

FINAL SCAT DADDY TOPS 2018 BREEZE UP SALE



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Best saved until last: final Scat Daddy commands sale-topping €825,000

The final opportunity to acquire a son of Scat Daddy's ultimate crop in a sales ring materialised in a relentless duel between Nicolas de Watrigant and Jamie McCalmont, who was standing alongside Coolmore's Mathieu Legars, taking instructions over the phone. The former owners of the late stallion had the final say with a bid of €825,000 for a colt (lot 165) offered by Willie Browne's Mocklershill. He is from the family of US Graded winners ALLAMERICAN BERTIE, HURRICANE BERTIE as well as BEACH PATROL who ran 2nd in the Gr.1 Turf Classic after the catalogue was printed.

A delighted McCalmont commented: "This was the very last opportunity to buy a colt such a great sire, wasn't it? Scat Daddy was an outstanding racehorse who turned into an outstanding sire and is even turning into a sire of sires - No Nay Never had another winner this afternoon and seems to be really taking of. It is very sad that he is no longer around. This horse didn't look like he would go as fast as he did, which I think is a good thing. He's been bought for the Coolmore partners."

Mocklershill ended the day as leading vendor, selling 20 juveniles for a cumulated €4 million.

The 2018 Breeze Up sale returned figures largely on a par with last year's record-breaking renewal. A slightly bigger catalogue brought an increased turnover of €14,766,000 (+14%) while the average price held steady at €130,673 (-5%).

Sea The Stars filly from family of Pakistan Star commands €400,000

McCalmont was active from the word go, although on behalf of a different client, offering €400,000 for a handsome filly by Sea The Stars (lot 5) brought to the ring by Brendan Holland's Grove Stud. The chesnut is out of a half-sister to Hong Kong superstar PAKISTAN STAR, who won the Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes after the catalogue was printed, from the family of Deutches Derby scorer NEXT DESERT and Oaks d'Italia heroine NIGHT OF MAGIC.

"She is for [prominent New York owner and fashion magnate] Andrew Rosen, and will go into training with Roger Charlton. Andrew has a similar filly called September Stars who won in the UK and was three from three last season in the States. This filly won't be running in the next couple of months but she is a very nice individual with a strong page. My client also liked the fact that she is inbred to Urban Sea."

€770,000 Frankel colt a milestone for new vendor

The sole progeny of Frankel in the catalogue (lot 144) returned a whopping €770,000 for first-time vendor Ecurie La Frénée, run by former equestrian rider Jennifer Pardanaud, who worked for pre-trainer Philip Prevost-Baratte and at Haras du Mézeray before setting up her own operation. The imposing colt is a half-brother to Gr.1 Garden City S. scorer BACKSEAT RHYTHM. Phoenix Thoroughbred and Mark McStay of Avenue Bloodstock locked horns and it was the latter who emerged as the winning bidder with a decisive bid of €770,000.

"Well, he is a Frankel half-brother to a Group 1 winner," offered McStay. "He is a great-looking horse who seems to have had a very decent prep. I have bought him for a new client who wanted a special horse and he definitely fit the bill. He didn't necessarily do a clock but he looks like a horse for the future and hopefully will make a lovely three-year-old."

Scat Daddy to the fore again with €700,000 colt from Grove

A dark brown son of Scat Daddy (lot 140) from Brendan Holland's Grove Stud had been the subject of a lot of talking on the sales grounds, and he lived up to expectations when selling to Phoenix Thoroughbred for €700,000.

The striking colt is out of the dual Listed winner KALOURA, from the family of KALANISI and recent Gr.3 Prix Penelope victrix LUMINATE. He had left the ring unsold at Saratoga for \$195,000. Will Johnson and Nicolas de Watrigant were quick to fire successive bids but they ultimately had to give way to Tom Ludt and Dermot Farrington who were acting on behalf of Phoenix Thoroughbred.

