WHAT’S IN A NAME?

Great horses with great names played a big part in making 2016 another great year for the Irish National Stud.
We had no role in giving them their names, but we certainly did have a stake in the marvellous Group 1 victors, Signs Of Blessing, Profitable and National Defense, all of them sons of our exceptional flagbearer Invincible Spirit, now father and grandfather to multiple top-flight winners.
The mighty one will, no doubt, have been pleased to see his fellow Tully residents also doing rather well.
What about Dragon Pulse, already responsible for 21 winners and five black-type performers. These horses have had admirers aplenty, as have the progeny of Famous Name, who can lay claim to a Hugo Palmer-trained Classic contender in Escobar and the Hong Kong-bound Right Honourable.
With those two young stallions, who knows how many high-class racehorses they will produce? What we can be sure of is their destiny will be shaped at what for so long was the home of super sire Big Bad Bob and that oh so wonderful two-mile chaser Moscow Flyer. To both those dear friends we said a final goodbye.

As we move on, we expect plenty from Gale Force Ten, whose first foals are turning heads and our Dubawi son, Worthadd, goes to war with his first runners. The stunning Free Eagle is maturing well and settling into his second year and Elusive Pimparel’s first IN5-bred runners have all to play for.
So many magnificent horses. They are our past, our present and our future. Our sincere wish is that you become part of their story.

– John Osborne
In a year of further top-flight success for our chieftain Invincible Spirit it was no surprise to see the major forces of the bloodstock industry once again choose to invest heavily in his illustrious genes.

In the pursuit of star racehorses they sought assistance from our star stallion. Coolmore’s MV Magnier, Godolphin chief executive John Ferguson, Hamdan Al Maktoum, Al Shaqab, Mayfair and Mandore all recognised that past triumphs for the progeny of an equine colossus were portents to their own future success.

They bid, they bought and now they wait with a justifiable sense of anticipation.

Another to return to the well of wisdom was Sun Bloodstock, whose colours were carried to Group 1 glory on Arc day by National Defense in the Prix Jean Luc Lagardere. His runaway five-length romp marked him down as a serious Classic contender and left no one in doubt the Bozo family’s Ecurie de Monceaux and Meridian International had bred a new star.

Yet with Invincible Spirit there is never just one star, rather a galaxy, and his sons Profitable and Signs Of Blessing both posted Group 1 sprint victories in the King’s Stand Stakes and Prix Maurice de Gheest.

At the other end of his journey to stardom is the hugely exciting Dragon Pulse. For him there were no less than 21 juvenile winners, five of stakes calibre. His stablemate Famous Name also has a Classic contender in Escobar, winner of the Listed Denford Stakes for Hugo Palmer.

Sadly gone, but never to be forgotten, is our old friend Big Bad Bob. His legacy will endure, as shown by Bocca Baciata, this year successful in the Group 2 Kilboy Estate Stakes and placed in the Group 1 Pretty Polly Stakes.

That fine filly has served her sire well, just as the farm’s homebreds continue to do us proud, one of them being Prix Kergerlay (Group 2) winner Nearly Caught. Congratulations go to his connections, as they do to our own Irish National Stud Racing Club, which had its first winner with Invincible Lia.
Where are they now?

Some of our most recent graduates are making their mark on the racing world.

George Stanners (SCO)
Class of 2006
Auctioneer,
Godolphin Bloodstock Sales

Ross Hatton (IRE)
Class of 2002
Client Relations & Nominations
Cornerstone Stud

Amanda Bosom (GB)
Class of 2012
Executive, Great British Racing

Michael O’Callaghan (IRE)
Class of 2008
Curragh Trainer

Kate Grimwade (GB)
Class of 2002 (Gold medallist)
Godolphin Pre-Training Manager

Henri-Francois Devin (FR)
Class of 2004
Chantilly Trainer

STUD MANAGEMENT COURSE

At the Irish National Stud it is not only great horses we help to produce but also great people. Just as our thoroughbreds become marvellous ambassadors, the graduates of the farm’s celebrated stud management course continue to represent us impressively on the global stage.

The course was introduced in 1971, since when it has grown in stature and significance. To achieve a clear understanding of managing a stud farm and wider business strategy we call on the wisdom of illustrious guests from some of Ireland’s most prestigious establishments, the aim being to imbue within those we teach a level of knowledge and confidence that will support them for the decades that follow.

