



PEDIGREE PROFILE

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Treasure Beach had right pedigree to succeed in Irish Derby



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TREASURE BEACH

Already Europe's premier sire, Galileo (Ire) has been enjoying a truly phenomenal season with six major European classic victories from five different winners.

On Sunday at the Curragh, his son Treasure Beach became the fifth consecutive winner of the Dubai Duty Irish Derby (Ire-G1) who is a paternal grandson of the recently deceased breed-shaping sire-of-sires Sadler's Wells (see accompanying chart).

Amazingly, the Sadler's Wells line has won ten of the last 14 runnings of Irish Derby and 13 in all.

Moreover and as frequently noted in this column, crossing the male line of Sadler's Wells with mares carrying the blood of Never Bend (creating inbreeding to the key matron Lalun) continues to be a disproportionately common pattern among the winning pedigrees of Europe's premier events. This season, however, there has been a relative avalanche of them.

In the case of Treasure Beach, his dam, the placed Mark of Esteem (Ire) mare Honorine, is of the Never Bend broodmare sire line through his key son, Mill Reef. Carrying a second strain, Honorine is actually

The dominance of Sadler's Wells and his sons in the Irish Derby

Year	Winner	Sire
2011	Treasure Beach	Galileo (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
2010	Cape Blanco	Galileo (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
2009	Fame And Glory	Montjeu (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
2008	Frozen Fire	Montjeu (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
2007	Soldier of Fortune	Galileo (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
2005	Hurricane Run (Ire)	Montjeu (Ire), by Sadler's Wells
2002	High Chaparral (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
2001	Galileo (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
1999	Montjeu (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
1998	Dream Well (Fr)	Sadler's Wells
1995	Winged Love	In The Wings (GB), by Sadler's Wells
1990	Salsabil (Ire)	Sadler's Wells
1989	Old Vic	Sadler's Wells

Treasure Beach b. c., 2008

Galileo (Ire) 98 1411 fls, 93 SWs SI 2.70 DI=1.11	Sadler's Wells 81 6 wins, \$713,690 Champion 2190 fls, 324 SWs SI 3.87 DI=2.82	Northern Dancer 61 636 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54	=Nearco (Ity) 35 *Lady Angela 44
		Fairy Bridge 75 9 fls, 4 SWs DI=2.29	Natalma 57	*Native Dancer 50 Almahoud 47
			Bold Reason 68	Hail to Reason 58 Lalun 52
			Special 69	*Forli 63 Thong 64
	Urban Sea 89 8 wins, \$1,704,553 Champion 11 fls, 7 SWs DI=1.95	Miswaki 78 1154 fls, 101 SWs SI 2.02 DI=2.75	Mr. Prospector 70	Raise a Native 61 Gold Digger 62
		Allegretta (GB) 78 12 fls, 3 SWs DI=0.60	Hopespringseternal 71	Buckpasser 63 Rose Bower 58
			=Lombard (Ger) 67	=Agio (Ger) 55 =Promised Lady (GB) 61
			=Anatevka (Ger) 69	*Espresmo 58 =Almyra (Ger) 62
=Honorine (Ire) 00 3 fls, 1 SW DI=0.90	Mark of Esteem (Ire) 93 4 wins, \$564,007 Champion 721 fls, 32 SWs SI 1.19 DI=0.73	=Darshaan (GB) 81 835 fls, 97 SWs SI 2.74 DI=0.79	=Shirley Heights (GB) 75	Mill Reef 68 =Hardiemma (GB) 69
		=Homage (GB) 89 9 fls, 1 SW DI=1.42	=Delsy (Fr) 72	=Abdos (Fr) 59 =Kelty (Fr) 65
			Ajdal 84	Northern Dancer 61 Native Partner 66
			Home Love 76	*Vaguely Noble 65 Homespun 69
	Blue Water 92 5 wins, \$134,593, SW 4 fls, 1 SW DI=1.43	Bering (GB) 83 860 fls, 76 SWs SI 1.44 DI=0.71	Arctic Tern 73	*Sea Bird 62 Bubbling Beauty 61
		Shining Water 85 8 fls, 1 SW DI=4.60	Beaune (Fr) 74	Lynhard 69 =Barbra (Fr) 69
			Riverman 69	Never Bend 60 River Lady 63
			Radiance (Fr) 79	=Blakeney (GB) 66 =Sybarite (GB) 69

inbred to Never Bend, 5x4.

Two days before Treasure Beach's Derby, Etihad Airways Irish One Thousand Guineas (Ire-G1) winner Misty For Me easily outran her elder Midday (GB) to win the Stobart Ireland Pretty Polly Stakes (Ire-G1) at the Curragh. The Galileo filly's pedigree includes Never Bend as the sire of her third dam, Anne Campbell.

As for Ireland's two remaining classics, the last three Irish St. Legers (Ire-G1) have been won by representatives of the Sadler's Wells line out of mares from the line of Never Bend's grandson Shirley Heights. Similarly, two of Sadler's Wells' three Irish Oaks (Ire-G1) winners have demonstrated the same prodigious cross.

This year's Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (Fr-G1) (French One Thousand Guineas) and Prix de Diane Longines (Fr-1) (French Oaks) winner Golden Lilac is yet another daughter of Galileo with the seemingly ubiquitous Never Bend appearing within her pedigree's bottom half.

Sarafina, who captured last year's French Oaks, came back with a dramatic victory against males in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud (Fr-G1) on Sunday at Longchamp. She is by the Sadler's Wells stallion Refuse To Bend (Ire) out of a mare by the Shirley Heights stallion Darshaan.

Three weekends earlier on June 4 in the Investec Epsom Derby (Eng-G1), Treasure Beach suffered a tough head loss to Pour Moi, who is by the Sadler's Wells stallion Montjeu (Ire) out of a mare by Darshaan.

A day later, the Prix du Jockey Club (Fr-G1) (French Derby) was taken by Reliable Man, a son of the Darshaan stallion Dalakhani out of a Sadler's Wells mare—the cross in reverse.

So far, individuals demonstrating the fortuitous tandem of Sadler's Wells and Never Bend, particularly through Darshaan, have scored in a total of six classics in England, Ireland, and France this season, including all three Derbys.

As for Treasure Beach, his extended pedigree also demonstrates inbreeding to the families of Northern Dancer and *Vaguely Noble, only adding to the blend of complementary elements.

This, then, is a spot-on mating with a world beater of a stallion and a very powerful affinity.

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