

DUNADEN (FR) FACTFILE

Breeding: 7 b h Nicobar - La Marlia (FR) (Kaldounevees (FR))

Breeder: Comte E Decazes

Born: February 26, 2006

Owner: Pearl Bloodstock

Trainer: Mikel Delzangles FR

Jockey: Jamie Spencer

Form: 6/23271241/6148233622112/3129111/3326105-43

*Progressed through handicap company to enjoy his finest hour when winning Australia's greatest race, the Melbourne Cup, in 2011.

*Also landed the Group One Caulfield Cup "Down Under" in 2012 and the 2011 Group One Hong Kong Vase at Sha Tin.

*Has not won beyond Group Three company in Europe.

*Two outings in 2013 have seen him finish fourth in the Group One Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan and third in the Group One Prix Ganay at Longchamp.

Race Record: Starts: 38; Wins: 10; 2nd: 9; 3rd: 7; Win & Place Prize Money: £4,831,758

Pearl Bloodstock

Background: Established in 2010, Pearl Bloodstock represents the racing interests of Sheikh Fahad Al Thani, a member of the Royal Family of the Middle Eastern state of Qatar. Sheikh Fahad is the nephew of Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the ruling Emir of Qatar, while his father Sheikh Abdullah bin Khalifa Al Thani was prime minister of the country between 1996 and 2007. Sheikh Fahad is a director of Qatar Investments & Projects Development Holding (QIPCO), which is one of the world's leading private investment companies and the current sponsor of the QIPCO British Champions Series and several high-profile races in the UK. He studied for his A-Levels at David Game College in Notting Hill, London, before completing a three-year BBA in Business Administration on the London campus of the Geneva-based Europa University. Sheikh Fahad decided to take an interest in horse racing in February, 2010, and employed bloodstock agent David Redvers as his adviser. Sheikh Fahad is also heavily involved in the racing and breeding operation Qatar Bloodstock, which he formed with his brothers in 2010. Qatar Bloodstock purchased 2000 Guineas winner Makfi in 2010 as a stallion prospect to stand at Tweenhills Stud, while they also own stallion Harbour Watch and dual Group Two winner Strong Suit as well as having a band of broodmares. Most of Sheikh Fahad's horses are now owned with his brothers under the Qatar Racing banner. Their 150-strong team includes Investec Derby contender Chopin and a 50 per cent share in Investec Oaks runner Secret Gesture. Dunaden's successes prompted Sheikh Fahad's brothers to become more involved in ownership. **Major Wins:** Cheveley Park Stakes (2011 Lightening Pearl), Melbourne Cup (2011 Dunaden), Hong Kong Vase (2011 Dunaden), Caulfield Cup (2012 Dunaden) **Trainers include:** William Haggas, Ralph Beckett, Ger Lyons, Mikel Delzangles, David Barron, Charlie Hills, Ed Vaughan, Graham Motion, Olly Stevens, Robert Cowell, David Brown, Stuart Williams. **No previous Investec Coronation Cup winners**

Mikel Delzangles (Gouvieux, France)

Born: January 26, 1971, in Biarritz. **Background:** Godson of the Marquesa de Moratalla, who is one of France's leading owner/breeders on the Flat and over jumps with horses including Cheltenham Gold Cup winner The Fellow and Poule d'Essai des Poulains scorer Tin Horse. One of Delzangles' first jobs in racing was at the Yorkshire yard of Jimmy FitzGerald, although he subsequently returned to his native France to spend 10 years as assistant trainer to Alain de Royer-Dupre before taking out his own licence to train in 2001. **British Classic wins (1):** QIPCO 2000 Guineas (2010 Makfi). **Other major wins include:** Prix Ganay (2006 Corre Caminos), Prix de l'Opera (Shalanaya 2009, 2012 Ridasiyna), Melbourne Cup (2011 Dunaden), Hong Kong Vase (2011 Dunaden), Breeders' Cup Juvenile Caulfield Cup (2012 Dunaden), King's Stand Stakes (2005 Chineur), Breeders' Cup Juvenile Filly Turf (2012 Flotilla). **No previous Investec Coronation Cup runners**

