



PEDIGREE PROFILE

Ballast weighs in with repeat victory in Tropical Turf

by **Rommy Faversham**

Ballast (Ire), a six-year-old Desert Prince (Ire) gelding, split rivals at the eighth pole and drove to a gallant neck triumph in the \$100,000 Tropical Turf Handicap (G3) on Saturday at Calder Race Course.

He had been winless since capturing the same event last year, and completed this year's 1½-mile race in 1:48.54 on firm turf.

Ballast raced in France at ages two and three and in England at four before his importation to the United States at the end of the 2005 season. This latest victory was his seventh win in 27 lifetime starts and increased his career earnings to \$403,687.



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BALLAST

Bred in Ireland by M3 Elevage and Haras d'Etreham, Ballast is the second of three winners out of the Kris mare Suedoise, who won her only start at age two in France. Suedoise also is the dam of the English stakes-placed gelding Blue Spinaker, by Bluebird.

Ballast's broodmare sire, Kris, was a two-time champion miler in England. Kris mares have produced 49 graded or group European winners, including French classic-winning filly Rose Gypsy and English Group 1 winner Invincible Spirit (Ire), both by Ballast's grandsire, Green Desert.

Interestingly, Suedoise's two most recent foals are 2006 and '07 colts by the Green Desert stallion Oasis Dream (GB). Suedoise is a half sister to three-time English group stakes winner Wagon Master.

The anchor of Ballast's immediate family is his winning third dam Sunland. She is the matriarch of eight international Group 1 winners, including English three-year-old champion filly Sun Princess, and Irish classic winners Spectrum and Petrushka (Ire). Sunland also is the matriarch of Tokyo Yushun (Japanese Derby) winner Fusaichi Concorde.

Ballast hails from the second Northern Hemisphere crop of the Green Desert stallion Desert Prince. Highweighted on the European Free Handicap from seven to nine furlongs at age three, Desert Prince retired to the Irish National Stud in 1999 following victories in the '98 Hibernia Foods Irish Two Thousand Guineas (Ire-G1), the Emirates Prix du Moulin de Longchamp (Fr-G1), and the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (Eng-G1).

During the Southern Hemisphere breeding season, Desert Prince has served in Australia at Woodlands Stud in New South Wales. Ear-

Ballast (Ire), ch. g., 2001

Desert Prince (Ire) 95 872 fls, 31 SWS SI 1.14 DI=1.19	Green Desert 83 5 wins, \$308,015, SW 997 fls, 89 SWS SI 1.84 DI=3.73	Danzig 77 1072 fls, 199 SWS SI 5.38 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52
	Flying Fairy (GB) 83 Placed 12 fls, 3 SWS DI=0.46	Foreign Courier 79 15 fls, 2 SWS DI=3.50	Sir Ivor 65	Sir Gaylord 59 Attica 53 Never Bend 60 Tulle 50
=Suedoise (GB) 95 5 fls, 1 SW DI=0.76	=Kris (GB) 76 14 wins, \$405,373 Champion 816 fls, 81 SWS SI 2.43 DI=0.87	=Bustino (GB) 71 581 fls, 40 SWS SI 1.44 DI=0.32	=Busted (GB) 63	=Crepello (GB) 54 =Sans Le Sou (Ire) 57 =Doutelle (GB) 54 =Paving Stone (GB) 46
	=Sunny Flower (Fr) 84 Placed, \$5,832 10 fls, 1 SW DI=1.11	Fairy Footsteps (Ire) 78 11 fls, 0 SWS DI=0.81	=Ship Yard (GB) 63	Never Bend 60 Milan Mill 62 =Relko (GB) 60 =Crystal Palace (GB) 56
		Sharpen Up (GB) 69 620 fls, 82 SWS SI 2.76 DI=3.00	Atan 61	Native Dancer 50 *Mixed Marriage 52 =Rockefella (GB) 41 =Chambiges (Fr) 49
		Doubly Sure (GB) 71 11 fls, 4 SWS DI=0.11	=Reliance II (Fr) 62	=Tantieme (Fr) 47 =Relance (Fr) 52 =Crepello (GB) 54 =Sweet Angel (GB) 55
		=Dom Racine (Fr) 75 254 fls, 8 SWS SI 0.84 DI=2.56	=Kalamoun (GB) 70	=Zeddaan (GB) 65 =Khairunissa (GB) 60
		=Sunland (GB) 65 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.00	=La Ferte Milon (Fr) 68	Timmy Lad 61 =Salamine (Fr) 59
			=Charlottesville (GB) 57	=Prince Chevalier (Fr) 43 =Noorani (GB) 50
			=Sunny Gulf (GB) 51	=Persian Gulf (GB) 40 =Solana (GB) 36

lier this year, he was relocated to Germany following his purchase by Gestut Isarland.

Desert Prince is the sire of fifteen international graded or group stakes winners, including 2002 Moyglare Stud Stakes (Ire-G1) winner Mail The Desert and Australian Group 1 winners Outback Prince and Kusi.

Ballast's pedigree demonstrates 5x5 inbreeding to 1957 Epsom Derby winner and champion sire Crepello. It also features a valuable cross, 5x4, of the classic-winning three-quarter brothers Relko and Reliance.

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