

# Amelia and Alindair score big time for their sire Multidimensional

**R**un a week before the colts equivalent, the **Fillies' Championship Stakes, Gr.1**, (1600m) saw Amelia (Multidimensional-Adamile) produce a fine performance to win the first Classic of the summer at the same time providing her sire Multidimensional with his first Classic winner.



*Trainer Pesi Shroff leading in Amelia with Ms. Ameeta Mehra*

Zervan had Amelia in amongst the leading runners from the start and produced a well-timed run in the home stretch to go past Isn't She Special for a comfortable win. Beauty Is Truth ran well above her rating to take a well-deserved second from Mariinsky and Trance. Mariinsky was badly hampered at the start and had to drop back to last before making her run on the outside. She might well have given the winner a fight had she not been hampered early on.

Amelia showed a lot of maturity in handling the Bangalore track in what was just her third career start with her trainer Pesi Shroff opting to give her a mock race here.

Adamile was a top-notch miler in her time and in Amelia she seems to have produced a filly endowed with her quality.

Whether Amelia is able to stay longer distances remains to be seen as her effort in the Kingfisher Derby needs to be ignored as she met with interference early on and was unable to recover thereafter.

The result of the Fillies Championship was good for Indian mares as the first four home are all out of mares who have raced in this country. The dams of Beauty Is Truth and Mariinsky are from well-established Indian lines and trace back to Uma and Twinkle respectively.

Alindair took an unconventional route to the limelight. Altamash decided against racing him in a prep race in the lead up to the Colt's Championship and instead opted for a mock race. Softish underfoot conditions proved no deterrence as Alindair and Sandesh tracked the early pace setter Mister India before striking for home at the top of the straight. Once he had the lead, Alindair kept lengthening away from the rest to win by over five lengths. Alindair's light footedness on this going gave him a huge advantage over his rivals. Acclaimed, who had kept pace with Alindair until he made his decisive move, stayed on to take second ahead of Ace Bucephalus and the fast finishing Turf Striker.

Acclaimed was done in by Alindair's turn of foot and wasn't quite at home with the ground as the winner. The big made Ace Bucephalus and Turf Striker came from the rear and as such both will be capable of winning major prizes when they run on firmer ground.

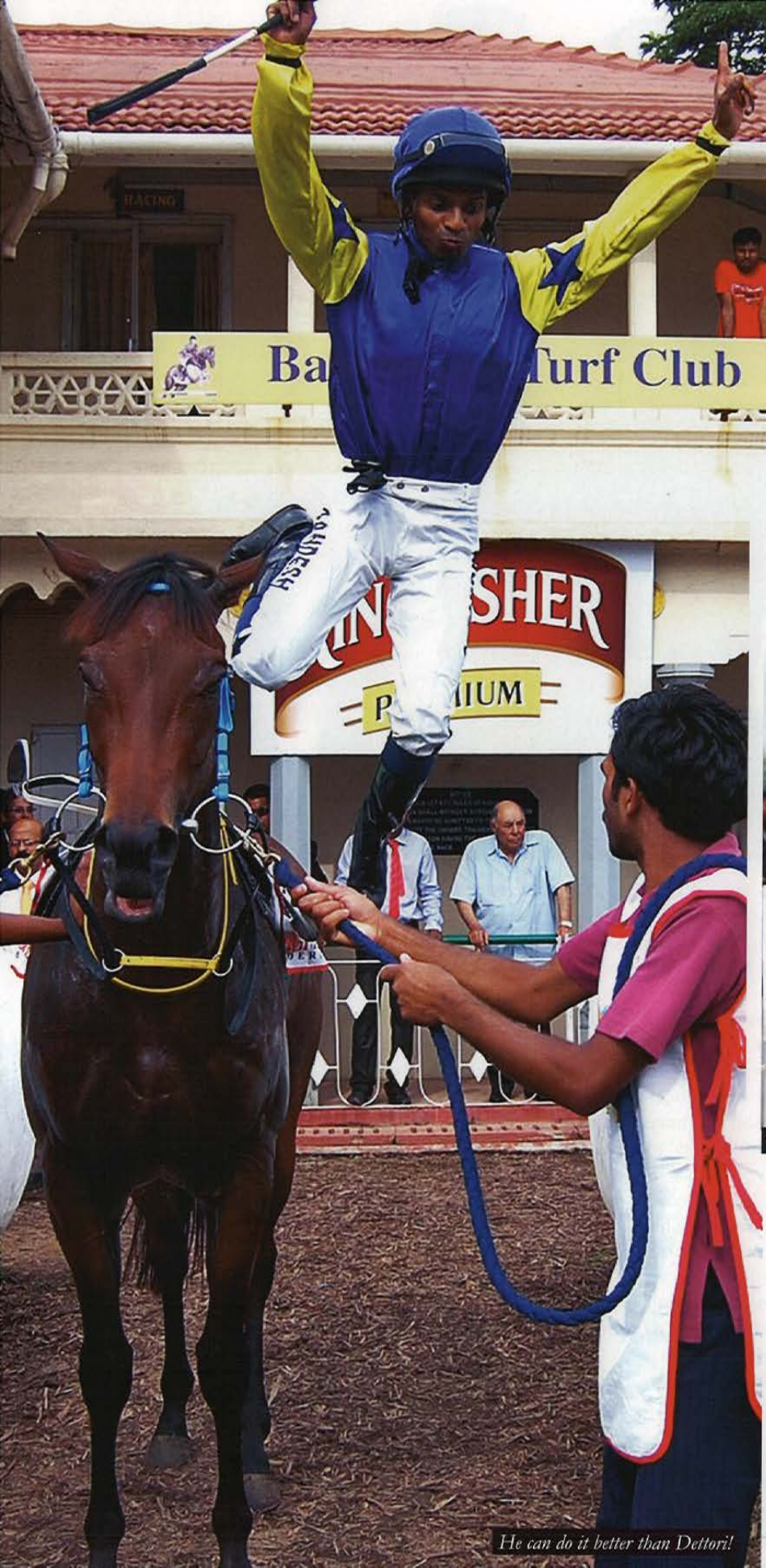
This first classic success in Bangalore for owner Dr. Nevill Devlaliwalla, Mr. Gaurav Sethi, Ms. Ameeta Mehra and trainer Altamash Ahmed capped a hugely successful weekend of racing which had started with An Acquired Taste's victory in the Chief Justice's Cup, Gr.3, (1800m) the day before.

