

# Foreign Invaders

## *A quick survey of truly international sires*

Which North American-based stallions do well in Europe? Which European-based stallions sire American stakes winners? Here's a look at the stallions whose progeny have, in 2003 anyway, been winning big races far from home.

Red Ransom will take up residence at Britain's Dalham Hall Stud in 2003 and he should be right at home. In 2003 alone, the son of Roberto has sired seven stakes winners in Europe, including his daughter Casual Look who took the English Oaks (G1) this past spring, as well as group three winner Cassis and the German group one winner Ransom o' War. In the U.S. so far in 2003, Red Ransom has sired only two unrestricted stakes winners and one of those, Del Mar Derby (G2) winner Fairly Ransom, was also a stakes winner in Europe earlier this year.

While Kingmambo has sired major American dirt runners like Parade Ground and Lemon Drop Kid, his lofty reputation has been built largely on the laurels of his foreign runners. He has sired six stakes winners this year, five in Europe, one in America. High quality has always been Kingmambo's hallmark and his performance in 2003 is illustrative with a pair of group one winners, Dubai Destination and Russian Rhythm, in England, as well as a group two winner in Italy. His lone North American (unrestricted) stakes winner is the ultra-consistent Voodoo Dancer, who won a thrilling edition of the Diana Handicap (G1) over Heat Haze.

### One successful cat

You don't become the highest priced stallion in the world, commanding a stud fee of a half million dollars, without being the complete package. So whether it's in the States or on the Continent, sons and daughters of Storm Cat find their way to the winner's enclosure of the most important races. While Storm Cat has had a solid but not spectacular year in America (five unrestricted stakes winners, two graded, one grade one), his European runners have been superb.

The brilliant three-year-old filly Nebraska Tornado and the "could be any kind" juvenile One Cool Cat were both multiple group one winners in 2003. On top of that, his two-year-old daughter Denebola won the Prix Marcel Boussac (G1) at Longchamp. Storm Cat has also sired the French stakes winner Peinture Rose and the English group three winner Khlood.

The incomparable Danzig has continued his influence across the pond in 2003. Bezrin, Rimrod, Antonius Pius, and Walayef are all stakes winners in Europe this year, the last two being group winners. Two American-based sons of Danzig have also sired European stakes winners this season. Belong To Me has the group three winner Membership, and Soldera is an English stakes winner for the late Polish Numbers.

American-based sons of Roberto made quite an impact at Epsom this year. Red Ransom's Casual Look took the Oaks (G1), and Kris Kin, by Kris S., was the hero of the day in the Epsom Derby (G1). The late Kris S. stallion has also accounted for the English group winners Lucky Story and Sabre d'Argent, and stakes winner My Renee.

### Senior citizens

Old standbys Diesis and Miswaki are having strong European years. Diesis, sire of the likes of Halling, Diminuendo, and Elmaamul, has three group winners in 2003. Magistretti and Sea Dart were group two winners in England and Ireland respectively, while Three Valleys won the Middle Park Stakes (G1) at Newmarket. Miswaki has also sired three European black-type winners, including Prix de la Foret (G1) winner Etoile Montante.

Devil's Bag, Distant View, Gone West, Rahy, Royal Academy, Seattle Slew, Stravinsky, Swain, Theatrical, Woodman, and Capote have all sired two European stakes winners each in 2003. The latter is perhaps the most surprising and interesting stallion among that group as he is known more for passing along the American-style precocity he employed to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile (G1). However, his six-year-old son Capital Secret won a group three in Germany and his sophomore son Prince Tum Tum won a stake in England.

### The flip side

While there are 18 American-based stallions that have sired two or more European stakes winners, only six European-based stallions can claim the same feat in the New World. (Spinning World and Mister Baileys who both have sired three stakes winners in Europe in 2002 were not included as they had stood in the U.S. previously).

It's no surprise to find Sadler's Wells atop the list of those Euro-based stallions who have impacted American stakes racing this year. Perfect Soul, High Chapparral, and Islington all won grade ones stateside, with the latter two taking Breeders' Cup events. Ballingary (a 2002 Canadian grade one winner) and Carib Lady were also grade three winners over American courses in 2003.

The deceased Danehill's influence spans the globe—North America included. Dress to Thrill (a grade one winner last year), Chiming, and Spring Star were all graded winners in the States in 2003, while Secret Garden was a stakes winner.

American racing fans were introduced to Machiavellian last year through the exploits of his high class son Street Cry. This year, four other offspring of this son of Mr. Prospector are American stakes winners. They include grade one winner Storming Home, Evolving Tactics (G2), Magic Mission (G3), and Abderian.

Alhaarth (by Unfuwain) and Pivotal (by Polar Falcon) are the other two Europeans who have multiple North American stakes winners in 2003. Alhaarth has sired the stakes winner Cellmare and Canadian International winner (G1) Phoenix Reach. Pivotal has a grade one winner in Megahertz as well as the listed winner Feet So Fast. 



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