

Halfway To Heaven (IRE). In addition, Pivotal has already sired the impressive fillies Infallible (GB) and Heaven Sent (GB). Infallible won the Leslie Harrison Memorial Nell Gwynn Stakes (Eng-III) in impressive fashion and Heaven Sent, a sister to multiple grade I winner Megahertz (GB), won the Stanjamesuk.com Dahlia Stakes (Eng-III) at Newmarket by three lengths.

In France, the progeny of **Zamindar** continue to figure prominently, thanks to patronage from His Highness the Aga Khan and his family. Zamindar, a full brother to European champion Zafonic, has had a remarkable stud career. Initially he was only known as Zafonic's little brother (though he is a big horse himself) and was sent to stand in Florida for a couple of years; Zafonic's untimely death saw Zamindar return to Banstead Manor in England in 2003. Since then he has sired some terrific performers, including three group I winners last year. Two of those stalwarts were in action recently, with the superstar 3-year-old filly Zarkava (IRE) running her record to four out of four with a sparkling win in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches – French One Thousand Guineas (Fr-I). Last year's European champion 3-year-old filly, Darjina (FR), has run second in both the Dubai Duty Free (UAE-I) and Prix d'Ispahan (Fr-I) this term.

Amongst sires with their first crop of 3-year-olds, **Dalakhani (IRE)** is starting to emerge. His son Democrat (GB) won the important French Derby prep, the Prix Hocquart (Fr-II), for trainer Andre Fabre. Another colt, Centennial (IRE), took the Casino at Bet365.com Classic Trial (Eng-III) at Sandown for John Gosden. Dalakhani's fillies may be even better. Chinese White (IRE), trained by Dermot Weld, was an impressive winner of a listed race at Gowran Park and is one of the leading choices for the Epsom and Irish Oaks. Another daughter, Moonstone (GB) (trained by O'Brien), is still a maiden, but the half-

sister to multiple French group I winner Cerulean Sky (IRE) looks like one with a big future.

Another young sire making noise is **Nayef**. The royally-bred son of Gulch, and half brother to English classic winner Nashwan, sired the runner-up in the Stanjamesuk.com One Thousand Guineas (Eng-I), Spacious (GB). That Cheveley Park filly is heading for the Irish One Thousand Guineas and will be tough to deny a group I this year. Nayef also has SG Private Banking Prix de Fontainebleau (Fr-III) winner Tamayuz (GB) to his credit this year.

Freshman Focus

Coolmore Stud's **One Cool Cat** is off to a red-hot start with his first 2-year-olds. The son of Storm Cat has nine individual winners, including two horses that have already won twice. Five of the winners have come in England, three in Italy, and one in Ireland. The best of the bunch so far appears to be the colt Baycat (IRE), winner of a non-black type stakes at Ascot April 30, who now may head for Royal Ascot. The filly Cool Tarifa, winner on debut at the Curragh March 30, also looks like one to keep an eye on.

Darley's big hope this year is **Refuse to Bend (IRE)** (Sadler's Wells), and he looks like he could have an early star on his hands with his daughter To The Point (GB). She won a five-furlong Warwick maiden with ease and is being pointed to the Queen Mary Stakes (Eng-III) at Royal Ascot.

We thought that Darley's **Kheleyf** could be a surprise, and he is off to a great start. The royally-bred son of Green Desert has four winners, including the highly-promising filly Percolator (GB), a six-length conditions event winner at Longchamp May 5. Other new studs off to good starts include **Lucky Story** (by Kris S.) with two winners already in 2008, and **Elusive City** (Elusive Quality) with three. 

Who's Hot

By Matt O'Neil

ZIP'S IT

City Zip stood his first three years in the Empire State prior to relocating to Lane's End in Versailles, Ky., for the 2005 breeding season. A few months before the move, his half-brother **Ghostzapper** had completed his Horse of the Year season with a romp in the Breeders' Cup Classic Powered by Dodge (gr. I). Along with his updated pedigree, the folks at Lane's End no doubt hoped that City Zip would have a successful first crop that would prove as precocious as their sire. City Zip, after all, was a four-time graded stakes-winning juvenile and the most recent colt to sweep the three male juvenile stakes at the Saratoga meeting. That hope was fulfilled, as City Zip ranked third behind **Tiznow** and **El Corredor** on the 2005 first-crop sire list and led all of his peers with 20 first

-crop juvenile winners.

The fortunes of City Zip were further boosted April 5 when his son Bustin Stones won in the Carter Handicap (gr. I) at Aqueduct to remain undefeated. The 4-year-old colt is the first grade I winner for his sire, who has been on a roll ever since.

City Zip's supporters have equally high hopes for his first Kentucky crop that are now juveniles of 2008. Again those hopes are being fulfilled as that crop has already yielded its first stakes winner. Less than a month after Bustin Stones' victory in the Carter, Run Away and Hide took the Kentucky Stakes (gr. III) for 2-year-olds during Derby week at Churchill Downs.

