



BROCKLESBY WINNER FOR HARBOUR WATCH

Tweenhills stallion Harbour Watch got off to a flying start for 2017 when two of his progeny won on the opening day of the Flat turf season in Britain.

Both represented breeding triumphs for Qatar Racing's Irish Representative Peter Molony, owner of Rathmore Stud, with three-year-old Wefait taking a Kempton maiden and two-year-old Santry making a winning debut in the first division of the Brocklesby Conditions Stakes at Doncaster.

Santry was bought by his current connections for €24,000 and is well regarded by trainer Declan Carroll, who has won five races with his half-sister Pull The Plug. Santry could be another Royal Ascot runner for Harbour Watch, whose Gr. 2-winning son Tis Marvellous looks in line for the Gr. 1 Commonwealth Cup.



STAFF PROFILE

Hannah Mika
Stud hand

Getting started...

I come from a city called Bendigo near Melbourne in Australia and have been around horses pretty much my whole life. I have two horses back home, an eventer and one whom I have done some Liberty Training with.

Before Tweenhills...

I never really followed racing when I was younger, but then I worked in a racing yard for four months. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do when it came to leave education, so for a while I shadowed an equine dentist before Ryan Arnel put me in touch with Tweenhills – Ryan worked at Tweenhills for a while and now spells Qatar Bloodstock Limited horses in Australia. I arrived in Britain on Jan 27 and started work two days later.

Tweenhills and the future...

My daily tasks include turning out mares and foals, mucking out and feeding, and I report to Stud Groom Ben Hyde. I'm really enjoying it here and everyone is really friendly, so I plan to stay for at least twelve months, though my visa will let me stay for two years. As for the future, who knows – I'm still making up my mind!

ZOUSTAR AND HAVANA LIGHT UP SALES RING

A filly by Zoustar – the stallion partly-owned by Qatar Bloodstock Limited – became the first yearling by a first-season sire to sell for seven figures in Australia in 2017 when changing hands for \$1 million at the Inglis Australian Easter Yearling Sale.



Havana Gold - Remarkable Story (photo: Sarah Farnsworth)

Then just a week later, Havana Gold's first crop of two-year-olds made a big impression at the breeze-up sales in Britain. Two of them broke the £100,000 barrier at Doncaster, including a half-brother (pictured) to Gr. 3 winner Grendisar purchased by our own David Redvers for £135,000. The colt, who now joins David Simcock, recorded a very fast time, just as another Havana Gold – a filly out of the Gr.1-placed Esloob – had at Ascot the previous week before selling for £64,000 to join Robert Cowell. Havana Gold, a Gr.1-winning son of champion two-year-old Teofilo, stands at Tweenhills for a covering fee of £7,000 (Oct 1st SLF).

DAVID MAKES HIS POINT

Tweenhills' Manager David Redvers made a return to competitive race-riding for the first time since 1995 when a fast-finishing second at Bitterley point-to-point on Apr 1.

Wearing the Pearl Bloodstock colours, David guided his mount – his own Sacre Toi – around the two-and-a-half-mile course in the mens open, dodging a horse who unseated in front of him before almost catching the odds-on winner Silver Roque. "I don't mind admitting I was on the back foot from an early stage! But hopefully this – and running in the London Marathon – will put me spot on for my next ride at Berkeley on April 29."

