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EVA MARIA BUCHER-HAEFNER

■ **Free Eagle** (Ire), 2011 c. by High Chaparral out of Polished Gem, by Danehill

Unraced since he finished third in the Group 1 Champion Stakes at the same course last October, Free Eagle made his reappearance in the Group 1 St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot and in a thrilling finish denied The Grey Gatsby and seven other opponents to open his racing account at the highest level.

An ultra impressive winner on his debut at two, Free Eagle was beaten by the subsequent dual

Derby winner Australia on his only other juvenile outing. At three he made a belated seasonal appearance a winning one when landing a Group 3 race at Leopardstown before finishing third to Noble Mission at Ascot. His win at the royal meeting this year was on only his fifth run and he has now amassed more than half a million pounds sterling. He will retire to the Irish National Stud on the completion of his racing career.

Free Eagle joins Toronado and So You Think among the galaxy of Group 1 winners for his sire High Chaparral, while he is the third stakes winning offspring of the Danehill mare Polished Gem. She won a Leopardstown maiden at two and her first four foals have all won, three of them at group level. The others are the Group 2 winner Sapphire, now herself a member of the broodmare band at Moyglare, and Custom Cut, a multiple group winner including in 2015.

Eva Maria Bucher Haefner continues the magnificent tradition of her late father Walter at the world famous Moyglare Stud in Co Kildare.

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ROISIN HENRY

■ **Diamondsandrubies** (Ire), 2012 f. by Fastnet Rock out of Quarter Moon, by Sadler's Wells

There was great joy for breeder and part-owner Roisin Henry when Diamondsandrubies earned a well-deserved Group 1 success at the Curragh in the Sea The Stars Pretty Polly Stakes, denying classic heroine Legatissimo in a stirring finish.

A Tipperary maiden winner in April and a listed winner at Chester the following month, Diamondsandrubies was very unlucky in the Epsom Oaks where she finished fourth, having been the victim of some barging.

There are few better bred fillies in the world than this daughter of Fastnet Rock. She is the best of six winners to date for her dam Quarter Moon and the same owners – Roisin Henry and Sue Magnier – must be looking forward to the eventual racecourse appearance of the juvenile full-sister to this latest Group 1 winner, the aptly named How High The Moon. She holds an entry in the Moyglare Stud Stakes.

That same Group 1 juvenile contest was won by Quarter Moon who was the champion filly of her year in Ireland. The next season she was runner-up in the Irish 1000 Guineas, the Epsom Oaks and the Irish Oaks. Her own-sister Yesterday went one better and landed a classic, the Irish 1000 Guineas, and was second in the Epsom Oaks. Yet another full-sister All My Loving was placed in the Irish and English Oaks and she bred the ill-fated Hardwicke Stakes winner Thomas Chippendale.

All this is happening in the family and without going back to the third dam Alruccaba, the grand-dam of a further four Group 1 winners in Aussie Rules, Allegretto, Albanova and Alborada!

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MICHAEL DALY

■ **Pether's Moon** (Ire), 2010 c. by Dylan Thomas out of Softly Tread, by Tirlol

Two weeks before an intended appointment with the auctioneer in Doncaster, Pether's Moon was beaten half a length in a maiden at Kempton. Owner John Manley's decision to withdraw the then two-year-old from the sale has long since been justified and the now five-year-old is approaching £600,000 in career earnings, aided significantly by his earnings from the Group 1 Investec Corona-

tion Cup at Epsom.

He has recorded a number of other group and stakes wins among his seven career victories, including the valuable Group 2 Bosphorus Cup in Turkey. His recent win was his first effort at Group 1 level. He is the best of three foals produced by his dam and one of a pair of winners.

Softly Tread was a listed winner at two and added the Group 3 Gladness Stakes at three to her tally when trained by Con Collins. Michael Daly from Enfield in Co Meath bought her as a broodmare at Keeneland but sadly she suffered a fatal injury a few years ago.

Michael has 17 mares and has owned and bred plenty of winners under both codes. He sold Pether's Moon as a yearling at Tattersalls Ireland for €52,000 to Peter and Ross Doyle.

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TOM AND PAUL MONAGHAN

■ **Trip To Paris** (Ire), 2011 g. by Champs Elysees out of La Grande Zoa, by Fantastic Light

Trip To Paris beat three Irish-trained horses to land the Group 1 Ascot Gold Cup, but there was no lack of celebration here as the four-year-old gelding was bred by father and son, Tom and Paul Monaghan, at The Cottage Stud near Kilcock, Co Kildare. This was the sixth career win for Trip To Paris who was crediting his sire Champs Elysees with his first Group 1 winner. The improving geld-

ing could well prove an able successor to trainer Ed Dunlop's globetrotter Red Cadeaux.

The Monaghans have been associated with the family of Trip To Paris for four generations. The third dam of the Gold Cup winner was purchased by them and she bred the Eclipse Stakes and dual Juddmonte International winner Ezzoud. She was also dam of the Sussex Stakes and Prix du Moulin de Longchamp winner Distant Relative.

La Grande Zoa was sold as a yearling by the Monaghans but they bought her back for stud and she is now dam of a Group 1 winner. She has a two-year-old in training with Jamie Osborne, a yearling filly by Mastercraftsman and a colt foal by Invincible Spirit. The latter pair will likely go to the sales this autumn, while La Grande Zoa was rested and will hopefully be covered early in 2016.

Trip To Paris has now won 10 times his foal sale price of 37,000gns when he was purchased by Mark Dwyer's Oaks Farm Stables. He was sold on from Mocklershill as a breezer at Newmarket for 20,000gns to agent Federico Barberini.

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