



Gutsy Alexander Goldrun's pedigree deep in class

Rock solid Alexander Goldrun (Ire), a five-year-old Gold Away (Ire) mare, on Saturday collected her fifth career Group 1 win when she annexed her second consecutive edition of the Pretty Polly Stakes (Ire-G1) at the Curragh.

A winner of ten of her 27 lifetime starts, Alexander Goldrun has collected \$3,155,065 in earnings, notching Group 1 wins in four different countries.

In addition to her two Pretty Polly triumphs, Alexander Goldrun last year captured the Nassau Stakes (Eng-G1) and Hong Kong Cup (HK-G1), in which she defeated male rivals. She also took the Prix de L'Opera (Fr-G1) in 2004 as a three-year-old. The last three

premier events are reported to be in her sights again this season.

Bred in Ireland by Dermot Cantillon, Alexander Goldrun is a true classy lassie. Every one of her last 17 starts over the last three seasons have been in Group 1 contests, often against males.

Alexander Goldrun is from the first crop of Gold Away, a paternal grandson of Nureyev, who was a multiple group stakes winner in France where he was a heavyweight at age four.

Also among Gold Away's four crops of racing age is five-year-old Clifden (Ire), a Group 3 winner in Italy.

Alexander Goldrun is the fifth winner from the Darshaan mare Renashaan (Fr), a stakes winner and group stakes-placed in France as a three-year-old.

When bred to the accomplished stallion Machiavellian, Renashaan produced Medecis (GB), a French Group 3 winner at age three, a season in which he was second in the 2002 Gainsborough Poule d'Essai des Poulains (Fr-G1) (French Two Thousand Guineas).

This is also the family of Italian Oaks (G1) winner Guadalupe (Ger) and two time Ascot Gold Cup winner Royal Rebel.

Alexander Goldrun is most closely inbred to Northern Dancer, 4X4,



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ALEXANDER GOLDRUN

Alexander Goldrun, b. m., 2001

Gold Away (Ire) 95 127 fls, 2 SWs SI 1.15 DI=2.09	Goldneyev 86 1 win, \$125,980, SW 330 fls, 12 SWs SI 0.69 DI=2.00	Nureyev 77 785 fls, 137 SWs SI 4.74 DI=2.83	Northern Dancer 61 Special 69	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57 *Forli 63 Thong 64
	Blushing Away 87 1 win, \$40,463, Spl 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.00	Gold River (Fr) 77 4 fls, 3 SWs DI=3.63	Riverman 69	Never Bend 60 River Lady 63 =Snob (Fr) 59 =Glamour (GB) 60
		Blushing Groom (Fr) 74 512 fls, 92 SWs SI 4.76 DI=1.52	Red God 54	*Nasrullah 40 Spring Run 48 =Wild Risk (Fr) 40 =Aimee (GB) 57
	=Renashaan (Fr) 89 8 fls, 2 SWs DI=1.00	=Darshaan (GB) 81 5 wins, \$226,979 Champion 835 fls, 96 SWs SI 2.74 DI=0.79	Sweet Revenge 78 12 fls, 1 SW DI=3.92	Raja Baba 68
=Shirley Heights (GB) 75 694 fls, 64 SWs SI 2.29 DI=1.30			Mill Reef 68	Never Bend 60 Milan Mill 62 =Hardicanute (GB) 62 =Grand Cross (GB) 52
		=Delsy (Fr) 72 15 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.15	=Abdos (Fr) 59	=Arbar (Fr) 44 =Pretty Lady (GB) 42
Gerbera 84 1 win, \$23,089 7 fls, 1 SW DI=1.91	Lyphard 69 830 fls, 115 SWs SI 3.69 DI=4.33	Greenway (Fr) 78 8 fls, 1 SW DI=1.92	=Kelly (Fr) 65	=Venture (Fr) 57 =Marilla (Fr) 57
			Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57
			Goofed 60	*Court Martial 42 *Barra II 50
			Targowice 70	Round Table 54 Matriarch 64
			Gracious (Ire) 72	Habitat 66 =Glaneuse (Fr) 66

an increasingly ubiquitous pattern within the pedigree of the contemporary international Thoroughbred.

Alternatively, for those who can appreciate the benefits of accumulating complementary strains of the tail-female line, the pedigree of this globe-trekking champion mare would certainly appear to be testament.

Alexander Goldrun's fifth dam, Glaneuse, a champion three-year-old filly in Italy, also appears as the granddam of her paternal grandsire Goldneyev. Remarkably, this is also the family (#22-d) from which her key ancestors Blushing Groom (Fr) and Mill Reef descend.

In all, four distinct family strains, two relatively close up.

Quite a clever package on paper for this very special femme.

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