Jamie Spencer

Born: June 8, 1980, County Tipperary. **Background:** Son of trainer George Spencer, who trained Winning Fair to win the 1963 Champion Hurdle; went to school with Fozzy Stack, son of trainer Tommy, and rode ponies at their yard as a child. Rode first winner on Huncheon Chance for Ian Ferguson at Downpatrick on May 11, 1996. Sprang to prominence by winning 1998 Irish 1000 Guineas on Stack-trained Tarascon at age of 17 when apprenticed to Liam Browne, through whose hands likes of Mick Kinane, Mark Dwyer, Tommy Carmody and Stephen Craine had also passed. Spencer was brought over to Britain by the Stack family friend, Barney Curley, to ride Magic Combination to win over hurdles at Kempton in January, 1999. Survived stewards' enquiry to take 2002 Weatherbys Champion Bumper at Cheltenham on Edward O'Grady-trained Pizarro. Began a two-year contract with Luca Cumani in 2002. Signed up by the Coolmore team to ride as first-choice rider to replace Mick Kinane in 2004. Handed in his notice at Ballydoyle in 2005 to go freelance. Retained jockey for Jim & Fitri Hay between 2010 and 2012; signed a two-year deal, which commenced on January 1, 2013, to ride for Sheikh Fahad Al Thani, whose horses run under the Pearl Bloodstock and Qatar Racing banners. Formerly married to Channel 4 Racing presenter Emma Spencer. **Accolades:** Champion Apprentice - Ireland (1999), Champion Jockey - Britain (2005, 2007 - dead-heated with Seb Sanders). Has ridden 18 Royal Ascot winners. **British Classic Wins (2):** Investec Oaks (2009 Sariska), Ladbrokes St Leger (2003 Brian Boru). **Other major wins include:** Irish 1,000 Guineas (1998 Tarascon, 2002 Gossamer, 2013 Just The Judge), Irish Oaks (2009 Sariska), Ascot Gold Cup (2011 Fame And Glory), Arlington Million (2011 Cape Blanco), Champion Stakes (2005 David Junior), Coral-Eclipse (2006 David Junior), Criterium de Saint-Cloud (2001 Ballingarry), Dubai Duty Free (2006 David Junior), Fillies' Mile (2001 Gossamer), Haydock Sprint Cup (2005 Goodricke), Joe Hirsch Turf Classic (2011 Cape Blanco), Lockinge Stakes (2007 Red Evie), Man O'War Stakes (2011 Cape Blanco), Matron Stakes (2006 Red Evie), Moyglare Stud Stakes (2000 Sequoyah), Middle Park Stakes (2004 Ad Valorem), Northern Dancer Turf Stakes (2011 & 2012 Wigmore Hall), Nunthorpe Stakes (2002 Kyllachy), Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp (2006 Desert Lord), Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere (2004 Oratorio), Prix Maurice de Gheest (2001 King Charlemagne), Racing Post Trophy (2008 Crowded House), Singapore Airlines International Cup (2001 Endless Hall), St James's Palace Stakes (2007 Excellent Art), Tattersalls Gold Cup (2004 Powerscourt), Prix Du Moulin (2011 Excelebration). **Investec Coronation Cup Record: 2002 Marienbard (4th); 2004 Brian Boru (5th); 2010 Sariska (2nd).**

ST NICHOLAS ABBEY (IRE) FACTFILE

Breeding: 6 b h Montjeu (IRE) - Leaping Water (Sure Blade)

Breeder: Barton Bloodstock and Villiers Syndicate

Born: April 13, 2007

Owner: Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor

Trainer: Aidan O'Brien IRE

Jockey: Joseph O'Brien

Form: 111/6/3113351/22133303-1

*Bidding for an unprecedented third victory in Investec Coronation Cup, following wins in 2011 and 2012.

*Started 2013 perfectly with impressive victory in Group One Dubai Sheema Classic at Meydan on March 30.

*A winner of five Group One races in total, having also taken the Breeders' Cup Turf in 2011 and the Racing Post Trophy in 2009.

Race Record: Starts: 20; Wins: 8; 2nd: 2; 3rd: 7; Win & Place Prize Money: £4,756,105

