

Parker of Crimbourne Stud at the 2011 Tattersalls October Book 3 Sale for 16,000gns and put into training with Dunlop in Lambourn. She was a smart two-year-old, winning her maiden at Kempton Park before following up in the Listed Star Stakes at Sandown Park, beating **Purr Along (Mount Nelson)** and **Amazonas (Cape Cross)**. She concluded her two-year-old career by finishing second to the Champion Two-Year-Old Filly **Certify (Street Cry)** in the Gr.1 Fillies' Mile at Newmarket, cementing her place as one of the leading fillies of her generation.

Bred by Darley, Roz is out of the dual winning **Anabaa** mare **Debonnaire**, who has made an excellent start to her stud career, her other runner, the two-year-old **Hartnell (Authorized)**, also being a Gr.1 performer, having finished third in the Criterium de Saint-Cloud last year for Mark Johnston and Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed Al Maktoum.

"She was an outstanding two-year-old and a pleasure to train," said Dunlop. "She gave an awful lot of fun for her owners, Charlie and Mary Ann Parker."

INDIA

USHA STUD FARM SETS A NEW BENCHMARK

The Usha Stud Farm in India recently reached the milestone of 300 Classic wins when **Artesia** won the Calcutta Oaks late last month, writes *Sharan Kumar*.

Usha Stud Farm is the youngest stud farm to achieve this feat. Poonawalla Stud Farm is the other stud farm in India with this distinction, though it took longer to notch up its 300th winner.

The Usha Stud Farm, which began operations literally in the back yard of Major P K Mehra's house in the late 1970s, has gone from strength to strength. Success came quickly thanks to the shrewd selection of stallions and broodmares. It made an immediate impact on Indian racing, with its first stallion **Grey Gaston** siring five Indian Derby winners and the arrival of **Razeen** added to the fortunes of the stud farm. It soon became the leading nursery in the country and has not relinquished that position. Its new freshman stallion **Multidimensional (Danehill ex Sacred Song)** has already made waves with his first crop winning several Classics, including the Gr.1d Bangalore Derby, Gr.1d Colts Championship, Gr.1d Fillies Championship and a recent 1-2 in the Calcutta and Bangalore Oaks, as well as a host of other notable wins in important races.

"*Multidimensional has been a sensation and his success would have been much more, but for a few bad luck stories here and there: Amelia was unlucky to have unseated her jockey at a crucial stage in the Indian 1,000 Guineas. I am sure that in years to come, Usha Stud Farm will prove that Indian-bred horses will always maintain their supremacy over [imported] foreign breeds. My goal is to ensure this,*" said Ameeta Mehra, Managing Director and owner of the famed nursery. It deserves all the success that it has enjoyed because of a refreshing approach to breeding which incorporates the modern as well as traditional values.

"The "got-abroads" may have done well in the last two

years, but this was principally owing to the fact that the top stallions of India, **Razeen** and **Placerville**, were on the decline. There was a vacuum, as the new stallions had to take their place. While we have been lucky to have found **Multidimensional**, the Poonawallas were not as lucky with **Ace**. But I am sure it is only a matter of time that horses bred in India will regain their ascendancy," said Mehra, citing reasons for the success of "got-abroads" in the Classics last year and the sudden craze for these type of horses.

Elaborating, she said that unfortunately some of the breeders have become just traders, buying pregnant mares and selling their produce and not bothering about serious breeding. This may succeed as a temporary measure but the disastrous results are already there for all to see. "We have imported over 450 pregnant mares in the last three years, but not all of them have done well. There are a vast number of such horses who have proved total failures. Last year the number of pregnant mares brought to India dropped significantly and it is sure to taper off. Buying horses for the sake of buying, with trading as the sole purpose, is not going to help in the long run. We need to buy good quality bloodstock, which will boost our operations. Breeding is creating genetic prepotency and lineage, it is similar to producing top quality whisky and wines, which take years to mature. We breed horses with the aim of producing champions in successive generations. Creating lineages, developing families of Classic winners and black-type performers is the thrill of breeding," she emphasized.

Pointing out the fact that breeders took a severe hit last year, she said: "The majority of breeders suffered big losses last year due to over production. Fortunately there has been a culling of mares, production has been reduced and there is an attempt at rationalization. It may take a couple of years to get the desired result". Sharan Kumar

Stakes Results

UAE

LR SHADWELL JEBEL ALI STAKES, Jebel Ali, 1950mD, 3yo+, 1st Dhs300,000, 2nd Dhs100,000, 3rd Dhs50,000

1. **INTERPRET** (USA), 6h,

Distorted Humor – Quendom (Interpret)

2nd dam Queen Of Victory (Cipayo)

3rd dam Twitch Crown (Crown Thy Good)

O: Sheikh Majid bin Mohammed Al Maktoum,

B: Alessandro Misericchi, T: M Al Muhairi

\$900,000 Fasig-Tipton Saratoga Yearling Sale

by John Ferguson

consigned by Hill 'n' Dale Agency

2. **MUTAJARE** (Ire), 6g,

Cadeaux Genereux – Bona Dea (Danehill)

O: Hamdan Al Maktoum, B: Epona Bloodstock,

T: A Al Raihe

£80,000 DBS Premier Yearling Sale

by Shadwell Estate Co Ltd

consigned by Croom House Stud

3. **FARRIER** (USA), 6g,

Tapit – Wild Vision (Wild Again)

O: Sheikh Maktoum bin Mohammed Al Maktoum,