

The Cambridgeshire Meeting is highlighted for betting men by the great handicap of that name, but for the breeding fraternity it is the first of two meetings that often decides the leading two-year-olds of the year. British breeding was able to celebrate taking both Group 1 races for juveniles on October 2, with Juddmonte Farms' homebred **Special Duty (GB)**, by Hennessy, looking special indeed in taking the Cheveley Park Stakes and Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's **Awzaan (GB)**, by Alhaarth, maintaining his unbeaten record in following up his win in the Group 2 Mill Reef Stakes by taking the Middle Park Stakes. For good measure, **Confront (GB)** combined the talents of the two establishments, as this son of Shadwell Stud's NAYEF landed a hat-trick of Stakes wins in a very strong Group 3 Joel Stakes for Juddmonte Farms. Earlier in the day NAYEF had also sired the winner of the Group 3 Oh So Sharp Stakes for his owner, in the shape of **Tabassum**.

A good prize does not have to go the way of the big guns, however. The colts division of the Tattersalls Million race put £541,000 in the pockets of the connections of **Oasis Dancer (GB)**, by OASIS DREAM, when he came home by a neck. He was purchased by British agent David Redvers, proprietor of Tweenhills Stud, whose resident LUCKY STORY sired the winner of another valuable contest for horses bought at auction, the Listed Redcar Gold Trophy, worth £94,000, in Lucky Like.

Several British-breds scored at Ascot's final flat meeting on October 11. Bred by trainer Bill Turner, two-year-old **Our Jonathan (GB)**, by Invincible Spirit, went through Tattersalls Sales three times and won his third race from five starts in the Group 3 Cornwallis Stakes, coming with a late run. **Royal Rock (GB)**, by SAKHEE, also took a Group 3, the Bengough Memorial over six furlongs, for the Fustoqs' Deerfield Stud, again coming from behind.

The Champions Meeting at Newmarket saw a number of Stakes success for British breeding, headed by the good looking **Twice Over (GB)**, by OBSERVATORY, finally landing a fully deserved Group 1 in the Champion Stakes itself for his breeder Juddmonte Farms.

Arabian Gleam (GB), by KYLLACHY (GB) and bred by Paul and Adrienne Venner, won the Group 2 Challenge Stakes and SELKIRK scored his third Group win of the month when Shadwell homebred **Akmal (GB)** landed the Group 3 Jockey Club Cup. SELKIRK's home, Lanwades Stud, sponsored the Listed Severals Stakes on British Bloodstock Marketing's Raceday on the Friday of the fixture, and this went to **Enticement (GB)**, by Montjeu.

Bearstone Stud's first season sire FIREBREAK (GB) has been something of a revelation and he landed another Stakes race with another juvenile bred at the stud, when **Electric Feel (GB)** won the Listed Radley Stakes for footballer Joey Barton, who is on crutches at the moment, so welcomed this tonic.

A number of Listed races are run at the end of the month in Britain. Miss Bridget Swire has been an owner and breeder for many years and a member of her principal family, **Queen's Grace (GB)**, by BAHAMIAN BOUNTY, a close relation of Whitsbury Manor Stud's young sire, Group 1 July Cup winner **Sakhee's Secret (GB)**, by SAKHEE, won the Listed Bosra Sham Stakes for two-year-olds. All three Listed races were run on good to soft ground at Newmarket, sponsored by bet 365 on the last day of the month, went to British-breds. Indeed, the Listed Ben Marshall Stakes over a mile was a one-two-three, with **Prince Of Dance (GB)**, by Danehill Dancer, winning his third race from as many starts, having been injured; he looks a Group horse in the making. **Laaheb (GB)**, by Cape Cross, has also been a relatively late starter and won a hot renewal of the Listed James Seymour Stakes over ten furlongs in his first run at this level and looks another who could make his mark in Group company.

In between, **Timepiece (GB)**, by ZAMINDAR, showed herself a filly to follow by winning the Listed EBF Montrose Stakes for two-year-old fillies, especially since it is a race won by Group 1 winners **Passage Of Time (GB)**, by DANSILI, Timepiece's half-sister, and **Midday (GB)**, by OASIS DREAM, all three trained by the great Henry Cecil. She only won very narrowly, but the first two were well clear and she looks the sort to make a good three-year-old.



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