



HOMEBRED QUICK OFF THE MARK

The Qatar Bloodstock-bred Lightening Quick, born and raised at Tweenhills, lived up to her name when making a winning debut on Irish Champion Stakes day at Leopardstown...

As her name suggests, Lightening Quick is out of Sheikh Fahad's first Gr. 1 winner Lightening Pearl, who carried the Pearl Bloodstock colours to victory in the 2011 Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket. Lightening Quick is by Frankel and thus a full sister to smart 3-year-old miler Lightening Fast.

Trained by Ger Lyons and ridden by Colin Keane, Lightening Quick showed both a

striking turn of foot and a most willing attitude to win the Ballylinch Stud Irish European Breeders Fund Fillies' Maiden over seven furlongs. She holds Gr. 1 entries and we're naturally excited about her.

Lightening Pearl is currently in Japan having foaled a filly by Deep Impact this year and then revisited the same stallion. Her third foal, now a yearling, is another colt by Frankel.



Tweenhills homebred Lightening Quick



STAFF PROFILE

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Stud Hand

How did it all start?

I was born in Manchester and am not from a horse background, though I did learn to ride on my aunty and uncle's horses in Devon during school holidays. Like everyone, especially in the North West, I always watched the Grand National. I then got more into the Flat through likes of Midday and also enjoyed the breeding side of the sport.

Experience is the best teacher...

I used to be a personal trainer but one day I had a revelation and found the National Stud's Apprenticeship. I did a nine-week course and then got a placement at Juddmonte's Wargrave property. I then went to Watership Down Stud when So Mi Dar was a yearling and The Fugue had just retired. Banstead Manor was next as assistant stallion man, and after that Vinery Stud in Australia when they had More Than Ready, Myboycharlie and Black Caviar's half-brother All Too Hard.

A name to remember...

I started at Tweenhills only in August. I'm really enjoying it and obviously recognise plenty of the mares - I actually remember holding Lightening Pearl when she was covered by Frankel in 2014, the mating that produced Lightening Quick!

CHARM YEARLINGS IMPRESS AT SALES

Charm Spirit's first yearlings have made a big impression at the recent sales and many are still to be sold...

Charm Spirit's first yearling through the ring - a half-brother to dual Gr. 1 winner Qemah - at Arqana's August Sale sold for €500,000 to Shadwell France SNC. His yearlings there sold for an average

of €192,000 - a very impressive 7.5x his initial stud fee of €25,000 at Tweenhills.

Charm Spirit was also responsible for a six-figure yearling at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale when the hammer came down at £105,000 for his daughter out of Bijou A Moi, from the family of sires Postponed and Gale Force Ten. A Charm Spirit filly also changed hands for €70,000 at Baden-Baden.



Charm Spirit

There are still many Charm Spirit's to be sold this autumn, including a colt out of Postale who made 140,000 guineas as a foal. He will attract plenty of attention at Tattersalls' Book 1 Sale, as will a half-brother to Gr. 2 Mill Reef Stakes winner Temple Meads. A colt from the family of Solow who sold for 110,000 guineas last year will be among those selling at Book 2.

MORE GOLD FOR HAVANA 2YOS

Days after we filed our copy for last month's issue, Havana Gold sired his second Group winner and he's since taken his tally to 17 individual winners...

Qatar Racing's own Treasuring did a good impression of her paternal sibling Havana Grey when winning the Gr. 3 Qatar Racing and Equestrian Club Curragh Stakes over five furlongs in August. Other promising daughters of Havana Gold to win recently are Ortiz and Ghepardo, while colt Rum Runner beat a big field in a seven-furlong maiden at Sandown.

Havana Grey continued his superb season when a close second in the Gr. 2 Flying Childers Stakes in September, and days later Havana Gold's daughter Nonna Gianna filled the same spot in an Italian Listed race.



Treasuring winning the Gr. 3 Curragh Stakes