

## RACE RECORD

In UK, Ireland, France, USA and Dubai – on turf, dirt and tapeta. 12 wins, 1600-2050m, at 2 to 5

### UK Champion Racehorse 2009 & Joint European Champion 2009

**Timeform 104P** at 2; **TFR 119** at 3; **TFR 127** at 3; **TFR 128** at 4; **128** at 5 – *'tough and genuine'*

At 2 **undefeated** in 3 starts

At 3 **WON Gr2** Prix Eugene Adam (2000m)  
**WON Gr3** Craven S. (1600m)

2nd **Gr1** Champion S. (2000m)  
3rd **Gr1** St James' Palace S. (1600m)  
3rd **Gr2** Dante S. (2050m)

At 4 **WON Gr1** Champion S. (2000m)  
3rd **Gr1** Lockinge S. (1600m)

3rd **Gr1** Breeder's Cup Classic (2000m, dirt)  
3rd **Gr3** Earl Of Sefton S. (1800m)  
4th **Gr1** Price Of Wales S. (2000m)

At 5 **WON Gr1** Champion S. (2000m)

**WON Gr1** Eclipse S. (2000m)  
2nd **Gr2** Juddmonte Int. S. (2050m)  
2nd **Gr1** Prince Of Wales S. (2000m)

3rd **Gr1** Irish Champion S. (2000m)

At 6 **WON Gr1** Juddmonte Int. S. (2050m)

**WON Gr2** York S. (2050m)

**WON Gr2** Al Maktoum Chall. (2000m, tapeta)

At 7 2nd **Gr3** Earl Of Sefton S. (1800m)

3rd **Gr1** Eclipse S. (2000m)

3rd **Gr3** Gordon Richards S. (2000m)

4th **Gr2** Juddmonte Int. S. (2050m)

## SIRE LINE

**OBSERVATORY** – highclass miler, multiple Gr1 winner in France & UK; injured pelvis early at 4 & retired; rated **Timeform 131**. Sire of Gr1 winners. Sire of Champions of both sexes.

Notable progeny incl **Twice Over** (05c – Caerleon, Blushing Groom); **African Rose** (05f – Quest For Fame, Nijinsky); **Helleborine** (08f – Quest For Fame, Nijinsky); **Violette** (03f – Pursuit Of Love, Shareef Dancer); **Sottone** (06c – Baratheia, Local Suitor); **Sebastian Flyte** (07c – Night Shift, Alleged); **The Grey Berry** (04c – Bin Ajwaad, Lorenzaccio); **Waldjagd** (07f – Acatanengo, Frontal); **Star Cluster** (03f – Danzig, Sir Ivor); **Armand** (03c – Nijinsky, Bon Mot); **Chasing Stars** (05f – Nureyev, Roberto); etc.

**KIN-BREEDING:** Observatory's second and third dam are close kin to sire-of-sires Storm Bird, sharing the same bottom female line background. His best runners appear to have a high incidence of lines of Nijinsky and/or Blushing Groom. Observatory's grandam Victory Star is a 3-part sister to Storm Bird, the pair very close kin to Nijinsky. Blushing Groom's 3rd dam Emali and Storm Bird's 4th dam Dark Display are close kin.

*Distant View sire-line in South Africa:*  
Twice Over (**Observatory**)

## STUD ANALYSIS

First season at stud in 2013

## PEDIGREE

Double Crossed, the dam of Twice Over, is by Caerleon (Nijinsky), out of Quandary (Blushing Groom). The fourth dam Aunt Tilt is half sister to sire Damascus, their dam Kerala close kin to Blushing Groom's 2nd dam Aimee (the pair 3x3 in Quandary). Twice Over's significant female line ancestors are Kerala and her dam Blade Of Time. Kerala is close kin to the grandam of Buckpasser.

**SUITABLE LINES** for Twice Over could include Damascus, Nijinsky, Blushing Groom, Storm Bird, Buckpasser. Some ideas:

Damascus leads to Complete Warrior (with Buckpasser in Captain Al), Right Approach (damsire Shaded by Nijinsky out of Damascus mare).

Blushing Groom is sire of Jallad, Rainbow Quest (Spectrum, Saumarez), and is in Lundy's Liability (sire by Blushing Groom; grandam by Nijinsky).