Given that our students have gone on to establish themselves as some of the most famous and respected faces in racing and bloodstock, we believe we are justified in believing our course to be unsurpassed anywhere in the world.
**DRAGON PULSE**

Chestnut, 2009, Kyllachy ex Poetical (Croco Rouge)

**Fee:** €8,000 1st October terms

**THE FACTS**

- Outstanding first crop with **21** individual winners of **29** races and **5** Black-type horses
- **Magical Fire**, 2nd Duchess of Cambridge Stakes (Gr.2)
- **Aethos**, won Premio Guido Berardelli, (Gr.3) by **9 lengths**, 2nd Premio Rumon (L)
- **Lady Beware**, 3rd Del Mar Juvenile Fillies' Turf (L)
- **Megan Lily**, 3rd Criterium de Vitesse (L)
  
- 2nd Leading European First Crop Sire
- Highest-ever rated 2YO by Gr.1 sire Kyllachy – won Futurity Stakes (Gr.2), 2nd National Stakes (Gr.1)
- **48%** winners to runners
- **2016** Yearlings bought by Sackville Donald (x2), Howson & Houldsworth, Middleham Park Racing (x2), BBA Ireland, Robbie McNamara (x2), Richard Fahey, Blandford Bloodstock, Tom Clover.

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*After their first crop runners.

“It’s simply not an adventure worth telling if there aren’t any Dragons”

– J.R.R. Tolkien

Michael O’Callaghan’s **Magical Fire** is just caught in the Duchess of Cambridge Stakes (Gr-2) at Newmarket. Bred by Fontstown Stud.
Elusive Pimpernel

Bay/brown, 2007, Elusive Quality – Cara Fantasy (Sadler's Wells)
Fee: €1,000 in advance of covering

“I’VE BEEN LUCKY WITH THE PROGENY OF ELUSIVE PIMPERNEL. I’VE FOUND THEM TO BE TOUGH, SOUND AND WILLING”
– Ken Condon

THE FACTS
» High Class miler - won Acomb Stakes (Gr.3), Craven Stakes (Gr.3), 2nd Racing Post Trophy (Gr.1)
» Fantastic value with 13% Black-type horses to runners
» From the family of Big Bad Bob and Champion race mare Snow Fairy
» 4 individual Stakes Horses
  - Elusive Beauty, 3rd Grangecon Stud Stakes (Gr.3)
  - Elusive Heights, 2nd Carlingford Stakes (L)
  - Kabaw, 3rd UAE Guineas (L)
  - Elusive Janice, 3rd Premio Mantovani (L)
» First INS-bred crop to race 2017, including filly ex Champion racemare Snow Fairy
» Horses in training with Ed Dunlop, David Evans, Jessica Harrington, Richard Hannon, Hugo Palmer, Ger Lyons etc.
THE FACTS

» Classic contender Escobar, winner of the Denford Stud Washington Stakes (L), also sire of Right Honourable, Famous Milly and 4 further placed from only 16 runners

» Earned €1.5 million in prize money and won/placed in 35 Stakes races from 38 starts

» Gr.1 form at 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 years

» 3YO’s in training with Dermot Weld, Hugo Palmer, Andy Oliver, John Quinn, Charlie Fellowes etc

» Yearlings made up to €120,000, bought by Federico Barberini, Amanda Skiffington, Charlie Gordon Watson, BBA (x2), Bobby O’Ryan.

"Famous Name is Tremendous Value and a sire I love!"
– Amanda Skiffington

Purchaser of Escobar.
**FREE EAGLE**

Bay, 2011, High Chaparral – Polished Gem (Danehill)
Fee: €20,000 1st October terms

**THE FACTS**

» Royal Ascot winner – Prince of Wales's Stakes (Gr.1)
» 7 length winner of the Enterprise Stakes (Gr.3) and clocked a faster time than Australia over C&D on same day
» Joint Highest-Rated Horse in the World, OR 123
» Fantastic physical specimen
» Covered a full book of mares in both Northern and Southern hemispheres 2016
» First foals arriving 2017.

Join his fervent team of supporters including many of Europe’s leading breeders:


“FREE EAGLE WAS SO EXCITING TO BE AROUND, AN AMAZING PRESENCE AT THE RACES AS WELL AS AT HOME. SUPER CONFIDENT, HE ALWAYS HAD THIS AURA AROUND HIM. HE KNEW HE WAS A STAR”

– Eva Maria Bucher-Haefner
Born into Greatness

Free Eagle
**THE FACTS**

- Gr.1 juvenile and Royal Ascot winner – Jersey Stakes (Gr.3)
- Record Sale Topping Yearling
- Oasis Dream Sireline (Showcasing, Muhaarar etc)
- Out of Listed winner, Ronaldsay (Sister to Champion 2YO Bianca Nera)
- Outstanding crop of foals 2016.

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**Gale Force Ten**

Bay 2010, Oasis Dream – Ronaldsay (Kirkwall)

Fee: €5,000 1st October terms

“Sales topper, Royal Ascot 2YO, same Green Desert / Sharpen Up cross as Invincible Spirit – a perfect prospect”

– John Osborne
INVINCIBLE SPIRIT

Bay, 1997, Green Desert – Rafha (Kris)
Fee: €120,000 1st October terms

“HE’S A GORGEOUS HORSE WHOM SHEIKH HAMDAN LIKED VERY MUCH. HE’S GOT QUALITY, PRESENCE AND A GREAT TEMPERMENT, AND HOPEFULLY ONE DAY HE’LL MAKE A STALLION”

