



A LESSON FROM DOWN UNDER

David Redvers has just returned from a ten day visit to New Zealand where he invested in three yearlings at the Select yearling sales to re-offer at the ready-to-run sales in the autumn. He also travelled briefly before the long return journey which gave him time to make a few interesting comparisons with our own bloodstock industry.

The New Zealand Bloodstock Karaka Sales complex impressed him enormously as did the quality of stock and strength of the market. Karaka is one of the most recently built sales arenas and with the exception of one or two irritating but small issues it is superbly user friendly.

"Lack of lot number boards and poor catalogue indexes aside, Karaka was a heavenly place to work. Masses of space and safe level showing areas around the barns lead to excellent collection rings and a buzzing sales ring. Warm weather and great people, I loved it and can't wait to go back," reported a jetlagged David.

"Clearly, New Zealand is regarded as the nursery of the south by both the Asian and Australian markets and the strong trade reflected this. The country looks like horses were invented for it and the only thing it lacks is a really strong domestic market due to poor prize money levels. As a result the majority of the best bloodlines are exported." A salient lesson perhaps for our own industry which is so dependent on Maktoum support?



This fine Ishiguru colt ex Ester Kelly was purchased by David at the New Zealand Bloodstock Select Sale

£15,000+ WINNING OPPORTUNITY

David Redvers will be looking to purchase a couple of two-year-olds from the upcoming Breeze-Up sales to run for the Tweenhills Racing Syndicate in 2010. These yearlings will be qualified for both the Breeze-Up Bonus Scheme and the Racing Post Yearling Bonus Scheme providing an excellent opportunity to win an extra £15,000 or more.

The syndicate has enjoyed numerous winners, several have been purchased from Breeze-Up sales including Vale of Belvoir and Ursula. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining us.



Multiple Stakes performer and winner of over £42,000 so far, Puff (centre), was a 2009 Breeze-Up purchase



Redland Bloodstock's Ripples Maid has been accepted into Sea The Stars' first book

RIPPLES TO SEA THE STARS

The owners of Ripples Maid were delighted to have their Dansili mare accepted into Sea The Stars' first book. She is proving a star all round for the Tweenhills' EIS syndicate Redland Bloodstock since her purchase from the July Sales in 2009, with her foal at foot subsequently realising 75,000gns in December.

In addition, Redland Bloodstock welcomed their first foal recently, a cracking Royal Applause colt out of Persian Sea. He is closely related to the dual US Gr.2 winner and Breeders' Cup Mile third, Whatsthescript, also by Royal Applause.

OWNER PROFILE

David Harrison

How did you get involved in racing?

I claimed a horse out of a selling race at Warwick in 1985, on my first visit to a racecourse! The horse, Discover Gold, went on to win over hurdles.



How did you first hear of David Redvers?

We met at a cricket match organised by Simon Christian. Then my horse Quadrapol was stabled next to the famous Lady Rebecca when she first came into training. Unfortunately I turned down a share in her at the time, however, I did get to purchase her dam. Since then I've watched Tweenhills grow, and been involved in various horses and their pin-hooking syndicates.

What is your involvement now with Tweenhills?

We set up the EIS Redland Bloodstock together with the principal investor Lady Miller, for who I am Estate Manager. It is giving us an excellent experience of the many types of ownership with an investment in 19 horses, from mares and foals, such as Ripples Maid, to two-year-olds due to sell at the forthcoming Breeze-Ups, and even a NH store.

Most rewarding moment so far?

My first home-bred winner – Quadrapol.