Nijinsky in Silvano, Lecture (grandam by Nijinsky, sire's damsire is Buckpasser), Indigo Magic (dam by Caerleon).

Storm Bird in Black Minnaloushe (by Storm Cat; dam by Nijinsky's son Green Dancer), Tiger Dance (by Storm Cat, dam by son of Blushing Groom out of mare by Roberto), Windrush (dam by Storm Cat; sire's damsire

Observatory (USA) 1997	Distant View 1991	Mr Prospector	Raise A Native - Native Dancer
		Seven Springs	Gold Digger - <b>NASHUA</b> Irish River - Riverman La Trinite - Lyphard
	Stellaria 1986	Roberto	<b>HAIL TO REASON</b> - Turn-To Bramalea - <b>NASHUA</b>
Double Crossed (GB) 1998	Caerleon 1980	Victoria Star	<b>NORTHERN DANCER</b> - Nearctic Solometeor - Victoria Park
		Nijinsky	<b>NORTHERN DANCER</b> - Nearctic Flaming Page - Bull Page
	Quandary 1991	Foreseer	Round Table - Princequillo Regal Gleam - <b>HAIL TO REASON</b> Red God - Nasrullah
		Blushing Groom	Runaway Bride - Wild Risk Cloudy Dawn - Grey Dawn Aunt Tilt - Tulyar

is Buckpasser), Carpocrates (by Storm Cat; 4th dam by Nijinsky), Tiger Ridge (by Storm Cat; grandam by Buckpasser).

Buckpasser is widespread, incl Northern Guest (dam by Buckpasser, grandam Best In Show is 3rd dam of Observatory's SW Star Cluster), Al Mufti (by Roberto, also damsire of Observatory).

## FEMALE LINE

### 1st dam

**DOUBLE CROSSED** (98f Caerleon): 2 wins, Oaks Trial S.-(L) (TFR 102); dam of  
**TWICE OVER** (05c Observatory): - subject stallion

### 2nd dam

**QUANDARY** (91f Blushing Groom): 3 wins, James Seymour S.-(L) (TFR 104); dam of  
**DOUBLE CROSSED** (98f Caerleon): 2 wins – see above

Clepsydra (97f Sadler's Wells): won (TFR 78); dam of  
**PASSAGE OF TIME** (04f Dansil): 5 wins, Gr1 Critierum de Saint-Cloud, Gr3 Musidora S., Montrose S.-(L), Steventon S.-(L) (TFR 115)

**TIMEPIECE** (07f Zamindar): 6 wins, Gr1 Falmouth S., Montrose S.-(L), Sandringham H.-(L), James Seymour S.-(L); 2nd Gr1 Nassau S., Gr1 Prix Jean Romanet; 3rd Gr1 Prix Rothschild (TFR 117)

**FATHER TIME** (06c Dansil): 2 wins, Gr2 King Edward VII S.; 2nd Fairway S.-(L); 3rd Gr2 Great Voltigeur S. Gr3 Derby Trial S. (TFR 117)

**CONTINUUM** (09c, Dansil): 3 wins, Silver Cup S. (L) (TFR 104)

### 3rd dam

Lost Virtue (77f Cloudy Dawn): did not race; dam of  
**QUANDARY** (91f Blushing Groom): 3 wins – see above

**ALL AT SEA** (89f Riverman): 5 wins, Gr1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp, Gr3 Musidora S., Pretty Polly S.-(L); 2nd Gr1 Epsom Oaks, Gr2 Juddmonte Int. S., Gr2 Nassau S.; dam of

**INSINUATE** (96f, Mr Prospector) – won at 3 in UK, Swinley S.-(L) from 4 starts (TFR 99); dam of

**STRONGHOLD** (02c, Danehill) – 5 wins, Gr3 Supreme S., Paradei S.-(L); 3rd Gr2 Hungerford St. (TFR 120); sire

**TAKE THE HINT** (06f Montjeu): 2 wins, Pretty Polly S.-(L) (TFR 106)

**Imroz** (94f, Nureyev) – 3 wins in UK, 3rd Gr3 las Cienegas Hcp, City Of York S.-(L), Linda Card S.-(L) (TFR 99); dam of

