

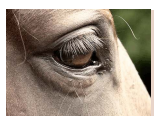


NEWS TODAY

Vodka Has First Foal by Sea the Stars...

Edited Press Release

Seven-time Group 1 winner and highest-earning female racehorse of all time **Vodka (Jpn)** (Tanino Gimlet {Jpn}) has given birth to her first foal, a brown colt by champion **Sea the Stars (Ire)** (Cape Cross {Ire}). The foaling occurred Monday morning at 9:55 am at the Aga Khan's Studs in Ireland, where Sea the Stars stands since being retired to stud last year. The colt is reportedly a "lovely strong foal, with good scope," and both individuals are doing well. Mr. Yuzo Tanimizu's mare will return to Sea the Stars this season.



PEDIGREE INSIGHTS

BY ANDREW CAULFIELD

Saturday, Newmarket, Britain

QIPCO 2000 GUINEAS (203RD RUNNING)-G1,

£350,000, Newmarket, 4-30, 3yo, c/f, 1mT, 1:37.30, gd/fm.

1--**FRANKEL (GB), 126, c, 3, by [Galileo \(Ire\)](#)**

1st Dam: Kind (Ire), by Danehill

2nd Dam: Rainbow Lake (GB), by Rainbow Quest

3rd Dam: Rockfest, by Stage Door Johnny

O-Khalid Abdullah; B-Juddmonte Farms; T-Henry Cecil; J-Tom Queally; £198,695. Lifetime Record:

6-6-0-0, £493,553. **Werk Nick Rating: A + + +**

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In the days following the passing of Sadler's Wells, there couldn't possibly have been a finer tribute to this magnificent stallion than the one paid by his exceptional grandson Frankel, with his jaw-droppingly brilliant display in the Qipco 2,000 Guineas.

The accompanying lists of the recent champion sires and broodmare sires in Britain and Ireland are another way of paying tribute to the Coolmore stalwart. These show him with 14 sires' championships, 13 of them consecutive, plus six successive titles on the broodmare sire listings.

These lists also provide some strong clues as to why Frankel is as immensely talented as he is. His sire is the remarkable Galileo, champion sire in two of the last three years and already a clear leader on the 2011 table.

Frankel's grandsires are Sadler's Well's and Danehill, the latter being the stallion who finally knocked Sadler's Wells off his throne in 2005 after finishing runner-up to him five times. One of those defeats was by less than £10,000 in 1997. Danehill went on to take the title of champion sire three times and--like Sadler's Wells--has already sired a champion sire, in Danehill Dancer.

CHAMPION SIRES IN BRITAIN & IRELAND:

1990	Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)
1991	Caerleon (Nijinsky II)
1992	Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)
1993	Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)
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2003	Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)
2004	Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)
2005	Danehill (Danzig)
2006	Danehill (Danzig)
2007	Danehill (Danzig)
2008	Galileo (Sadler's Wells)
2009	Danehill Dancer (Danehill)
2010	Galileo (Sadler's Wells)

In other words, these two stallions headed the table 17 times in the last 21 years, with their sons topping the list in three of the other four years. The solitary exception was Caerleon, who, together with all the other champion sires in the last 21 years was a Coolmore stallion.

It is a similar story with the four stallions in the third generation of Frankel's pedigree. They are Northern Dancer, Britain's champion sire in 1970, 1977, 1983 and 1984; Miswaki, champion broodmare sire in 1999 and 2001; Danzig, champion sire in North America two or three times (depending on where you look); and Rainbow Quest, champion broodmare sire in 2003 and 2004.

Success in the Epsom Derby also flows through these generations. Northern Dancer sired three winners of the Epsom Derby and Sadler's Wells sired two, as well as seven colts who finished second. One of Sadler's Wells's winners, Galileo, already has a Derby winner to his credit in New Approach. Sadler's Wells' brother Fairy King also sired a Derby winner and Galileo is himself a half-brother to another outstanding Derby winner in Sea The Stars, both being out of Miswaki's Arc winner Urban Sea.

Daughters of Rainbow Quest produced two Derby winners, including North Light to Danehill. With Danehill as her sire and a dam by Rainbow Quest, Frankel's dam Kind represents the same cross as North Light.