Michael Tabor, Derrick Smith & Sue Magnier

Sue Magnier - Background: Born October, 1953, daughter of legendary trainer Vincent O'Brien (who saddled six Derby winners). Brother David trained 1984 Derby winner Secreto. Husband John Magnier (born in County Cork on February 10, 1948) has changed bloodstock world since teaming up with Robert Sangster and Vincent O'Brien to buy Coolmore in the 1970s. Purchased potential stallions as yearlings, early successes included Alleged, Be My Guest, El Gran Senor, Golden Fleece, Sadler's Wells and Storm Bird. Magnier subsequently bought out partners and now owns Coolmore, its American and Australian offshoots, and the Ballydoyle training centre. Worth £556 million says 2013 Sunday Times Rich List. Myriad of other business interests include stakes in Barchester nursing homes, pub group Mitchells & Butlers, property, Ladbrokes, the Sandy Lane Hotel in Barbados and Global Radio. Formerly had stake in Manchester United. Homes in Ireland, Barbados and Switzerland. **Racing interests:** Sue Magnier has had a share in all of Aidan O'Brien's best horses. Those to have carried the Magnier dark blue silks include Investec Derby winners Galileo and Pour Moi. Other flagbearers include King Of Kings, Hawk Wing, Giant's Causeway, Imagine, George Washington, Duke Of Marmalade, Dylan Thomas, Henrythenavigator and Rip Van Winkle. **Michael Tabor - Background:** Born October 28, 1941, in East London. Trained as hairdresser and built up Arthur Prince bookmaking chain before selling to Coral in 1995. Married to Doreen and has homes in Barbados and Monaco. Son Ashley founded Global Radio, Europe's largest commercial radio group, with backing from his father. Michael Tabor's fortune grew through currency dealing and his many business interests include shares in Victor Chandler and Ladbrokes bookmakers. Valued at £550 million in 2013 Sunday Times Rich list.

Racing interests: Joined forces with John Magnier after his Thunder Gulch won the Kentucky Derby and Belmont Stakes in 1995. Previously best known for owning jumpers such as Neville Callaghan-trained Royal Derbi. Best horses to carry his colours include Montjeu, High Chaparral, Hurricane Run, Entrepreneur, Desert King, Johannesburg, Stravinsky, Starspangledbanner, Lillie Langtry, Peeping Fawn, Misty For Me and 2007 Belmont Stakes heroine Rags To Riches. **Derrick Smith - Background:** Former Ladbrokes trading director, now based in Barbados with wife Gay. Currency trading helped him to be worth £565 million in 2013 Sunday Times Rich List. Business interests include, with his racing partners, Barchester nursing homes, pub group Mitchells & Butlers and the Sandy Lane Hotel in Barbados. **Racing interests:** In 2004, joined Coolmore as an investor and his purple silks with white seams, purple and white striped sleeves and purple cap have become a common sight atop such horses as last year's Investec Derby winner Camelot and Investec Oaks heroine Was. Others to sport his silks include Irish Derby winner Treasure Beach, 2011 Breeders' Cup Turf and dual Investec Coronation Cup victor St Nicholas Abbey, Ascot Gold Cup winner Fame And Glory, Simply Perfect, Astronomer Royal, Mastercraftsman and the 2010 Irish Derby and Irish Champion Stakes winner Cape Blanco as well Australian import So You Think. Gay Smith has owned a number of jumpers including Holywell, a winner at this year's Cheltenham Festival. **Investec Coronation Cup Wins: Sue Magnier & Diane Nagle - 2005 YEATS; Sue Magnier & Michael Tabor - 2007 SCORPION; Sue Magnier, Michael Tabor & Derrick Smith - 2008 SOLDIER OF FORTUNE; Derrick Smith, Sue Magnier & Michael Tabor - 2010 FAME AND GLORY; 2011 and 2012 ST NICHOLAS ABBEY.**

Aidan O'Brien IRE (Ballydoyle, County Tipperary)

