

Dream sire

by John P. Sparkman

During morning workouts at the 2003 Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships at Santa Anita Park, the author was struck by the appearance of Oasis Dream (GB).

A medium-sized, muscular, lengthy bay, his conformation screamed Northern Dancer, and, like so many other top-class horses of the last decade, he is inbred 3x4 to Northern Dancer.

Oasis Dream arrived at the Breeders' Cup with a race record very similar to his sire, Green Desert, by Danzig. He is well on his way to an even better record at stud.

His third crop, led by recent Darley Prix Morny (Fr-G1) winner Arcano, now are two-year-olds and have helped push Oasis Dream into the top ten on the English sire list.

Green Desert was the first son of Danzig to prove that this great Northern Dancer horse would be an even more important sire in Europe than in America. Winner of the 1985 Brian Swift Flying Childers Stakes (Eng-G2) and Anglia Television July Stakes (Eng-G3) at two, he finished second to Dancing Brave in the General Accident Two Thousand Guineas (Eng-G1) at three before winning the Norcross July Cup (Eng-G1) and Vernons Sprint Cup (Eng-G2).

With the exception of Danehill, Green Desert has been Danzig's best sire son in Europe with 95 stakes winners from 1,106 foals of racing age (8.6%), including 15 champions or highweights. He also is the second-best sire of sires by Danzig in Europe, with Cape Cross (Ire), Invincible Spirit, and Volksraad in addition to Oasis Dream among his successful sons.

Oasis Dream won the 2002 Shadwell Stud Middle Park Stakes (Eng-G1), earning highweight honors among two-year-olds in England, and he was aimed at sprints early at three. Third to Choisir and Acclamation in the 2003 King's Stand Stakes (Eng-G2), he got his revenge on the Australian champion in the Darley July Cup (Eng-G1) at six furlongs, winning by 1½ lengths. He was even more impressive in the Victor Chandler Nunthorpe Stakes (Eng-G1), beating The Tatling by 2½ lengths with Acclamation third. Although beaten on soft ground

Arcano, b. c., 2007					
Oasis Dream (GB) 00 317 fls, 22 SWs SI 2.37 DI=1.83	Green Desert 83 5 wins, \$308,015, SW 1078 fls, 95 SWs SI 1.74 DI=3.73	Danzig 77 1074 fls, 200 SWs SI 5.30 DI=4.71	Northern Dancer 61	Nearctic 54 Natalma 57	
		Foreign Courier 79 15 fls, 2 SWs DI=3.50	Pas de Nom 68	Admiral's Voyage 59 *Pettitioner 52 Sir Gaylord 59 Attica 53 Never Bend 60 Tulle 50	
	=Hope (Ire) 91 Unplaced 5 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.05	Dancing Brave 83 403 fls, 38 SWs SI 2.48 DI=2.36	Sir Ivor 65	Courtly Dee 68	Northern Dancer 61 Goofed 60
		=Bahamian (Ire) 85 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.73	Lyphard 69	Navajo Princess 74	Drone 66 Olmec 66
=Tariysha (Ire) 02 1 fl, 1 SW DI=1.29	Daylami (Ire) 94 11 wins, \$4,614,762 Champion 468 fls, 16 SWs SI 1.22 DI=1.43	=Doyoun (Ire) 85 396 fls, 40 SWs SI 2.32 DI=1.40	Mill Reef 68	Never Bend 60 Milan Mill 62	
		=Daltawa (Ire) 89 9 fls, 3 SWs DI=1.48	=Sorbus (Ire) 75	=Busted (GB) 63 Censorship 69	
	=Tarwiya (Ire) 89 3 wins, \$139,140, SW 9 fls, 0 SWs DI=99.99	Dominion (GB) 72 519 fls, 41 SWs SI 1.15 DI=1.00	Mill Reef 68	Never Bend 60 Milan Mill 62	Never Bend 60 Milan Mill 62
		=Touraya (Ire) 84 10 fls, 2 SWs DI=0.14	=Dumka (Fr) 71	Miswaki 78	=Kashmir II (GB) 63 Faizebad (Fr) 62
			Damana (Fr) 81	Mr. Prospector 70 Hopespringsternal 71 =Crystal Palace (Fr) 74 =Denia (Fr) 73 *Darius II 51 =Sissey Bridge (GB) 54 =Princely Gift (GB) 51 =Palais Glide (GB) 48 =Tap On Wood (Ire) 76 =Cat O' Mountaine (GB) 67 *Misti 58 =Tremogia (Fr) 71	
			=Derring-Do (GB) 61		
			=Picture Palace (GB) 61		
			=Touraya (Ire) 84		
			=Takraana (GB) 77		

in the Stanley Leisure Sprint Cup (Eng-G1) he had done enough to earn champion sprinter honors. He was well-placed early in the Net-Jets Breeders' Cup Mile (G1) but faded to finish tenth.

Arcano is the third Group 1 winner and one of 22 stakes winners from the first 343 foals by Oasis Dream, a number that includes 2009 Blue Square Nassau Stakes (Eng-G1) winner Middy and '08 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere (Fr-G1) winner Naaqoos.

Arcano is the first foal out of unraced Tariysha, by Daylami (Ire), a tail-female descendant of one of France's greatest juvenile fillies. Owned and bred by Francois Dupre, Arcano's seventh dam, Texana, by Relic, won all 11 of her starts at two in 1957.

Although she added only one more victory at three, Texana produced two stakes winners, including Arcano's sixth dam, Tonerra, by Wild Risk, and founded a family that includes Group 1 winners or highweights Frere Basile (Fr), Tirazz, and Damson (Ire). The Aga Khan acquired Arcano's fifth dam, Tremogia, by *Silver Shark, when he purchased all of the Dupre estate's bloodstock in 1977 and bred Arcano's fourth, third, and second dams as well as his dam, Tariysha.

Arcano's second dam, Tarwiya, by Dominion (GB), was a Group 3 winner at two and also is second dam of another very good English juvenile of 2009, Big Audio, by Oratorio (Ire), who won the Weatherbys Bank Stonehenge Stakes two days before the Prix Morny.

Two starts after finishing second by a head to Arcano in their joint debut, Showcasing, another two-year-old by Oasis Dream, won the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Gimcrack Stakes (Eng-G2) four days before the Prix Morny. Juvenile filly Misheer captured the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Cherry Hinton Stakes (Eng-G2) in July.

Oasis Dream currently ranks seventh on the English sire list, one of four male-line descendants of Danzig in the top ten, along with Cape Cross (1), Danehill Dancer (2), and Dansili (GB) (9).

Oasis Dream was a precocious sprinter and set a world record with 38 juvenile winners in 2008, but there is plenty of stamina along his female line. As a result, many of his best progeny stay at least 1¼ miles and Arcano is likely to stay at least a mile.

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