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With all this encouragement, the Derby could be considered an automatic choice for Frankel, but--and this is a very big but--Kind was a totally different type of animal to North Light. North Light inherited comparatively little of Danehill's speed, his strong suit being some of the stamina which brought his dam Sought Out an easy victory in the Prix du Cadran over two and a half miles. Sought Out never won over less than 1 3/4 miles, so it wasn't too surprising to see North Light come up with a winner of Britain's longest classic, the St Leger, in his first crop.

Kind, on the other hand, inherited little of the stamina which had brought her dam Rainbow Lake an impressive success in the G3 Lancashire Oaks over a mile and a half. Instead she showed a good measure of the speed that had brought Danehill victory in two leading six-furlong events. After a maiden success over seven furlongs, Kind raced exclusively over five and six furlongs, winning listed races over each distance. *Timeform* described her as a strong, good-topped filly, and Frankel's imposing physique owes more to her than to Galileo, who was a more refined individual in training, when *Timeform* described him as neat and attractive.

Danehill's Northern Hemisphere daughters have a growing number of group winners to their credit. Predictably they are a varied bunch in terms of stamina, but they include Art Connoisseur, who, like Frankel, is by a stallion with a dam by Miswaki. Art Connoisseur emulated Danehill by winning the six-furlong Golden Jubilee S. (formerly Cork and Orrery S.). Frankel, with more stamina in his pedigree, has already shown he stays better than Art Connoisseur, but his keen temperament makes me question his ability to last the Derby distance. To do so, he would need to be ridden with more restraint than at Newmarket, which would effectively blunt his most effective weapon--his ground-devouring stride.

Frankel ranks alongside Teofilo, Cima de Triomphe and Roderic O'Connor as one of four Group 1 winners that Galileo has sired from Danehill mares.

I commented in length on the Galileo-Danehill cross last year, after Roderic O'Connor's victory in the Criterium International.

"It was...inevitable that breeders would send daughters of Danehill to Galileo from the moment he covered his first mares in 2002," I explained. "Although the first two foals from this cross both won, it was Teofilo, one of the two second-crop foals out of Danehill mares, who became its first stakes winner. Undefeated in five juvenile starts in 2006, including in the G1 National S. and the G1 Dewhurst, he ended the year as champion European two-year-old.

"The number of Danehill mares visiting Galileo had been steadily increasing, producing four named foals in 2005, five in 2006 and seven in 2007, but Teofilo's 2006 exploits opened the floodgates. There are 17 youngsters bred this way among Galileo's current [2010] 2-year-olds and, in addition to Frankel and Roderic O'Connor, they include Golden Lilac, an unbeaten daughter of the Group 1 winner Grey Lilas. (Golden Lilac recently maintained her unbeaten record in the G3 Prix de la Grotte, shaping like a future Group 1 winner).

"The incentive for sending Danehill mares to Galileo has been further increased by such distinguished representatives as Cima de Triomphe (2007 Derby Italiano), Cuis Ghaire (second in the 2009 1000 Guineas) and Gile Na Greine (a close third in the 2010 1000 Guineas). As a consequence, there are 19 [2010] yearlings from this cross, including brothers to Frankel and Roderic O'Connor and fillies out of the Group 1 winners Aquarelliste, Banks Hill, Echelon, Luas Line and Simply Perfect.

"At least another 24 were born in 2010, including a sister to Roderic O'Connor and there's even a filly out of Peeping Fawn, which is inbred 2x3 to Sadler's Wells."

I mentioned at the time that the number of foals of racing age representing this cross was given as 79 to the end of 2010 and now stands at 98. It was important to point out that these figures include a substantial number of foals sired by Galileo during the five seasons he spent in Australia. Those seasons yielded 565 foals, the youngest of which are three-year-olds of the 2010-11 Australian season.

Extraordinarily, a stallion responsible for 17 Group 1 winners in his Irish crops, has only one to his credit among his numerous Southern Hemisphere progeny, which include only five Australian group winners. However, Galileo's shortcomings in the Southern Hemisphere needn't concern us Europeans, as we have ample evidence that he is a worthy heir to his legendary sire.