Born: County Wexford on October 16, 1969. One of six children of Stella and Denis O'Brien. **Background:** Won Irish jump amateur riders' title in 1993/94. Worked for P J Finn, then spent three years with Jim Bolger before assisting now wife Annemarie and her father Joe Crowley. The O'Briens and Crowley have around 20 mares at Carriganog Stud in Co Kilkenny (breeding as Whisperview Trading) and have bred Rock Of Gibraltar, Kingsbarns, Beethoven, King Torus and Ishvana. The O'Briens' son Joseph rode last year's Investec Derby winner Camelot. Their other children are Sarah and Ana, who have ridden winners, and Donnacha. **Training Record:** One of Ireland's most successful all-time trainers since taking out licence at Piltown in County Kilkenny in 1993. First winner was Wandering Thoughts at Tralee on June 7, 1993. Took over from the unrelated Vincent O'Brien at John Magnier's Ballydoyle stables in County Tipperary in 1996. **Accolades:** Champion Irish jump trainer five times: 1993/94, 1994/95, 1995/96, 1996/7, 1997/98. Champion Irish Flat trainer 15 times: 1997 and from 1999 to 2012. Champion British Flat trainer four times: 2001, 2002, 2007 and 2008. Set a then world record of 23 Group/Grade One wins in 2001 (since passed). **British Classic wins (18):** Investec Derby (2001 Galileo, 2002 High Chaparral, 2012 Camelot), Investec Oaks (1998 Shahtoush, 2001 Imagine, 2006 Alexandrova, 2012 Was), QIPCO 1000 Guineas (2005 Virginia Waters, 2012 Homecoming Queen), QIPCO 2000 Guineas (1998 King Of Kings, 2002 Rock Of Gibraltar, 2005 Footstepsinthesand, 2006 George Washington, 2008 Henrythenavigator, 2012 Camelot), Ladbrokes St Leger (2001 Milan 2003 Brian Boru, 2005 Scorpion). **Other major wins include:** Investec Coronation Cup (2005 Yeats, 2007 Scorpion, 2008 Soldier Of Fortune, 2010 Fame And Glory, 2011 and 2012 St Nicholas Abbey). His **29 Irish Classic winners** include Irish Derby (1997 Desert King, 2001 Galileo, 2002 High Chaparral, 2006 Dylan Thomas, 2007 Soldier Of Fortune, 2008 Frozen Fire, 2009 Fame And Glory, 2010 Cape Blanco, 2011 Treasure Beach, 2012 Camelot). King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2001 Galileo, 2007 Dylan Thomas, 2008 Duke Of Marmalade), Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (2007 Dylan Thomas), Breeders' Cup Juvenile (2001 Johannesburg), Breeders' Cup Turf (2002 and 2003 High Chaparral, 2011 St Nicholas Abbey), Breeders' Cup Marathon (2009 Man Of Iron), Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (2011 Wrote, 2012 George Vancouver). His **37 Royal Ascot winners** include Yeats, who captured an unprecedented four Gold Cups (2006-09). **Investec Coronation Cup Record: 2003 Black Sam Bellamy (3rd); 2004 Brian Boru (5th); 2005 YEATS (WON); 2006 Ace (4th); 2007 SCORPION (WON); 2007 Septimus (2nd); 2008 SOLDIER OF FORTUNE (WON); 2008 Macarthur (3rd); 2008 Song Of Hiawatha (11th); 2009 Frozen Fire (5th); 2010 FAME AND GLORY (WON); 2009 Dixie Music (9th); 2011 ST NICHOLAS ABBEY (WON); 2012 ST NICHOLAS ABBEY (WON); 2012 Robin Hood (6th).**

Joseph O'Brien

Born: May 23, 1993. **Background:** Eldest of Aidan and Annemarie O'Brien's four children. Educated at Rockwell College near Cashel. Accomplished Pony Club rider, winning a bronze medal at the European Pony Championships in 2009. Had first ride on May 24, 2009, and first winner on May 28 on Johann Zoffany (now named Muir), trained by his father, at Leopardstown. First Pattern success came on Beethoven (bred by his parents) in Group Three Desmond Stakes in August, 2010. First Classic win came on Roderic O'Connor in 2011 Irish 2,000 Guineas. **Accolades:** Joint champion apprentice in Ireland in 2010, champion jockey in Ireland 2012. **British Classic wins (2):** Investec Derby (2012 Camelot), QIPCO 2000 Guineas (2012 Camelot). **Other major wins:** Investec Coronation Cup (2012 St Nicholas Abbey), Irish Derby (2012 Camelot), Queen Elizabeth II Stakes (2012 Excelebration), Breeders' Cup Turf (2011 St Nicholas Abbey), Prince Of Wales's Stakes (2012 So You Think), Irish 2,000 Guineas (2011 Roderic O'Connor, 2012 Power, 2013 Magician), Moyglare Stud Stakes (2011 Maybe), Tattersalls Gold Cup (2012 So You Think), Racing Post Trophy (2011 Camelot, 2012 Kingsbarns), Grand Prix de Paris (2012 Imperial Monarch), Dubai Sheema Classic (2013 St Nicholas Abbey). **Investec Coronation Cup record: 2012 ST NICHOLAS ABBEY (WON).**

JOSHUA TREE (IRE) FACTFILE

Breeding: 6 b h Montjeu (IRE) - Madeira Mist (Grand Lodge (USA))

Breeder: Castlemartin Stud and Skymarc Farm

Born: March 8, 2007

Owner: Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda & Kamel Albahou

Trainer: Ed Dunlop

Jockey: Ryan Moore

Form: 121/3510/4124232/77624421319-6

*Started career with Aidan O'Brien and won the Group Two Royal Lodge Stakes as a juvenile in 2009.