**POSTERITAS** (01f, Lear Fan) – 2 wins in UK, Virginia S.-(L) (TFR 91); dam of  
**MUTUAL TRUST** (08c Cacique): 4 wins, Gr2 Prix Jean Prat, Gr3 Prix Paul de Moussa (TFR 122)

**FULL VIRTUE** (81f, Full Out) – 7 wins in US, Wistful Hcp-(L); dam of

**Charitable Gift** (87f, Spend A Buck) – 4 wins in US, 2nd Pocahontas S.-(L); dam of

**Othello** (93c, Summer Squall) – won at 2 in US, 2nd Gr2 del Mar Futurity

**Last Quick** (91c, Dixieland Band) – 12 wins in Italy, 3rd Gr1 Pr Parioli, Pr Merano-(L)

Mama Bucks (93f, Spend A Buck) – 2 wins in US; dam of

**COMMANDER BUCK** (01c, Deputy Commander) – 6 wins in US, Independence H, 2nd John Henry S.-(L)

Trick Trick (92f Clever Trick): did not win; dam of  
Executricker (98f El Prado): won; dam of

**HILDA'S PASSION** (07f Canadian Frontier): 8 wins, G1 Ballerina S., G2 Raven's Run S., G2 Vagrancy Hcp, G2 Inside Information S.; 2nd G1 Humana Distaff S. (TFR 120)

**OVER THE OCEAN** (82c, Super Concorde) – 6 wins in UK, France & US, Gr3 Prix Perth, Gr3 Prix Gontaut Biron, European Free H.-(L); 2nd Gr2 Prix d'Harcourt; 3rd Gr2 Prix Dollar, Gr3 Prix du Rond Pont, Gr3 Prix du Muguet; sire

Quack a Doodledo (83f, Quack) – 3 wins in US; dam of  
**Banshee Winds** (90f, Known Fact) – 3 wins in US, 2nd Gr2 Lassie S.; dam of

**BANSHEE BREEZE** (95f, Unbridled) – 10 wins in US, Champion 3yo Filly; won Gr1 Spinster S., Gr1 Alabama S., Gr1 CC American Oaks, Gr1 Go For Wand Hcp, Gr1 Apple Blossom Hcp, Gr2 Bonnie Miss S., Gr2 Rampart Hcp, Gr3 Fleur de Lis H; 2nd Gr1 Breeder's Cup Distaff, Gr1 Kentucky Oaks, Gr1 Spinster S., Gr1 Personal Ensign H., 3rd Gr1 Ashland S., Gr1 Mother Goose S.

**UNBRIDLED WIND** (96f, Unbridled) – 4 wins in US, Lehmi Go Hcp-(L)

**Charm** (97f, Polish Numbers) – 3 wins in US, 3rd AP Indy S.-(L)

Li Law (93f, Known Fact) – did not win; dam of  
**War Plan** (02c, Fusaichi Pegasus) – 2 wins in US, 3rd Gr3 Withers S.

Yard (03f Boundary): did not win; dam of  
**LETHAL COMBINATION** (07c Broken Vow): 5 wins, G3 Saranac S., G3 Hill Prince S.

**Poupon** (85c, Linkage) – 11 wins in US, 2nd Gr3 Longacres Derby

Familiar (86f, Disies) – won on UK; dam of  
Slew's MD (94f, Slew O'Gold) – 2 wins in US; dam of

**Slewsbag** (02c, Devil's Bag) – won in US, 3rd Gr2 Best Pal S.

White Truffle (96f, Dehere) – did not race; dam of  
**SILLY LITTLE MAMA** (03f, Old Topper) – 5 wins in US, Manhattan Beach S.-(L), 3rd Great Lady M. S.-(L), Daisycutter H.-(L)

**ESYOUEFFCEE** (98f, Alzao) – 3 wins in UK & US, Severals S.-(L), Montrose S.-(L), 2nd Doonside Cup-(L), 3rd Virginia S.-(L)

### 4th dam

**Aunt Tilt** (63f, Tulyar) – 6 wins in US, 3rd Pucker Up H, Rosenna S.; half sister to DAMASCUS; dam of

Auntie's Niece (69f, Chieftain) – 4 wins in US; dam of  
**TIFFANY ICE** (82f, Icecapade) – 5 wins in US, Gr2 Sanford S., 2nd Gr1 Hopeful S.

