



Intercontinental continues rich family tradition with Matriarch win

by Rommy Faversham

The recent Autumn Turf Festival at Hollywood Park was highlighted by a commanding two-length victory from the four-year-old Danehill filly Intercontinental (GB) in the \$500,000 Matriarch Stakes (G1) on November 28.



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Trying to fit all of her rich family relations into a 300-word profile is like having to squeeze 20 well-fed clowns into a phone booth.

INTERCONTINENTAL

Bred in England by Juddmonte Farms, Intercontinental is out of French stakes winner Hasili, an amazing dam of five foals to race, all of them multiple group or graded stakes winners. Four of the five are by Danehill.

Hasili's oldest, Dansili (GB), won three group races in France and finished second in the 1999 Poule d'Essai des Poulains (Fr-G1) (French Two Thousand Guineas). He currently is off to a good start at stud at Juddmonte's Banstead Manor Stud in Newmarket, England.

Another of Intercontinental's older full siblings, Banks Hill (GB), was a champion at three in Europe as well as the United States, where she captured the 2001 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf (G1).

Intercontinental is, in fact, the second daughter of Hasili to win the Matriarch Stakes in as many years. Her older half sister, Heat Haze (GB), won the Beverly D. Stakes (G1) and the Matriarch last year.

Intercontinental (GB), b. f., 2000

Danehill 86 2090 fls, 271 SWs SI 3.51 DI=1.89	Danzig 77 3 wins, \$32,400 993 fls, 184 SWs SI 5.48 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61 635 fls, 147 SWs SI 5.82 DI=3.00	Nearctic 54
	Razyana 81 Placed, \$2,412 13 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.17	Pas de Nom 68 11 fls, 0 SWs DI=11.00	Natalma 57
=Hasili (Ire) 91 5 fls, 5 SWs DI=1.25		His Majesty 68 640 fls, 59 SWs SI 2.33 DI=0.77	Admiral's Voyage 59
	=Kerali (GB) 84 1 win, \$5,212 10 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.21	Spring Adieu 74 12 fls, 0 SWs DI=1.51	*Petitioner 52
=High Line (GB) 66 379 fls, 47 SWs SI 1.83 DI=0.79		Ile de Bourbon 75 450 fls, 35 SWs SI 2.05 DI=0.88	*Ribot 52
	Sookera 75 13 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.84	Kadissyva 79 12 fls, 4 SWs DI=0.91	Flower Bowl 52
=Time Call (GB) 55		=High Hat (GB) 57	Buckpasser 63
	Natalma 57		
Roberto 69	Irule 68	Nijinsky II 67	
		*Roseliere 65	
Blushing Groom (Fr) 74	Kalkeen (Ire) 74		

Intercontinental's talented three-year-old full brother, Cacique, already has won a pair of group events in France. The next of Hasili's heralded foals, an unnamed Danehill colt, will turn two in a few weeks.

Hasili's dam, Kerali, also scored big, the day before Intercontinental's Matriarch victory, when her grandsons Leroidesanimaux (Brz) and Three Valleys finished first and third, respectively, in the Citation Handicap (G1) at Hollywood.

Intercontinental is from the tenth crop of Danehill, the most successful shuttle stallion in history with 15 champions and 169 group or graded stakes winners. The dominant bay stallion has done exceptionally well with daughters of Kahyasi, in part from the affinity his sire, Danzig, shares with Blushing Groom (Fr).

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