

Pasture The Key At Luskin Park



Lot 129 is closely related to Astrodame

For real estate agents their mantra is often location, location, location. Luskin Park principal Paul Whelan has two: pasture, pasture, pasture and quality, quality, quality. Since acquiring the 120 acre property some five years ago, Whelan has put a fortune into raising the quality of the Luskin Park property back to the glory days that saw it produce Luskin Star, arguably the greatest Golden Slipper winner ever. "There is no 5 year or even 10 year plan here," observes Whelan. "I want to leave a lasting legacy so everything is about the long term."

In order to achieve those aspirations Whelan has been very thorough in his research, travelling to New Zealand to witness first hand their pasture quality which he believes is the key to growing out superior thoroughbreds. With Hunter River water rights and each paddock having specially laid irrigation piping, Luskin Park is virtually drought-proof.

Unlike many properties which have outside mares and take yearlings to the sales for other vendors, Luskin Park looks purely after its own. With 22 mares on the property - Whelan says 26 is the maximum - there is total concentration on getting the quality right from the go to whoa.

"We sell everything," explains Whelan. "We are prepared to meet the market for our product and only buy fillies when we do buy yearlings." One of those is a Rock Of Gibraltar filly out of Tyreel's superb

producer Ballroom Babe, and Whelan is delighted with how she is coming along.

Luskin Park is continually looking to upgrade its broodmare band, and has purchased several mares overseas by sires like Danzig, Nureyev and Sadler's Wells. "The whole idea is to produce Easter quality yearlings." That strategy is playing out well thus far, and this year's Luskin Park draft of 11 yearlings at Magic Millions Premier stacks up exceptionally well.

Lot 82 Rock Of Gibraltar (IRE) - Lezayre

Bay colt, foaled 11/10/05, Stable H Row 6 Fourth foal of 10 time winning, stakes performed Keltrice mare, including 5 wins as a 2YO. By Danehill's (USA) 7-time Gr 1 winning son, the sire of impressive Australian 2YO **Murtajill**, and French Gr 1 winner **Mount Nelson**. Bred on the successful cross that has produced stakes performers **Miss Mooney Mooney**, **Megadeal** and **Albaicin**.

Lot 129 Danehill Dancer (IRE) - Midnight Ballet

Brown colt, foaled 18/09/05, Stable H Row 7 Second foal of a half-sister to stakes placed **Campbell Fever** (Dam of SP **Dane Fever**, **Swinging Bachelor**), SP **Tosamba**, **Insomniac** (dam of SP

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Brilliant 2YO Luskin Star

Wide Awake) and **Tirumani** (Dam of SW **Astrodame**). Grand-dam the Gr 1 winning **Midnight Fever**, sister to SW **Starling Lass** dam of SW **Shovhog** (c by Danehill) and **Shovoff** (f by Danehill), also family of SW **Leveller** (f by Redoute's Choice).

Lot 181 Elusive Quality (USA) - Only One Night (FR)

Bay colt, foaled 02/09/05, Stable H Row 8 Second foal of winning French bred **Night Shift** (GB) mare, a half-sister to multiple stakes winner **Big Sky Chester** the SP **Floriselli** and **Afleet Miracle** (dam of SW **Miracle Painting**). By the sire of Gr 1 Kentucky Derby winner, **Smarty Jones**. Double cross of the great **Northern Dancer**.

Lot 313 Fusaichi Pegasus (USA) - Sequin (IRE)

Bay filly, foaled 03/07/05, Stable H Row 9 Second foal of 2yo winning **Green Desert** (USA) mare, a half-sister to stakes performer **Cartography** and **West Cape** (dam of SP **Cape Trafalgar**). By the Gr 1 Kentucky Derby winner, the sire of stakes winners **Bandini**, **Roman Ruler**, **Just Dancing**, **Flying Pegasus**, **Bonaichi**, **Haradasun**, etc.

Lot 326 Danehill Dancer (IRE) - Sidereal Time (USA)

Bay/Brown filly, foaled 26/07/05, Stable H Row 10 S Second foal of 2YO placed **Nureyev** (IRE) mare. Grand-dam a ten time winning, multiple stakes winning, daughter of **Halo** (USA). By the Gr 1 winning son of Danehill (USA), the sire of Gr 1 winners, **Choisir**, **Private Steer**, **When or Where**, **Miss Beatrix**, **Speciosa**.



Paul & John Whelan

Lot 418 Giant's Causeway (USA) - Ultimate Fever

Chestnut filly, foaled 02/10/05, Stable H Row 11 First foal of stakes winning **Gold Fever** (USA) mare. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Dam's have had 13 to race, for 12 winners, including multiple stakes winner **Sabre Dancer** (f by **Twig Moss**). By multiple Gr 1 winning sire, the sire of Gr 1 performers **Shamardar**, **First Samurai**, **Aragorn** and **Footstepsinthesand**.

Lot 703 Belong To Me (USA) - Fuss

Bay/Brown filly, foaled 18/09/05, Stable H Row 12 Second foal of Group 3 and 2yo winning **At Talaq** (USA) mare, winner of 5 races. By prolific sire of winners and stakes performers including, **Bulla Borghese** and **Miss Houdini** (both Gr 1 level), **Proprietor**, **Jersey Girl**, **Before To Long**, **Binding**, **Beauty Watch**, etc.

Lot 715 Danewin - Ghuroob

Black/Brown filly, foaled 21/07/05, Stable H Row 13 First foal of **Randwick Saturday** 2YO winning **Secret Savings** (USA) mare, a half-sister to the stakes performed **Luvuleo**. From the family of multiple stakes performing **Danehill** (USA) mare, **Almazoon** (dam of SW **El Maze**). By multiple Gr 1 winning son of **Champion Danehill** (USA), the sire of Gr 1 winners **Elegant Fashion**, **Excites**, **Vitesse Dane**, **County Tyrone**, **Toulouse Lautrec**, etc.

Lot 746 Galileo (IRE) - Ashfords Girl (USA)

Bay colt, foaled 08/10/05, Stable QB Row 24 First foal of American bred **Hennessy** (USA) mare. From the family of stakes winners, **Sapience**, **Privy Seal**, **Rosananti**, **Rosabella**, etc. By multiple Gr 1 winning son of **Sadler's Wells** (IRE), the sire of recent **Cartier 2YO** of the year award winner, the unbeaten **Teofilo** (IRE), along with Australian stakes winners **Gallant Tess**, **Discorsi** and **Personify**.

Lot 763 General Nediym - Bon Espirit

Black colt, foaled 04/10/05, Stable QB Row 23 Second foal of unraced **Snippets** mare. Family of stakes winners **Not On Friday** (dam of stakes winners **Saturday Fever** and **Phantom Thief**). By multiple Gr 1 winning, sire of multiple Gr 1 winner **Regimental Gal**, and stakes performers **Ra Sun**, **I Got Chills**, **Nediym's Glow**, etc.

Lot 765 Choisir - Bouchette

Brown colt, foaled 30/07/05, Stable QB Row 25 First foal of city winning 2yo and stakes placed **Canny Lad** mare. By multiple Gr 1 winning son of the Gr 1 winning **Danehill Dancer** (IRE). Sire of multiple stakes performers from only a hand full of starters to date. Bred on the successful **Danehill** (USA) x **Canny Lad** cross that has produced **Redoute's Choice**, **Desert War** and **Street Smart**.