the dam sire of champion Pierro."

King is extremely pleased with the Dalghar's progeny. "He is leaving some pretty fantastic types and he fared very well in his first test in the market place, his weanlings at Karaka in May selling for up to \$60,000. We are very bullish heading towards Karaka and we are excited three of our colts have made it into the Premier Session, this is a great achievement for a \$6000 stallion. All three are really nice horses and we are looking forward to showing them off," he said.

The first through the ring is a bay colt (Lot 40) from Macavelli Miss (Vettori). He is a son of a Gr.1 winner (Thorndon Mile) whose first two to race are metropolitan winners. A descendant of famed matriarch Selene, he boasts doubles of Danzig and Mr. Prospector.

The chestnut colt (Lot 109) from Penny Arcade (Straussbrook) is a half-brother to the Gr.1 placed Listed winner Al Strada and out of a Listed-winning half-sister to the Group winners Coup Ray and Singalong; the brown colt (Lot 422) from Sydney Cup-Gr.1 winner Honor Babe (Honor Grades) is bred on a 5mx5f cross of the terrific mare Gay Missile. His pedigree also features a double cross (3mx3m) of Danzig.

Brighthill will take a further seven of Dalghar's progeny to the Select Session. The grey filly (Lot

472) from Landon (Shannon) is a half-sister to the Gr.3 galloper Seven Schillings and the Listed winner Eight Schillings. This is also the family of triple Gr.1 winner Avedon; the grey filly (Lot 484) from Leti (Flying Spur) is the second foal of a half-sister to Eremein and sister to the Listed winner Gliding. Sire and dam sire are bred on the same Danzig/Mr Prospector cross.

The bay colt (Lot 604) from Philippa Chelsea (Viscount) is from a winning family as his dam's half-sister Mystery Creek has produced the Gr.2 winner Obsession. This colt is a member of the prolific Tessa Gillian branch of the Mumtaz Mahal family and closely related to the Gr.1 mare Rebecca Sharp. The grey colt (Lot 623) from Priscilla (Manntari) is a half-brother to the Listed winner Napatap. He boasts a 7x6 cross of the high class broodmare Noorani and is closely related to Group winners Never Quit and Super Sequel.

Another Select session offering is the bay filly (Lot 759) from Top of the Day (O'Reilly). She is the first foal of a daughter of the stakes winner Full Noise, dam of the stakes placed Bessano. This is the family of the Gr.1 winners Mun Lee, Survived, Marmalitre and Allez Suez; the bay colt (Lot 879) from Catalina Lady (Flying Spur) is another with Danzig and Mr. Prospector duplications. He is out of a mare who won seven races and whose first three to race are all winners, including the metropolitan winners Lucky Spur and Shining Champion. The grey colt (Lot 1028) from Jazzmatazz (Citidancer) is from a Listed winner and stakes producer. The dam is doing a great job at stud with five winners including the Gr.3 winner Jazzella and the smart Hong Kong gallopers St Didar and Sound of Silence.

The remainder of Brighthill's Karaka draft is also strong with highlights including a Pentire colt out of a half-sister to multiple Gr.1 winner Veyron; an O'Reilly colt out of the dual Gr.1 winner Bazelle (dam of Gr.2 winner Show The World); a Keeper colt out of a daughter of the Gr.1 mare Smiling Like; a Tavistock filly out of the Gr.3 winner Zanetta; and a Darci Brahma filly from the prolific Best In Show family. There are also sons and daughters of Cape Blanco, Pour Moi, Makfi, Roc de Cambes and Henrythenavigator from the families of Ethereal, Might and Power and Flying Spur. ■■

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