



## PEDIGREE PROFILE

# Another descendant of Flower Bowl wins the Flower Bowl

English-bred Ave (GB) earned Grade 1 honors for the first time on October 2 in the \$500,000 Flower Bowl Invitational Stakes (G1) as the four-year old Danehill Dancer filly boldly split opponents in deep stretch to score by a head.

Sent off as the 10.50-to-1 sixth betting choice in a strong field of seven, Ave completed 1¼ miles in 2:08.54 on yielding turf at Belmont Park.

Perhaps a type of proof of how well-named this race has become, eight of the last 15 winners have carried Flower Bowl's blood in their family tree. This key \*Alibhai mare, dam of the influential full brothers His Majesty and Graustark, appears in the fifth generation of our subject's pedigree.

Ave was coming off a troubled eighth-place finish as the favorite in the Beverly D. Stakes (G1) on August 21 at Arlington Park. A Group 3 winner in England last season, her Grade 1 win improved her career mark to five wins from 14 lifetime starts and more than doubled her earnings to \$556,169.



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### AVE (inside)

The bottom half of Ave's pedigree is particularly rich in stamina. Her winning dam, Anna Amalia, by In the Wings (GB), also has produced the three-year old Dubawi colt Phantom, who is English group stakes-placed at two and three.

Ave's grandam, Anna of Saxony (GB), by Ela-Mana-Mou, was high-weighted in England at 14 furlongs and longer. Anna of Saxony is the dam and grandam of French Group 3 winners Anna Palariva (Ire) and Anna Salai, respectively, the latter running a valiant second in this year's Etihad Airways Irish One Thousand Guineas (Ire-G1).

Anchoring this tribe is Ave's fourth dam, Anna Paola, a champion filly in Germany at both two and three. She also is the matriarch of German classic winner Anna Monda.

Ave hails from the ninth crop of Danehill Dancer, who topped England's and Ireland's leading sire list in 2009.

### Ave (GB), b. f., 2006

=Danehill Dancer (Ire) 93 1848 fls, 121 SWs SI 1.51 DI=2.09	Danehill 86 4 wins, \$321,064 Champion 2405 fls, 354 SWs SI 3.60 DI=1.89	Danzig 77 1074 fls, 201 SWs SI 5.31 DI=4.71	<b>Northern Dancer</b> 61 Pas de Nom 68	Nearctic 54 <b>Natalma</b> 57 Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52
	Mira Adonde 86 Unplaced 10 fls, 4 SWs DI=3.75	Sharpen Up (GB) 69 620 fls, 82 SWs SI 2.76 DI=3.00	His Majesty 68 Spring Adieu 74	*Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52 Buckpasser 63 <b>Natalma</b> 57
=Anna Amalia (Ire) 00 3 fls, 1 SW DI=0.39	In the Wings (GB) 86 7 wins, \$1,562,335 Champion 698 fls, 77 SWs SI 2.14 DI=0.75	Lettre d'Amour 79 14 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Atan 61 =Rocchetta (GB) 61	*Mixed Dancer 50 *Native Reason 52 =Rockefella (GB) 41 =Chambiges (Fr) 49 =Fortino II (Fr) 59 =Chambord (GB) 55
	Anna of Saxony (GB) 89 4 wins, \$107,251 Champion 10 fls, 1 SW DI=0.53	Sadler's Wells 81 2184 fls, 321 SWs SI 3.92 DI=2.82	Caro (Ire) 67 Liang 71	Dancer's Image 65 Leven Ones 61
	High Hawk (Ire) 80 17 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.58	<b>Northern Dancer</b> 61 Fairly Bridge 75	Nearctic 54 <b>Natalma</b> 57 Bold Reason 68 Special 69	
	=Ela-Mana-Mou (Ire) 76 523 fls, 44 SWs SI 1.72 DI=2.00	=Shirley Heights (GB) 75 =Sunbittern (GB) 70	Mill Reef 68 =Hardiemma (GB) 69 =Sea Hawk II (Fr) 63 =Pantoufle (GB) 64	
	=Anna Matrushka (GB) 84 14 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.30	=Pitcairn (Ire) 71 =Rose Bertin (GB) 70	=Petingo (GB) 65 =Border Bounty (GB) 65 =High Hat (GB) 57 =Wide Awake (GB) 64	
		Mill Reef 68 =Anna Paola (Ger) 78	Never Bend 60 Milan Mill 62 =Prince Ippi (Ger) 69 =Antwerpen (Ger) 72	

Standing at Coolmore Ireland, Danehill Dancer also has been represented in 2010 by multiple Group 1-winning three-year-old filly Lillie Langtry (Ire) as well as the gelding Super Satin, winner of this year's Mercedes Benz Hong Kong Derby.

Like many other contemporary runners bred for turf, Ave is most closely inbred to Northern Dancer. More specifically, however, Ave's paternal grandsire, Danehill, is a descendant of his own grandsire's breed-shaping clan. So what looks like 4x4 inbreeding to Northern Dancer really is inbreeding to the family of Northern Dancer via three strains from his dam, Natalma, 5x5x5.

A good number of successful international runners have been designed in a similar manner.

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