– Stephen Collins
Purchaser of the Invincible Spirit colt de Rose de France for €750,000

THE FACTS
» Prepotent Global Sire of Sires with 15 Sons at Stud
» 15 Gr.1 winners, 175 Stakes winners, emulating his celebrated sire Green Desert
» 3 Gr.1 winners in 2016 including National Defense – serious 2017 Classic contender
» Grandx of 7 individual Gr.1 winners
» 2016 Investors: €750,000 Shadwell, €650,000 David Rocks, 525,000gns John Ferguson, €500,000 John Ferguson, €475,000 MV Magnier, 420,000gns Blandford, €450,000 MV Magnier/Mayfair/Doyle, €420,000 Elliot & Scott, €400,000 Gatewood Bell, 375,000gns Shadwell, 360,000gns Al Shaqab/Mandore etc.

15 SONS AT STUD AROUND THE GLOBE

I AM INVINCIBLE
Leading Australian Sire

BRAZIN BEAU

LAWMAN
Classic Winner, Classic Sire

MOST IMPROVED

ZEBEDEE
European Champion 1st Season Sire

MARCEL

MAYSON
Leading British First Crop Sire

IVAWOOD

NEXT UP – Kingman, Charm Spirit, Swiss Spirit, Ajaya, Shalaa, Cable Bay, Territories

“He’s a gorgeous horse whom Sheikh Hamdan liked very much. He’s got quality, presence and a great temperament, and hopefully one day he’ll make a stallion”

– Stephen Collins
Purchaser of the Invincible Spirit colt de Rose de France for €750,000
From the extraordinary Darley Arabian came a formidable son of Green Desert. We give you the mighty Invincible Spirit. He is the present. He will also be the future.
Palavicini

Bay, 2006, Giant’s Causeway – Cara Fantasy (Sadler’s Wells)
Fee on application, in advance of covering

“His sire Giant’s Causeway is making a particular impact with his sons”
– Bill Oppenheim

THE FACTS
» First runner convincing winner at the Curragh & placed 3 times
» Group-winning son of Giant’s Causeway
» Won/place in 5 Stakes races
» Half-brother to Elusive Pimpernel, family of Big Bad Bob
» Impressive, easy moving individual
» Official Rating 113
» First INS-bred runners 2017.
WORTHADD

Bay, 2007, Dubawi – Wigman (Rahy)
Fee: €5,000 1st October terms

“WE BOUGHT HIS TOP-PRICED YEARLING FOR KEITH DALGLEISH. A REAL FORWARD TYPE HE LOOKS AN EARLY SORT FOR NEXT YEAR”
– Bobby O’Ryan

THE FACTS
» Champion 3YO colt by Dubawi, sire of 26 individual Gr.1 horses
» Won Derby Italiano (Gr.2)
Premio Parish (2000 Guineas) (Gr.3)
Premio Ribot (Gr.2)
Premio Carlo Vittadini (Gr.2)
Badener Meile (Gr.3)
2nd JLT Lockinge Stakes (Gr.1) to Canford Cliffs
» Timeform Rated 124
» First runners 2017
» Largest book of mares covered in 2016 for distinguished breeders:
  Airlie Stud, Lady O’Reilly, Rossenarra Stud, Declan Phelan, Lanwades Stud, Stefano Luciani,
  Ballybin Stud, Kildaragh Stud, Peter McCutcheon, Jim Monaghan, John Hassett, Frank Prendergast,
  Patrick Moloney, Kaatingstown Bloodstock, James Burns, Sean O’Sullivan.
Every moment is a new beginning...

Ireland is home to the horse. Nowhere are horses more at home than the Irish National Stud. This is a country that breeds the best horses and the best people to care for, nurture and ride them. Here in Tully, on land with a lush, long and glorious history, we blend human and equine excellence. From Minou to the mighty Urban Sea, this has been the thoroughbred’s cradle.

The nation’s stud is naturally blessed with limestone lands protected most beautifully by heavy borders of beech, oak, ash and sycamore. The verdant paddocks on which infant champions graze have been tried and tested for over a hundred years.

Those who come to us wishing to sell their youngstock do so in confidence, for our experts have developed a model that produces peak performance on auction day yet with an eye to accentuating future achievement on the track.

It is a model that works but one size can never fit all. No two horses are ever the same, which is why your horse will receive bespoke treatment en route to the big day. Careful planning and attention to detail are critical in the development of our sales consignments, every one of which is treated as an individual.

As each sale approaches we’ll work closely with you to ensure the very best outcome is achieved for your bloodstock. Then, on the day that matters most, our smooth and understanding approach allows you to relax and enjoy the anticipation.

Our longevity and reputation is testament to the performance of both the stud’s homebreds and sales’ consignments. From one year to the next we produce a stellar cast of future equine stars. They are readied to dazzle, first in the ring, then on the racetrack.

INS-bred yearlings generated €1.62m in sales receipts on day 1 of Goffs Orby Sale 2016.
“We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know this place for the first time…”

– T.S. Elliot