## Alindair Rules the Bangalore Classics

This son of Multidimensional gives his sire a rousing start to his stallion career with a classic double. Alindair (Multidimensional-God's Grace) handled the conditions in Bangalore with aplomb to win both the **Colt's Championship Stakes, Gr.1**, 1600m and the **Kingfisher Derby Bangalore, Gr.1** (2000m).

Trained by Altamash Ahmed and ridden by Sandesh, Alindair was sent to the front from the start of the Derby





*He can do it better than Dettori!*

and pretty much dictated the race from there on. Turf Striker, with S. John up, followed a few lengths behind with Acclaimed and Ace Bucephalus in touch with the lead pair. There was trouble at the first bend with half the field being taken out by a wayward Gerome. This however did not affect the front runners and Alaindair kept up a steady gallop down the backstretch. As the eighteen runner field approached the home turn the chasing pack began to jostle for position as Alaindair continued to bowl along in front.

In the straight Sandesh drove out Alaindair



*The best dressed lady Ms Neeth Mabesh Madappa*

with Turf Striker and Acclaimed trying to stay with him. Charlatan and Ace Bucephalus were the only two to emerge from the pack and attempt to hunt down the leader. Acclaimed was making no impression and Turf Striker started to really stretch only in the final one hundred metres when he was pulled off the rails. His effort was too late, as Alaindair, though tiring in the final stages, had enough in him to stay in front at the winning post. Turf Striker was just half a length in arrears with Charlatan a couple of lengths further back in third. Ace Bucephalus stayed on to edge Acclaimed for fourth.

Turf Striker, who did not have the luck of





*Colour coordinated with their racing colours are the happy owners Mr. & Mrs. Gaurav Sethi, Ms. Ameeta Mehra, Dr. Nevill Devlaliwalla & trainer Altamash Ahmed*

the race in the Colt's Championship Stakes, has shown that he is capable of claiming a major prize this monsoon. He has already given his sire, the Jai Govind Stud resident, Sedgefield a big boost with his efforts. Charlatan and Ace Bucephalus too, bear watching over the monsoon.

The winning time of 2 minutes 07.51 seconds was a reflection of the state of the track after a couple of days of heavy rain. The followers of Murioi and Starry Eyes were once again disappointed with their below par performances and the leading three-year-olds of the winter season will have to come up with winning performances this monsoon to redeem their reputations.

