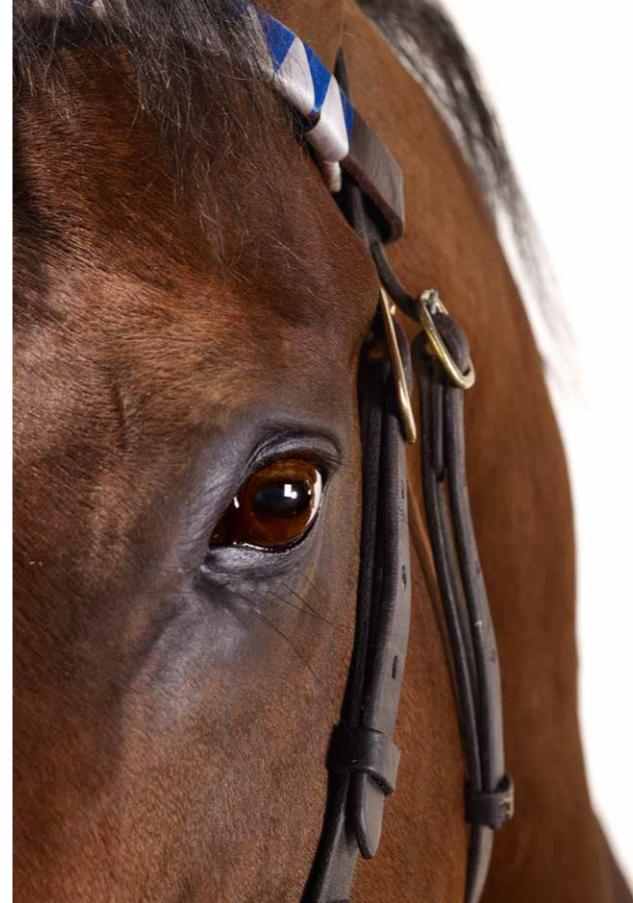


He's the single most successful British stallion since the Pattern began back in 1971. **Dubawi:** history maker and now, through his sons, breed-shaper. Much the best of the numerous accomplished stallions he's sired is **Night Of Thunder** – by Stakes winners, percentages, yearling prices... in fact, by just about whatever you care to count. He's so good, in a few short years he might even be eclipsing his father. **That, of course, is the story of the breed** – since Eclipse himself, 23 generations back in male line descent. Faster, stronger, better. Night Of Thunder: his day is dawning.

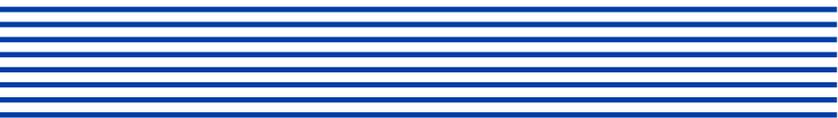


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How the son is on the same steep upward curve as his sire



DUBAWI

made a famously brilliant start at stud. If anything, **NIGHT OF THUNDER** has done even better, outdoing his sire for Stakes winners (20 to 15) and Stakes horses (28 to 24) and almost matching him for Group winners (11 to Dubawi's 12).



15%



22%

As for their percentage of first-crop Stakes winners to runners, well, Dubawi's was excellent but **Night Of Thunder's** is absolutely enormous.

NIGHT OF THUNDER

That first crop of

just keeps getting better and better. They're now five-year-olds and they include smart youngsters, Classic trial and Royal Ascot winners – and the best sprinting filly or mare in the world.



In the Covid-struck season of 2020 – when there was no racing for three months – the Night Of Thunders still found time to excel. **Molatham** won the G3 Jersey at a ghostly Royal Ascot, while **Thunderous** won a unique midsummer running of the G2 Dante.



He's sired a G1 Derby winner from his only crop in Australia, but his first European G1 win came when **Thundering Nights** dug deep to take the G1 Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh.