The pair had earlier spent €320,000 on a colt by the same sire (lot 10) from Jim McCartan's Gaybrook Lodge Stud. The colt's dam was a Stakes winner States side and is a half-sister to the Prix Morny winner ELUSIVE CITY. *"He is a big nice horse, and obviously this is the last chance to buy the progeny of Scat Daddy,"* explained Farrington. *"We will take both colts home before deciding on a trainer."*

Proven sires the choice of Stroud Coleman Bloodstock

One of only two colts by the outstanding More Than Ready in the catalogue, lot 122 commanded a final bid of €525,000 from Matt Coleman with Godolphin as the underbidder. The Grove Stud offering is out of the American Stakes winner GENEROSITY, who has already foaled two black type performers.

"I have bought him for a client in Hong Kong," said Coleman. *"The sire has had great success there so he is a horse who makes a lot of sense for them. He is a very straightforward, sound, fast horse. We've been lucky with this sale, buying the likes of Robin Of Navan, Pallodio, Maximum Aurelius, so we will keep our fingers crossed for more of the same."*

Earlier in the day, the second lot in the ring kicked off the bidding in style when selling to Anthony Stroud for €385,000. The son of Siyouni was offered by Mick Murphy and Sarah O'Connell's Longways Stables.

He is the first foal out of the Wertheimer-bred Nayara, from the family of TRUMBAKA, RUSSIAN BLUE and SPIRIT OF DUBAI. *"He breezed well and I just thought he would be a nice horse to have,"* offered Stroud. *"My client hasn't decided on a trainer yet"*.

€400,000 Exchange Rate filly to Kerri Radcliffe

Mocklershill's lot 111 bore more than one resemblance to Classic contender HOMERIQUE as a grey daughter of Exchange Rate offered at this breeze up sale. The former has gone on to win impressively first time out for Francis-Henri Graffard and take 2nd in the Gr.3 Prix Pénélope on her following outing - connections will be hoping for the same destiny with her year-younger paternal half-sister after Kerri Radcliffe signed the docket at €400,000.

"I have bought her for George Bolton and she will be trained in Europe," said Radcliffe. *"She did a very good breeze. We hope she can run in three weeks time, and then Royal Ascot is the plan."*

Godolphin secure offspring of the late Poet's Voice and Scat Daddy

Godolphin, represented by David Loder and Anthony Stroud, paid tribute to their late stallion Poet's Voice by parting with €380,000 to buy a colt (lot 18) out of a half-sister to the Hungarian sprinting sensation OVERDOSE. He was offered by Mocklershill.

The boys in blue also secured the only daughter of Scat Daddy in the catalogue (lot 51) who was brought to the ring by Yeomanstown Stud, with a closing bid of €360,000.

€320,000 Kodiak colt to be trained by Gavin Hernon

Joe Hernon's son Gavin won't be a registered trainer until next month but his future Chantilly stable already counts an inmate in a colt by Kodiak (lot 164) who was bought by Danish-based agent Morten Buskop from the coveted Grove Stud draft.

He is from the close family of black type winners SAN SICHARIA, TUCUMAN and SPINACRE. *"I am delighted to get this horse for Gavin,"* enthused Buskop. *"He is for an existing Scandinavian client who is thrilled to send Gavin his first horse".*

As proceeding drew to a close, ARQANA President Eric Hoyeau commented: *"To achieve results on a par with last year is a very satisfactory outcome considering the hard times breeze up vendors have been suffering this year. We will never pay a large enough tribute to their bold risk-taking approach, which enables them to upgrade the quality of the youngsters they bring to the market every year, but also means that they are putting in considerable outlays to remain in the game. They are admirably resilient people and I personally take my hat off to them. We could have hoped for a slightly higher clearance rate but selectivity has unfortunately been a regular feature of most sales since last Autumn and the middle market has been tricky. We are also indebted to our buyers, several of them were first-time investors at this sale and others have been loyal supporters for numerous years. We look forward to following the graduates of this sale in their racing careers and hope they follow in the footsteps of HOMERIQUE, MSHAWISH, ROBIN OF NAVAN etc."*

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