



DALGHAR ADDS *another international dimension*

Dalghar (FR) adds another international dimension to the Brighthill Farm operation with the powerful grey stallion to begin his southern hemisphere breeding career at the Tauwhare stud.

A SON of a star shuttle stallion, he hails from a regal female line that continues to be so successful for his breeder the Aga Khan.

A dashing sprinter-miler, Dalghar is by the July Cup-Gr.1 winner and champion French sire Anabaa (USA), who has produced quality European gallopers over a range of distances with Goldikova, winner of 14 Gr.1 events, his prized performer. The Danzig stallion has also been a major influence Down Under through horses the calibre of Anabandana, Anacheeva, Avenue, Dances on Waves, French Bid, Headturner, Imananabaa, Teranaba, Virage de Fortune and Yell. "He's a genuine shuttle stallion and his stud record is proof of his versatility at the highest level, with Derby winners and top notch sprinters among his progeny," Nick King said. "He's done it in both hemispheres so he makes a lot of appeal and that's a big plus for us."

Dalghar is out of the Miswaki mare Daltawa, dam of the multiple Gr.1 winners and producers Daylami (Doyoun) and Dalakhani (Darshaan). A European Horse of the Year as well as claiming champion American Turf Colt honours, Daylami won seven times at the elite level and at stud his Gr.1 winners feature Voila Ici (Premio Roma, Gran Premio di Milano) and Grey Swallow (IRE) (Irish Derby, Tattersalls Gold Cup). He is also the broodmare sire of the champion Australian juvenile Pierre.

Dalakhani, a Champion European Three Year-Old and Horse of the Year, won four majors and has gained further fame as the sire of Gr.1 winners Conduit (English St Leger, King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Breeders Cup Turf, twice), Duncan (English St Leger), Chinese White (Pretty Polly Stakes), Reliable Man (Prix du Jockey Club) and Moonstone (Irish Oaks). Dalghar's half-sister Daltaiyma (Doyoun) produced Daltaya (Anabaa) and she won the Prix de la Grotte-Gr.3 and produced Gr.3 winner Dalkala (Giant's Causeway). Dalghar's half-brother Daymarti (Caerleon) is also a stakes winner and most recently his half-sister Dayita (Dansili) has become the sixth winner from Daltawa's eight foals to race.

Dalghar was a winner at two and finished runner-up in the Criterium de Maisons Laffitte-Gr.2 and then won both his starts at three, including the Prix Luthier-LR. As a four year-old he set a track record at Longchamp where he cut out 1400m in 1.17.4 to win the Prix du Palais-Royal-Gr.3 and placed in the Diadem Stakes-Gr.2, Lennox Stakes-Gr.2, Prix du Pin-Gr.3 and finished fifth in the Royal Ascot Queen Anne Stakes-Gr.1.

"He was a sprinting horse and his two half-brothers were champion staying horses, so with the New Zealand mares we would expect his progeny here to have plenty of early pace and then be able to make an impact over ground as well," King said. "The opportunity to get into the families of the Aga Khan is very rare and we're confident Dalghar will make an exciting impact at stud."

Thorndon Mile-Gr.1 winner Macavelli Miss and Blue Heaven, dam of Easter Handicap-Gr.1 winner Pasta Post and the Hawke's Bay Cup-Gr.3 winner Don Domingo, are among the mares booked to Dalghar. He will also

serve Winds of Conquest, dam of Stewards' Stakes-Gr.3 winner Coup Bloomsbury, the stakes performed Penny Arcade and the Green Desert mare Diamond Habit, who is a daughter of crack European sprinter and Eight Carat's half-sister Habibti.

Dalghar continues an international theme at Brighthill as the stud recently celebrated the Durban Golden Slipper-Gr.1 victory of the Red Ransom filly Rumya (third dam Emancipation), who is raced by her breeder Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa al Maktoum and trained in South Africa by Mike de Kock. "Her dam (Sayari San, by Fuji Kiseki) foaled here before she went to Perfectly Ready. Rumya is a real product of the farm and was a lovely filly who left us as a rising two year-old for South Africa."

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Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa is a part-owner of Dalghar's associate sire Perfectly Ready (AUS) and has based his New Zealand breeding interests at Brighthill. "He is racing here as well as breeding, and is very much committed to New Zealand and values that NZ suffix

alongside them," King said. A New Zealand Champion First Season Sire in 2010-11 and leading first crop sire at Karaka in 2010, Perfectly Ready is the only horse standing at stud in the country to have won Group races in Australia at two, three and four. They were, in order, the Blue Diamond Prelude-Gr.3, Goodwood Handicap-Gr.1 and the Moonga Stakes-Gr.3. By More Than Ready (USA) (Southern Halo), Perfectly Ready offers further speed on his dam side as he is out of the winning Danehill (USA) mare Elle Duccio, who is a half-sister to the Golden Slipper-Gr.1 and Newmarket Handicap-Gr.1 winner Belle du Jour.

The Italian-raced stallion Patapan (USA) has made a good impression from just a handful of runners from his first crop which features the Welcome Stakes-LR winner Napatap, who has also collected black type placings in the Champagne and Castletown Stakes, and the placegetters Little Drummer Boy, Delirium and Agostini. "He's going to have some more nice types out in the spring," King said. An American bred son of Stravinsky (USA), Patapan won 16 races, including six as a two year-old, over four seasons.

As a four year-old he scorched over 1200m in 1.08.00 to land the Premio Umbria-Gr.3 and was Italy's Champion Older Sprinter of 2006. He is out of the Indian Ridge (Ahoonora) mare Pappa Reale, who is a stakes winner of 13 races (1000m-1600m) and also the dam of the Premio Tudini-Gr.3 winner and sire Per Incanto (USA) (Street Cry (IRE)). Patapan's third dam, the Listed winner Water Frolic, is a daughter of champion Sir Ivor and the English 1000 Guineas winner Waterloo (Bold Lad-Lakewoods by Hyperion). ■



RUMYA (NZ) (Red Ransom (USA)-Sayuri San (AUS) by Fuji Kiseki (JPN)) with Nick King in her early days at Brighthill Farm.