

The Antarctic

it comes to sprinters, they don't come much better than Battaash. He displayed terrific speed in winning most of Europe's top five-furlong events. Among them were four consecutive editions of Goodwood's Gr.2 King George Stakes, two of the Gr.1 Nunthorpe Stakes and two of the Gr.2 Temple Stakes, as well as victories in the Gr.1 King's Stand Stakes and Gr.1 Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp, prompting Timeform to award him annual ratings of 136, 133, 136 and 128.

No wonder M.V. Magnier was prepared to bid 750,000gns to secure Battaash's younger brother in 2021, and this colt, named The Antarctic, also developed into a Gr.1 performer. The Antarctic matured quickly enough to make a winning debut in the spring of his 2YO season. He won three times at that age, notably the 6f Gr.3 Prix de Cabourg, and he also ran well against his stablemate Blackbeard when second in the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes and Gr.2 Prix Robert Papin, and third in the Gr.1 Prix Morny. The highlight of his second season came when he took the Gr.3 Lacken Stakes, a 6f event previously won by leading young sire Sioux Nation.

The Antarctic is a son of the wonderfully consistent stallion Dark Angel, who won the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes during a nine-race juvenile campaign. Dark Angel is one of the elite stallions to have sired 100 black-type winners, including no fewer than 57 Group winners. As many as 15 of them have won at the highest level.

Dark Angel owes much of his success to broodmares from the **DANZIG** male line. The Antarctic and Battaash come from the **GREEN DESERT** branch, as their dam is a grand-daughter of **INVINCIBLE SPIRIT**. Dark Angel has also sired the dual Gr.1 winner Alfareeq from a **CAPE CROSS** mare and a Gr.1 winner from a **DESERT STYLE** mare. He has also enjoyed a productive partnership with daughters of **OASIS DREAM**, siring Gr.2 and Gr.3 winners, and two of his Gr.1 winners have 2nd dams by **OASIS DREAM**. **INVINCIBLE SPIRIT** will be back in the fourth generation of The Antarctic's foals, so there is ample scope for more **GREEN DESERT** blood. The highly successful young sire Havana Grey – out of a Dark Angel mare – has several Group performers with 3 or 4 lines of **GREEN DESERT**.

The Antarctic can also be expected to follow his sire's example by doing well with **DANEHILL** line mares. Dark Angel's Gr.1-winning miler Persuasive has a dam by Danehill Dancer's son **CHOISIR** and another son, **MASTERCRAFTSMAN**, sired the dam of Gr.3 winner Heredia. There are also several Gr.2 winners out of daughters of **CAMACHO**, **DANETIME**, **EXCEED AND EXCEL** and **KODIAC**. A **DANSILI** mare has had Group success with another son of **DARK ANGEL**.

Daughters of **SHAMARDAL** have a fine record with Dark Angel, producing 14% SWs, including Gr.1 winners Althiqa and Mysterious Night. **FOOTSTEPSINTHESAND** sired the dam of Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee S. winner Khaadem.

Many of Dark Angel's best winners have two lines to **MR PROSPECTOR** and several are inbred to Mr Prospector's son **MACHIAVELLIAN**. Mares from the **GONE WEST** branch of the **MR PROSPECTOR** line have done well, with **MR GREELEY** being the broodmare sire of multiple Gr.1 winner Raging Bull and **ZAMINDAR** siring the dam of classic winner Mangoustine. **IFFRAAJ** mares have Listed winners by two sons of Dark Angel.

DUBAWI mares have three Group performers by Dark Angel, including Gr.2 winner Real World.

A **GALILEO** mare produced dual Gr.1 2YO winner Angel Bleu to Dark Angel. A son of Dark Angel sired the smart Marshman from another daughter of Galileo. Mares by **AUTHORIZED** have three Group winners by Dark Angel, including a Gr.1 winner, this suggests **CAMELOT** should similarly suit. A **HIGH CHAPARRAL** mare produced the Gr.1 winner Fev Rover to another son of Dark Angel.

Dark Angel's Gr.3 winner Dr Zempf has a dam by **SIYOUNI**, whose sire **PIVOTAL** is the broodmare sire of a Gr.1-winning sprinter by another son of Dark Angel.

Mares by **CADEAUX GENEREUX** and his grandson **PASTORAL PURSUITS** have Group winners by Dark Angel.

SELKIRK mares have Gr.2 and Gr.3 winners by **DARK ANGEL**.