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City Zip

(Continued from page 17) though. Three days after the Kentucky, the sire's 3-year-old filly Northern Netti took the Bouwerie Stakes for New York-breds, the Sunday feature at Belmont Park.

Macho Dos

The last Saturday in April was a productive one for the second-crop sire **Macho Uno**. Harlem Rocker ran his record to a perfect 3-for-3 with his win over favored J Be K in the Withers Stakes (gr. III) at Aqueduct. That same day, Churchill Downs began its spring meeting and the featured Derby Trial fell to another Macho Uno colt, Macho Again.

Both colts were under consideration for the Preakness Stakes (gr. I), but only Macho Again made the trip to Baltimore, where he was the best of the rest behind Big Brown. Harlem Rocker is scheduled to target the Canadian Triple Crown. Macho Uno, the fifth-ranked freshman sire of last year, is now up to four stakes winners from his first crop.

It Ain't Broken

Broken Vow was the leading third-crop sire by 2007 progeny earnings and he is flying high again in 2008. In the month of May alone, the Unbridled stallion was represented by three stakes winners, two of them new black type winners.

Just for Keeps got the ball rolling for her sire with a victory in the Mamzelle Stakes for distaff turf sprinters May 1. It was the first stakes victory for the 4-year-old filly, who had previously placed in the Wishing Well Stakes and Queen Stakes at Turfway Park.

On May 17 Broken Vow was represented by not one but two graded stakes winners. The 3-year-old colt Matt's Broken Vow won the Marine Stakes (gr. III) over Woodbine's Polytrack surface for his first stakes

score. Meanwhile, in California, another of the sire's sophomore colts, Polonius, won his second black type event in the grassy Will Rogers Stakes (gr. IIIT) at Hollywood Park.

Lasting Legacy

Overbrook Farm announced in May that **Storm Cat** had bred his last mare. While this development removes a standard-bearer from the upper echelon of the stallion ranks, Storm Cat's influence on the breed is far from over. In Kentucky alone, he's left behind more than 25 sons, including the grade I sires **Giant's Causeway**, **Forestry**, **Tale of the Cat**, **Forest Wildcat**, **Van Nistelrooy**, **Stormin Fever**, and **Stormy Atlantic**. (Additionally, **Tactical Cat** is the sire of a grade I winner in Puerto Rico, and shuttle sire **Bernstein** has three grade I winners in South America.) Another eight Kentucky stallions show Storm Cat as their damsire, including popular freshman sire **Speightstown**.

The Storm Cat grandsons are proving top-class so far, as well. The **Hennessy** son **Johannesburg** is now the sire of 17 stakes winners from his first two crops. The third-crop sire's latest stakes winner is **Private Dreams**, victress of the Hastings Park Handicap May 18, the same day the **Johannesburg** son **Sageburg** (IRE) won the group I **Prix d'Ispahan** in France. **Johannesburg** is the leading American third-crop stallion by 2008 progeny earnings and only narrowly trails **Street Cry** (IRE) by cumulative earnings.

The leading second-crop stallion in the U.S. both by cumulative and 2008 progeny earnings is another Storm Cat grandson, **Harlan's Holiday**. The son of Harlan is the sire of six stakes winners so far, including the classic-placed **Denis of Cork**, third in the Kentucky Derby Presented by Yum! Brands (gr. I). 



Broken Vow

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Broodmares of Note

By **Avalyn Hunter**

FAR EAST FLOWER

Few mares produce a grade or group I winner during their lifetimes, while fewer still produce champions. Even rarer is the mare that has two champions among her produce. But what can be said of a mare that has two foals named as champions in the same year? She is part of a select club indeed.

Such a mare is **Scarlet Bouquet** (JPN), whose broodmare career reached a pinnacle seen by few when the Japan Racing Association announced its annual champions in January 2008. Scarlet Bouquet's daughter **Daiwa Scarlet** (JPN) was named 2007 champion 3-year-old filly and champion Japanese racehorse by a Japanese-bred sire, while her son **Daiwa Major** (JPN) earned honors as champion sprinter for

the second consecutive year.

Scarlet Bouquet is from a female family that is no stranger to high achievement. Her fifth dam is **Boudoir II**, whose best runner was the popular 1950 Santa Anita Derby winner **Your Host**. "Old Sidewinder," as he was affectionately known to his fans, not only won 13 of 23 starts but survived a horrific breakdown to become the sire of the immortal **Kelso** and 15 other stakes winners.

Boudoir II also produced two high-class broodmares in **Flower Bed** (by **Beau Pere**) and **Your Hostess** (by **Alibhai** and so a full sister to **Your Host**). **Flower Bed** produced three stakes winners, the most important of which was **Flower Bowl**. A daughter of **Alibhai**, **Flower**