**Banghi** (73c, Herbager) – 4 wins in US, 2nd Gr1 Man O'War S., Gr2 Realization S., 3rd Gr3 Knickerbocker Hcp

Lost Virtue (77f, Cloudy Dawn) – see above

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# Twice Over<sup>(GB)</sup>

*Observatory – Double Crossed by Caerleon*

**Twice Over's sire Observatory made his name on the track as giant-killer, getting the better of Giant's Causeway who was en route to his sixth straight Gr1 win. The win earned Observatory a Timeform rating of 131, the fifth highest 3yo rating of the year, with Sinndar (134), Tiznow (133), Giant's Causeway (133) and King's Best (133) just marginally above him. Observatory was expected to have another great season as a 4yo, but a hairline fracture of his pelvis after Royal Ascot ended his racing career and he went to stud. Twice Over, from his third crop, is his best progeny.**

**O**bservatory's pedigree makes interesting reading. He's from the same female line as Storm Bird (notably sire of Storm Cat). His grandam Victoria Star and 3rd dam Solometeor are both close kin to Storm Bird, with female line ancestor Solar Display a common factor.

Pedigree analysts have long regarded Storm Bird to be very close kin to Nijinsky and The Minstrel, the relationship involving the presence of Bull Page and Flares/Omaha in the pedigrees of each. Storm Bird also has a kin-relationship with Blushing Groom, with Storm Bird's 4th dam Dark Display and Blushing Groom's third dam Emali close kin.

### A glance at the pedigrees of

**Observatory's best runners** gives the impression that most of them appear to support the theories.

Twice Over: dam by Caerleon (Nijinsky), grandam by Blushing Groom.

African Rose & full sister Helleborine: dam by Quest For Fame (who is by Blushing Groom's son Rainbow Quest, out of a mare by Nijinsky's son Green Dancer), grandam by Nijinsky.

Violette: dam by Pursuit Of Love (who is by Blushing Groom's son Groom Dancer, out of a mare by Nijinsky's son Green Dancer).

Sottone: grandam by Local Suitor (son of Blushing Groom).

Sebastian Flyte: third dam is by Far North (full brother to The Minstrel) and is very close kin to Observatory's grandam.

The Grey Berry: dam by Bin Ajwaad (son of Rainbow Quest, by Blushing Groom).

Armand: dam by Nijinsky.

### On to Twice Over's female line and its Gr1 winners.

Double Crossed, the dam of Twice Over, is by Caerleon (by Nijinsky), out of Quandary (by Blushing Groom). She is kinbred through bottom female line ancestors, 5x5 No Fiddling x Blade Of Time.

Twice Over's fourth dam Aunt Tilt is half sister to sire Damascus, their dam Kerala close kin to Blushing Groom's 2nd dam Aimee (the pair 3x3 in Quandary).

Twice Over's significant female line ancestors are Kerala and her dam Blade Of Time. Kerala is

close kin to the grandam of Buckpasser, to Lalun (in Sadler's Wells, Riverman), to Lassie Dear (by Buckpasser, and dam/grandam of Al Mufti/AP Indy), and very close kin to Lassie Dear's grandam Missy Baba (also 3rd dam of Sportsworld).

Kerala's daughter Aunt Tilt is close kin to influential mare Mixed Marriage.

Double Crossed is half sister to Clepsydra (Sadler's Wells), the dam of Gr1 winners Passage Of Time (Dansili) and Timepiece (Zamindar). Their dam Quandary (Blushing Groom) is half sister to Gr1 winner All At Sea (Riverman), to the grandam of US Champion Filly Banshee Breeze (Unbridled; dam by Known Fact, grandson of Mixed Marriage), and to the third dam of US G1 winner Hilda's Passion (Canadian Frontier; dam by Sadler's Wells' son El Prado). The multiple presence of Sadler's Wells and Riverman (both having Lalun) is perhaps more than just coincidence.

## Where From Here

Suitable Lines for Twice Over could be drawn from the affinities in the pedigree of sire Observatory and/or those from his female line.

They include Damascus, Nijinsky, Blushing Groom, Storm Bird, Buckpasser, Lalun, Missy Baba, Mixed Marriage.

