



Havana Gold

SECOND STAKES WIN FOR HAVANA GOLD

Tweenhills' first-season sire Havana Gold gained his second Stakes success as a stallion when his son Havana Grey doubled his tally in Listed races in the Dragon Stakes at Sandown in early-July.

Havana Grey had made all in the Listed National Stakes over five furlongs at Sandown in May, and he returned to both the scene of that victory and front-running tactics in the Dragon Stakes. He blitzed his rivals and recorded a comfortable one and a quarter length success for trainer Karl Burke and owners

the Global Racing Club and Mrs Elaine Burke. He looks a Group winner in waiting.

A son of Havana Gold also won the first nursery in Britain when the very well-backed Our Man In Havana scored for trainer Tom Dascombe and owners John Abbey and Mike Nolan.



STAFF PROFILE

Shane Connell
Stud Hand

How it all began...

I'm from a town in Ireland called Longford and have grown up around horses. I started riding at a very young age. Dad is a big hunting man and also has a couple of thoroughbred yearlings every year – he's the part owner of a really nice Kyllachy that will go to the Goffs Orby Sale in late-September.

Studying the form...

I only started at Tweenhills in June and I head back to Ireland in September to complete the final year of my degree in Accounting and Finance; hopefully I'll get to go with Tweenhills to the yearling sales at Doncaster before I leave. I've worked for Eddie O'Leary at Lynn Lodge Stud, foaling mares and doing yearling prep, as well as at Derrinstown Stud and Gordon Elliott Racing. I used to ride out for Gordon before college in the mornings and have ridden the likes of Samcro and Monbeg Worldwide, two very exciting unbeaten bumper horses owned by Gigginstown.

Building on a flying start...

I probably prefer the Flat to the jumps actually as I'm more into the bloodstock side of things. I've naturally been keeping a close eye on Havana Gold's first crop of two-year-olds and they've done well. My other big sporting interest is GAA Football and I support Longford. As for the future, I'd love to do the Darley Flying Start Course and, ultimately want to be a Bloodstock Manager or work for one of the big auction houses.

QATAR TEAM RETURN TO JAPAN

Sheikh Fahad, accompanied by David Redvers, Hannah Wall, Pearl Bloodstock's Japanese trainer Mitsu Nakauchida and Japanese Representative Ko Saito, returned to the JRHA Select Sale in Hokkaido in July after a two-year hiatus and was active both as a buyer and a seller.

Sheikh Fahad signed for five lots: two yearlings and three foals. The yearlings were both fillies, the first by the 2010 King George winner Harbinger and bought for ¥56 million (roughly £380,000), and the second by Deep Impact's full-brother Black Tide.



Sheikh Fahad flanked by his team in Japan

Also at the sale, Sheikh Fahad sold a Deep Impact colt out of dual British Listed winner Ripples Maid for ¥74 million. Ripples Maid is back at Tweenhills and has a cracking colt foal by Lord Kanaloa.

GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND



The beautiful Welton Farm and Stud

In an exciting development we have recently managed to secure a long lease on the famous Welton Farm and Stud at the other end of Hartpury.

Owned by Sam and Linda Barr, Welton was for many years the foremost nursery in the country for top class eventing talent and stood the world famous stallions Welton Crackerjack and Welton Apollo. Since Sam's death in 2011 the farm has been kept as part of an organic dairy farm and we are delighted to now be able to secure its wonderful south facing banks which provide us with an additional 75 acres of sheltered grazing.