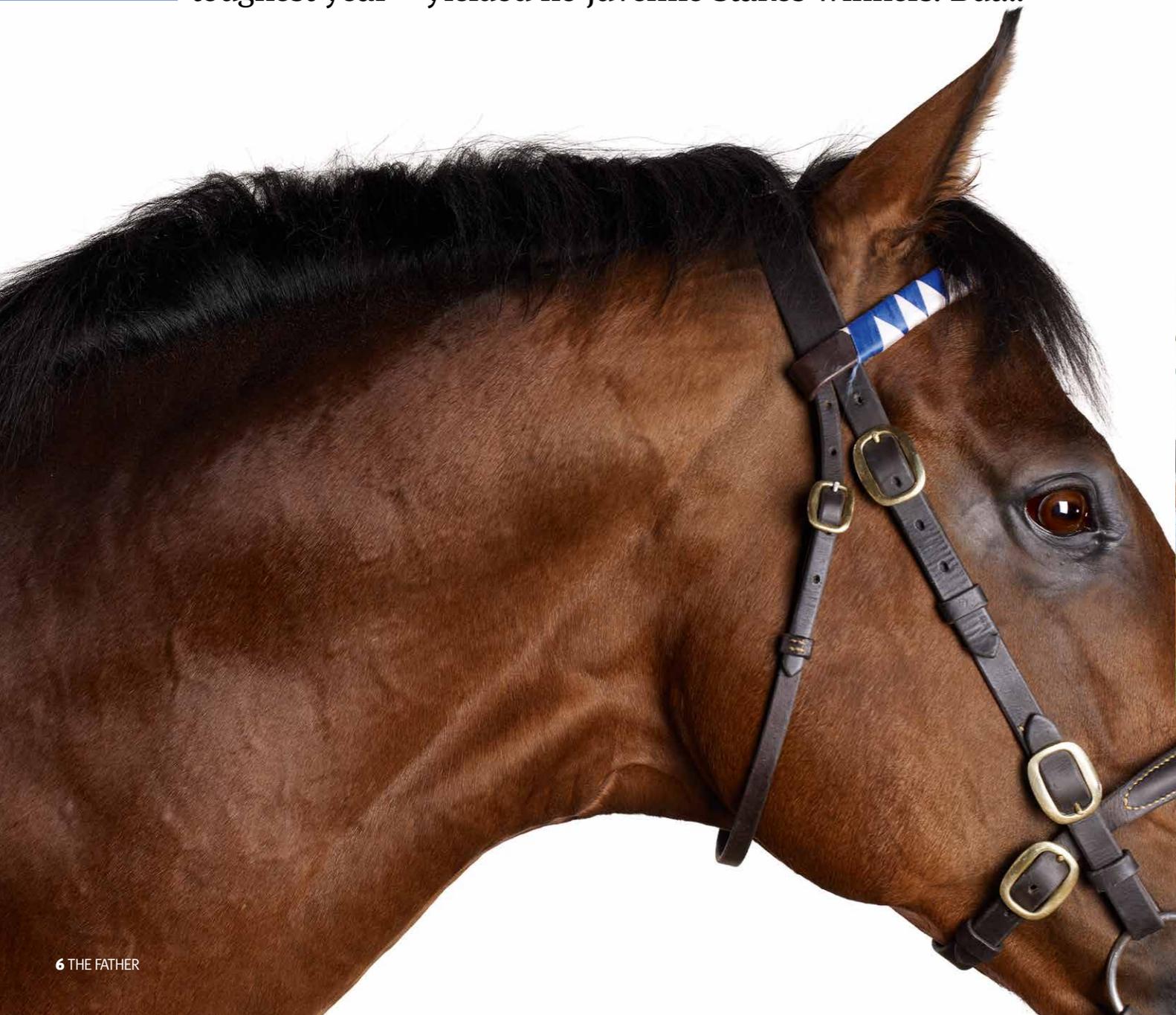


Highfield Princess has made the most extraordinary progress since breaking her maiden off 58 in the September of her three-year-old season. After a win at Royal Ascot at four, she has continued to thrive, taking the G2 Duke Of York before a rapid and unprecedented G1 treble: the Prix Maurice de Gheest, the Nunthorpe and the Flying Five. Timeform rates her not just the best sprinter in Europe but the finest filly or mare in the world.



Night Of Thunder's first crop included Group-winning two-year-olds in Britain, France, Italy and Germany – the first of the four coming at Ascot in the G3 Princess Margaret, courtesy of **Under The Stars**. For comparison, Dubawi had two juvenile Group winners in his tremendous first crop.

DUBAWI's fourth crop – it's so often a stallion's toughest year – yielded no juvenile Stakes winners. But...



NIGHT OF THUNDER



could already boast big fourth-crop two-year-old wins by the end of August.



Isaac Shelby makes it two-from-two in the G2 Superlative Stakes at the July meeting. This is the race that Dubawi himself won back in 2004. And the horse in second? Victory Dance, by Dubawi (and a Stakes winner himself, next time out).

Flashy filly **Maiewowie** on the right battles to beat the colts in the five-furlong Curragh Stakes. She's one of a number of sprinters by Night Of Thunder, led by Highfield Princess but also including G1 horse Keep Busy and G2 winner Suesa.

By the time a stallion's fifth-crop yearlings are selling, the world knows if he's any good. **Dubawi's** fifth crop sold brilliantly, averaging six times the £20,000 they were conceived for. But that multiple is now being dwarfed by **NIGHT OF THUNDER's** fifth crop, bred off a €25,000 fee.

6x



9x



€325k

The second-to-top at Baden Baden



€320k apiece

For two Arqana Night Of Thunders



£240k

The Goffs UK sale-topper



£230k

The Goffs UK Day 1 session-topper

DUBAWI's most successful crop, judged by the number of G1 winners he sired, was his sixth. French Derby winner New Bay and that doughty filly Arabian Queen – who downed Golden Horn in the Juddmonte International – led a haul of no fewer than eight G1 winners.

NIGHT OF THUNDER's sixth crop are his foals of 2022. Could there possibly be eight G1 winners among them?



Crystal ball gazing is assisted by comparing the sixth books of father and son. Night Of Thunder's is a massive

22%

bigger, his 175 mares including 29 dams of Group winners, 53 daughters or sisters of G1 winners and an impressive 67 Group or Listed-winning mares. This is the bumper crop which will be racing as three-year-olds when the foals conceived in 2023 are at the yearling sales.