Altamash Ahmed who had tasted classic success earlier in the season was ecstatic after his first Derby triumph. "This has to rank as the best even though I have won some big races earlier. It is still to sink in and I guess it will take some time" he said. Remarking on the tactics he used, "Alaindair likes to be up with the pace so I decided that the best place to be in such a large field was at the top. The horse has shown that he can handle soft going so it was an easy decision to go to the front and let the others try and catch us. Sandesh gave the horse a perfect ride and followed the plan to the letter."

"Alaindair will go back to Pune and the Nanoli Stud Pune Derby is a possibility though the Mumbai classics are the main targets," stated Altamash when asked about his Derby winner's future plans.

Alaindair sported the silks of Dr. Nevill Devlaliwalla, Gaurav Sethi and breeder Ameeta Mehra, Dr. Devlaliwalla's colours have been flying high this season with Alaindair winning the Colt's Championship and An Acquired Taste lifting the Chief Justice's Cup.

Usha Stud Farm's Multidimensional has started his career with a bang. Alaindair and Amelia have given him two Grade 1 classic winners from his very first crop. Alaindair is out of the unraced Razeen mare God's Grace and is without doubt her best performer among her eight foals. With more of a miler's pedigree Alaindair showed some amount of stamina by winning from the front in slow going. He does handle firm ground as evidenced by his comfortable win in his maiden event in Mumbai in March.

It was notable that the National Horse Breeder's Society of India and the Bangalore Turf Club chose Derby day to felicitate Mrs. Shelagh Foster, a breeder of repute whose influence on Indian breeding continues to this day.

The BTC deserves kudos for the smooth conduct of racing on Derby weekend, weather notwithstanding, which saw unprecedented crowds through the race course. The loading of the large Derby field in front of a packed and noisy grandstand was conducted with a minimum of fuss and all the horses were in the starting gates in a matter of minutes. All in all, a job well done.

— Sanjay Reddy



The dam of Multi-classic winner Alaindair, who just annexed the Summer Derby, Gr.1 in Bangalore on July 14th, 2013, is another story that makes breeding and racing the wonderful sport it is...

God's Grace was running in the paddock as a weanling just 6 months of age, when she suddenly slipped and fell on her right fore. We rushed to Pataudi to see her, and the vets concluded that she had multiple fractures on her leg. I remember how valiantly she tried to get up, and her eyes had that spirit... My father despite the vets advice, said that we should try and save her, as she seems to be a fighter.

And so she was. We put her in a plaster, and she patiently stood in her stable and later in a small pen out in the sun, until her fractures healed. And lo and behold, in a two months she was limping around! She was only 8 months old then... and my father called her God's Grace.

And so God's Grace, a few years later matured into a lovely broodmare, and gave birth to her fourth foal called Alaindair, when she was sent to Multidimensional in his first season as a sire at Usha!

Certainly she bestowed her Grace on Usha, by giving back to the farm that looked after her..."

— Ameeta Mehra

## Ocean And Beyond Wins Maharaja's Cup in a thriller as Bangalore plays the perfect host

**R**akesh Wadhawan-owned Ocean And Beyond (King Salsa-Sayuri) emerged with the Maharaja's Cup, Gr.2, (2200m) after a tremendous battle with Hemisphere (since renamed Master Shifu). Suraj Narredu was a picture of confidence on the Patrick Quinn trained six-year-old gelding and refrained from using his whip even at the height of the struggle with the Zervan-ridden Master Shifu.

Master Shifu held the advantage when he took the lead with three-hundred metres to run and it took Ocean And Beyond every inch of that run in to get to terms with the Western India runner, finally gaining the prize on the last stride. Zervan, mindful of his horse's likely stamina limitations, waited until Ocean And Beyond was at his bootstraps before getting busy on Master Shifu. It is moot whether Master Shifu would have won had Zervan sent him on when he took over the running at the top of the straight. Zervan and Master Shifu's trainer Pesi Shroff were questioned by the Stewards after the race and their doubts about his staying ability were noted.

Ocean And Beyond is a changed horse since moving to Kolkata last winter. His poor form in Pune and Mumbai now looks an aberration and in his seven starts under Patrick Quinn he has been in the money every time. The Maharaja's Cup was his major target in Bangalore and his connections are now contemplating a monsoon campaign in Hyderabad and Pune before returning to Kolkata. Patrick Quinn deserves all credit for getting Ocean And Beyond back to his best and he is sure to add a few more prizes to his kitty over the coming year.

Patrick Quinn in his first summer campaign in Bangalore has made an impact with a small string. The seven-year-old



Patrick Quinn is all smiles as he leads in Ocean And Beyond