CHAMPION B'MARE SIRES IN BRITAIN & IRELAND:

1999	Miswaki (Mr. Prospector)
2000	Rahy (Blushing Groom)
2001	Miswaki (Mr. Prospector)
2002	Darshaan (Shirley Heights)
2003	Rainbow Quest (Blushing Groom)
2004	Rainbow Quest (Blushing Groom)
2005	Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)
2006	Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)
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One of the reasons for selecting a son of Sadler's Wells as a mate for Kind is the fact that Powerscourt, her half-brother by Sadler's Wells, had shown frequent flashes of top-class ability. Although he had his quirks, Powerscourt twice crossed the line in front in the GI Arlington Million and also took the 2004 G1 Tattersalls' Gold Cup by six lengths.

Frankel's third dam Rockfest was a successful staying two-year-old who went on to be second in the Lingfield Oaks Trial, and his fourth dam Rock Garden was a half-sister to Glen Strae, a very smart winner of six of his seven juvenile starts.

FRANKEL (IRE), c, 2008

Galileo (Ire)	Sadler's Wells	Northern Dancer	Nearctic
		Fairy Bridge	Natalma
			Bold Reason
	Urban Sea	Miswaki	Special
		Allegretta (GB)	Mr. Prospector
			Hopespringseternal
Kind (Ire) 13-6-0-4, \$132,320 MSW-Eng & GSP-Ire 4 Fls, 1 Ch, 2GSW	Danehill	Danzig	Lombard (Ger)
		Razyana	Anatevka (Ger)
			Northern Dancer
	Rainbow Lake (GB) 6-3-0-0, GSW-Eng 15 Fls, 6 Wnrs, 1GSW	Rainbow Quest	Pas De Nom
		Rockfest	His Majesty
			Spring Adieu
		Blushing Groom (Fr)	
		I Will Follow	
		Stage Door Johnny	
		Rock Garden (GB)	

With a rating five pounds above Dream Ahead, Frankel was *Timeform's* undisputed two-year-old champion last year. He is by no means the first high-class juvenile produced by his female line. His fifth dam Nasira was by Persian Gulf out of Circassia, a daughter of the Queen Mary S. winner Samovar. Samovar's visits to Persian Gulf yielded Zabara, winner of the Cheveley Park S., 1,000 Guineas and Coronation S., and Rustam, one of the leading two-year-old of 1955.

People are already speculating about Frankel's stallion career. As the British and Irish industries are already steeped in the blood of his grandsires Sadler's Wells and Danehill, we will have to accept that a lot of mares will produce inbreeding to one or other of these great stallions. As both stallions have a well-earned reputation for transmitting soundness to their progeny, breeders are likely to be more than happy to inbreed to either of them. The first runner by the similarly-bred Teofilo is Parish Hall, who made an encouraging winning debut from the subsequent winners Raphael Santi and Requito at Leopardstown last month. Parish Hall is inbred 3x3 to Sadler's Wells, his dam being a daughter of Montjeu.

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BORDIGHERA, 19, Alysheba--Blue Tip (Fr), by Tip Moss (Fr)
Foal born Apr. 26, a filly by Sea the Stars (Ire)
Owned by Lael Stables.

Boarded at Roundhill Stud.

Accomplishments: SP-Fr. Dam of Grandera (Ire) (Grand Lodge), Ch. Older Horse-Eur, Hwt. Older Horse-Eng & Ire at 9.5-11f, G1SW-Ire, Eng, Mal, GSW-UAE, G1SP-Aus, \$1,644,471; George Washington (Ire) (Danehill), Ch. 2yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 2yo Colt-Ire, Ch. 3yo Colt-Eur, Hwt. 3yo-Eng & Ire at 7-9.5f, MG1SW-Eng & Ire, G1SP-Fr, \$1,487,812.

VESPER CAT, 11, Mountain Cat--Sunset Service, by Deputy Minister

Foal born Apr. 5, a colt by Horse Greeley.

Will be bred back to Mizzen Mast.

Owned by Mr & Mrs Theodore Kuster.

Boarded at Shawhan Place.

Accomplishments: Dam of Strike the Bell (Mizzen Mast), GSW, \$278,278.

WAKE UP KISS, 13, Cure the Blues--Good Morning Smile, by Morning Bob

Foal born Apr. 5, a colt by Malibu Moon.

Booked back to Distorted Humor.

Owned by Edition Farm/Vivien G. Malloy.

Boarded at Edition Farm.

Accomplishments: MSW, \$248,997. Dam of A Shin Forward (Forest Wildcat), G1SW-Jpn, \$3,302,052

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