



PEDIGREE PROFILE

by Rommy Faversham

Darley homebred Sepoy fits the bill in Golden Slipper

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid al Maktoum's Darley operation enjoyed brilliant representation on April 2 in the world's richest race for two-year olds as Sepoy delivered an overpowering performance at Rosehill Gardens in the \$3,665,126 AAMI Golden Slipper Stakes (Aus-G1).

Sent off as the favorite, the Elusive Quality colt won by two lengths and completed 1,200 meters (5.97 furlongs) in 1:10.05 on turf rated as dead.

The season's probable Australian juvenile champion, Sepoy's career mark stands at five wins and a second from six lifetime starts.

The chestnut's four previous wins include a 4¼-length romp in the Patinack Farm Blue Diamond Stakes (Aus-1) at Caulfield. He, therefore, becomes only the fifth horse, and first since 1989, to capture both Melbourne's and Sydney's top events for two-year olds.

Sepoy hails from the fifth Australian crop of the Darley shuttle stallion Elusive Quality, who served a total of six Southern Hemisphere breeding seasons (2003-2008) in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales.

Far more of an influence north of the equator, Elusive Quality was leading U.S. general sire in 2004, more recently as North America's leading sire by number of total progeny stakes wins in 2010.

Sepoy, ch. c., 2008

Elusive Quality 93 1224 fls, 68 SWs SI 2.33 DI=3.25	Gone West 84 6 wins, \$682,251, SW 1246 fls, 98 SWs SI 2.44 DI=4.52	Mr. Prospector 70 1178 fls, 181 SWs SI 5.08 DI=3.95	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62	Native Dancer 50 Raise You 46 Nashua 52 Sequence 46
	Touch of Greatness 86 Unraced 14 fls, 2 SWs DI=2.04	Hero's Honor 80 368 fls, 35 SWs SI 1.63 DI=1.70	Secrettame 78 15 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.17	Secretariat 70 Tamerett 62
=Watchful (Aus) 01 3 fls, 1 SW DI=1.75	Danehill 86 4 wins, \$321,064 Champion 2406 fls, 354 SWs SI 3.60 DI=1.89	Danzig 77 1074 fls, 202 SWs SI 5.30 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61 Glowing Tribute 73	Northern Dancer 61 Natalma 57 Graustark 63 Admiring 62
	Canny Miss (Aus) 91 Unraced 7 fls, 1 SW DI=3.00	Razyana 81 14 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.17	Sir Ivor 65 Natashka 63	Sir Gaylord 59 Attica 53 Dedicate 52 Natasha 52 Nearctic 54
	=Marscay (Aus) 79 849 fls, 67 SWs SI 1.76 DI=3.00	=LesmondLass(Aus)75 14 fls, 3 SWs DI=4.33	Northern Dancer 61 Pas de Nom 68 His Majesty 68 Spring Adieu 74	Natalma 57 Admiral's Voyage 59 *Petitioner 52 *Ribot 52 Flower Bowl 52 Buckpasser 63 Natalma 57
			=Biscay (Aus) 65 Heart of Market 67	=Star Kingdom (Ire) 46 =Magic Symbol (Aus) 56 To Market 48 Accroche Coeur 59
			=Lunchtime (GB) 70 =Beautiful Dreamer (Aus) 67	Silly Season 62 =Great Occasion (GB) 65 =Coeur Volant (GB) 57 =Adina Rose (Aus) 60



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For the last two years, he has been shuttling to Stud TNT in Brazil.

Of particular interest, Elusive Quality's only other Southern Hemisphere Group 1 winner is the filly Camarilla, a near full sister to Sepoy as their dams are full sisters.

Sepoy and his dam both are Australian Darley-breeds. Our subject is the first winner out of the placed Danehill mare Watchful, a full sister to 1999 Queensland Derby (Aus-G1) winner Camarena. When Elusive Quality was bred to Camarena, she produced 2007 Inglis Sires' Produce Stakes (Aus-G1) winner Camarilla.

Certainly bred for the occasion, the bottom half of Sepoy's immediate pedigree features a rich series of relations to former Golden Slipper winners.

Sepoy's unraced grandam, Canny Miss, is a three-quarter sister to 1990 Golden Slipper winner and prominent Australian sire Canny Lad. Canny Miss was sired by 1982 Golden Slipper winner Marscay.

Evidence of his profound influence on the Australian Thoroughbred, Sepoy's broodmare sire, nine-time leading Australian sire Danehill, appears in the pedigrees of 12 of the last 18 Golden Slipper winners.

The cross of Elusive Quality with Danehill mares creates the triplication of Northern Dancer's dam, Natalma, 5x5x5. It also pairs up the full brothers Graustark and His Majesty, 5x4.

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