### Some ideas.

**Damascus** leads to Complete Warrior (damsire of Captain Al, by Roberto's son Al Mufti), Rollins (dam full sister to Roberto; damsire of Jet Master); Right Approach (damsire Shaded by Nijinsky out of Damascus mare); Damascus Gate (dam by Buckpasser).

**Blushing Groom** is sire of Jallad, Rainbow Quest (Spectrum, Saumarez), Comic Blush, and is in Lundy's Liability (sire by Blushing Groom; grandam by Nijinsky).

**Nijinsky** is in Silvano, Lecture (grandam by Nijinsky, sire's damsire is Buckpasser), Indigo Magic (dam by Caerleon), Russian Fox, Victory Moon (by Al Mufti, dam by Nijinsky's son Dancing Champ), Parade Leader, Lundy's Liability (sire by Blushing Groom), Royal Academy.

**Storm Bird** is found in Black Minnaloushe (by Storm Cat; dam by Nijinsky's son Green Dancer), Tiger Dance (by Storm Cat, dam by son of Blushing Groom out of mare by Roberto),

## PICK OF THE BUNCH

*Suitable mares for Twice Over could include*

1. Damascus through Complete Warrior (Captain Al; Counter Action); Rollins (Jet Master); Damascus Gate; Right Approach.
2. Blushing Groom through Jallad, Rainbow Quest (Spectrum, Saumarez), Comic Blush, Lundy's Liability, Kabool, Waldoboro, Our Casey's Boy.
3. Nijinsky through Dancing Champ, Silvano, Lecture, Indigo Magic, Russian Fox, Victory Moon, Parade Leader, Right Approach, Tamburlaine.
4. Storm Bird through Black Minnaloushe, Windrush, Tiger Dance, Carpocrates, Manshood, Lake Coniston, Mogok.
5. Buckpasser (widespread), notably through Al Mufti, Northern Guest, Damascus Gate, etc.
6. Lalun through Sadler's Wells (notably Fort Wood, Casey Tibbs), Riverman/Irish River (Spectrum, Nysaeon, West Man), Mill Reef (Casey Tibbs, Almushtarak, Indigo Magic).
7. Missy Baba through Al Mufti, Sportsworld, AP Indy (Camden Park), Wolfhound, Fahal.
8. Mixed Marriage through Gone West (Western Winter, West Man, Count duBois, Dupont, Indigo Magic, Manalaj), Sharpen Up (Dominion Royale, Dupont).
9. Twice Over's bottom female line (Stronghold, the imported mare Half A Sixpence).

Windrush (dam by Storm Cat; sire's damsire is Buckpasser), Carpocrates (by Storm Cat; 4th dam by Nijinsky), Tiger Ridge (by Storm Cat; grandam by Buckpasser).

**Buckpasser** is widespread, incl Northern Guest (dam by Buckpasser, grandam Best In Show is 3rd dam of Observatory's SW Star Cluster), Al Mufti (by Roberto, also damsire of Observatory; dam Lassie Dear by Buckpasser).

**Lalun** is the dam of Bold Reason (in Sadler's Wells), and of Never Bend (in Riverman, Mill Reef). Sadler's Wells' best SA-son Fort Wood is interesting, as his grandam Change Water is close kin to Kerala's dam Blade Of Time (from the same female line is Kabool, whose sire Groom Dancer is by Blushing Groom). Riverman is sire of Irish River (with Rainbow Quest in Spectrum).

**Missy Baba** is female line ancestor of Al Mufti, AP Indy, Sportsworld – among others.

**Mixed Marriage** is female line ancestor of Gone West and half brother Known Fact. Gone West is sire of Western Winter, whose dam Chilly Hostess is close kin to the grandam of Observatory, to Storm Bird, and very close to The Minstrel. Gone West is also sire of Zafonic (whose full brother Zamindar sired Gr1 winner Timepiece, the latter half sister to the dam of Twice Over) – Zafonic is out of a mare by The Minstrel, and is sire of Count duBois and Dupont (the latter's dam by Sadler's Wells, and 2nd dam by Sharpen Up, a noted Mixed Marriage carrier).

Twice Over's female line also produced SA-sire **Stronghold**, who is a grandson of Gr1 winning mare All At Sea (by Riverman).