



Honours List

While there is no shortage of sons of Danehill at stud in Australasia, there is also no waning in demand at all levels for this amazing bloodline.

Sons of Danehill have even been imported 'coals to Newcastle' style – horses of the commercial level of Danehill Dancer and Desert King as well as North Reef, Ladoni,, Dansk and Great Dane at more value stud fees.

Perhaps Danehill Dancer has paved the way for the popularity of this trend, starting his stud career at Collingrove Stud with the very attractive fee (especially for a dual Group One winner) of \$7,500 in 1997.

The most recent announcement of an imported son of Danehill is Honours List (Ire), who will stand at Paul Higgins' Baerami Stud in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales this season, who also commences his career at \$7,500 (plus GST).

A three million Franc yearling, Honours List was quick to start repaying his owners Ballydoyle, winning his first start by seven lengths before fronting up in the Group 3 Railway Stakes in Ireland – the first two-year-old stakes race of the season. At the confident price of 5 to 1 on, Honours List won the Railway comfortably, beating a subsequent Group One winning two-year-old, Sequoyah..

A dislike for wet tracks hampered his juvenile record in France however, running second in the Group One Prix de la Salamandre to Tobougg and third in the Group One Grand Criterium on this surface.

He was then taken by his trainer Aiden O'Brien to the U.S. for the Breeder's Cup day meeting, where he met with a career-ending injury in the running of the Grade Two Iroquois Stakes.

It must have been more than disappointing for the connections, as in the juvenile year, Honours List out-rated subsequent classic winners Galileo, Black Minnaloushe, Imagine, Vinnie Roe, King Charlemagne and Milan.

The ending of this brief but unusually precocious career signals the commencement of another which also promises to be successful if his pedigree is any guide.

Honours List is from the stakes winning French mare Gold Script, a daughter of the little known son of Roberto, Script Ohio. Honours List is the product of strong line breeding and what appears to be a carefully planned mating.

His second dam Quiet Thoughts has a very powerful pedigree. She is a Group Three winning daughter of Champion Sprinter, Thatching, who is linebred 4f x 5f

to prepotent matriarch DALMARY, his sire Thatch also being a family member. Adding to this family reinforcement, Quiet Thoughts' dam Fleet Serenade is by Lorenzaccio. He is also a descendant of Dalmary, whose granddaughter Erica Fragens is common to both Lorenzaccio and Thatching.

NUREYEV, GEIGER COUNTER, YEATS, OPEN DAY, the three brothers **TATE GALLERY, SADLER'S WELLS** and **FAIRY KING**, plus other influences Val De Loir, Ridan, Windsor Slipper, Fox Myth and Reform are members of this family, which, when present in broodmare pedigrees, can further reinforce the three lines to Dalmary in Honours List.

Sons of **SADLER'S WELLS** or his brothers look great with Honours List. While reinforcing the DALMARY family, they also carry Bold Reason – a half brother to Never Bend, who is Script Ohio's damsire. Bold Reason's other link with Script Ohio is that his sire Hail to Reason is also the grandsire of Script Ohio.

GEIGER COUNTER's daughters are also appealing – he is a son of Mr. Prospector, who has a great record with Danzig and his son Danehill. Fusaichi Pegasus for example, is by Danzig out of a Mr. Prospector mare. Flying Spur is by Danehill out of a Mr. Prospector mare.

Script Ohio traces directly to TERESINA, who appears twice in other parts of Honours List's via his duplication of FLOWER BOWL – a daughter of Teresina's son, Alibhai.

This is also the family of **WAAJIB**, Pakistan II, Turkhan and Ujji. Turkhan is present in the pedigree of **NOBLE BIJOU**. Mares by this sire look very interesting with Honours List. Apart from boosting the TERESINA line, Noble Bijou is a descendant of LA TROIENNE, reinforcing fellow family member Buckpasser (second damsire of Danehill). Additionally, Noble Bijou's dam is a daughter of Hail to Reason. This feature 'sex balances' the son of Hail to Reason – Roberto – in Honours List.

Getting back to Flower Bowl – she is represented by His Majesty in Danehill and Graustark in Gold Script as the second damsire of Script Ohio. Flower Bowl is a granddaughter of BOUDOIR, who can also be accessed by mares carrying **WHISKEY ROAD**, Crowned Prince (present in **ZEDITAVE** and **PRINCE ECHO**) and **OUR POETIC PRINCE**.

The latter looks particularly good when partnered with Honours List. Our Poetic Prince's third dam is a half sister to Flower Bowl. In addition to reinforcing this important family, Our Poetic Prince is by Yeats, who, as discussed above, is a member of the DALMARY family, Yeats' dam being a full sister to Thatch.