*Won the Grade One Canadian International at Woodbine in October, 2010 for O'Brien and landed the same race for new trainer Marco Botti in 2012.

* Purchased from Coolmore late in 2010 by clients of Qatari trainer Ibrahim Al Malki. Won once in Qatar, before moving to Marco Botti in Newmarket in summer of 2011 after being bought by current owners.

*Has not won a Group race in this country since his juvenile days but has excelled abroad, winning the 2012 Group Two Prix Kergorlay at Deauville as well as the Canadian International twice.

*Has since moved to Ed Dunlop following a disappointing display in the Hong Kong Vase at the end of last year and had his first start in 2013 in the Group Two Yorkshire Cup at York where he finished sixth.

Race Record: Starts: 26; Wins: 6; 2nd: 6; 3rd: 3; Win & Place Prize Money: £1,958,715

Khalid Khalifa Al Nabooda & Kamal Albahou

Khalid Kalifa Al Nabooda - Background: Born December 30, 1965. Lives in Dubai and is managing director of the Khalifa Juma Al Nabooda Group in Dubai, consisting of over a dozen companies owned by the Al Nabooda family. He first got involved in ownership in 1990, but since 1995 has been much more involved in Arabian horses rather than thoroughbreds. He owns more than 300 Arabian horses, trained by Eric Lemartinel and Gill Duffield plus two Arab studs – Al Aweer Farm and Al Bahayes Farm. **Kamal Albahou - Background:** Born October 12, 1961 and lives at Amman in Jordan. He has been involved in racing and breeding Arabian horses for 25 years under the banner "Mr Khalid." He has 75 Arab horses worldwide, split between stables in Jordan, Holland, France and Belgium. The pair own Celtic Filly, who was saddled by French handler Eoghan O'Neill to finish 13th in this year's QIPCO 1000 Guineas. **No previous Investec Coronation Cup winners**

Ed Dunlop

Born: October 20, 1968. **Background:** Educated at Eton. Father John, who retired last year, was one of most successful post-War trainers. Younger brother Harry trains in Lambourn. Forced into training prematurely in October, 1994, following tragic murder of Alex Scott, to whom he had been assistant trainer at Sheikh Maktoum Al Maktoum's Oak Stables in Newmarket. **British Classic Wins (2):** Investec Oaks (2004 Ouija Board, 2010 Snow Fairy). **Other Major Wins include:** Poule D'Essai Des Pouliches (1996 Ta Rib), Haydock Sprint Cup (1996 Iktamal), Sussex Stakes (2006 Court Masterpiece); Nassau Stakes (2006 Ouija Board); Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (2004 Ouija Board, 2006 Ouija Board)); Irish Oaks (2001 Lailani, 2004 Ouija Board, 2010 Snow Fairy); Queen Elizabeth Commemorative Cup (2010 Snow Fairy, 2011 Snow Fairy); Hong Kong Cup (2010 Snow Fairy); Irish Champion Stakes (2012 Snow Fairy); Hong Kong Vase (2012 Red Cadeaux).

Investec Coronation Cup Record: 2006 Ouija Board (2nd); 2012 Red Cadeaux (2nd).

Ryan Moore

Born: September 18, 1983. **Background:** From a family steeped in racing. His late grandfather Charlie was a trainer, Sussex-based dad Gary, a former jump jockey, is a trainer under both codes, while mum Jayne was an accomplished amateur rider, as was his aunt Candy Morris. Older brother Jamie is a jump jockey, while his sister Hayley has also ridden winners as an amateur under Rules and his youngest brother, Joshua, has followed the others into a riding career. Moore's career began over hurdles, when making a winning debut as an amateur on Mersey Beat at Towcester on May 15, 2000. First major success on the Flat came as a 5lb claimer when he captured the 2002 Cesarewitch at Newmarket on the Martin Pipe-trained Miss Fara. Appointed first rider to Sir Michael Stoute in November 2007. He has had 18 Royal Ascot winners. **Accolades:** champion apprentice in 2003 (59 winners); British champion jockey three times - 2006 (182 wins), 2008 (192), 2009 (178). **British Classic Wins (3):** Investec Oaks (2010 Snow Fairy), Investec Derby (2010 Workforce), 1000 Guineas (2012 Homecoming Queen). **Other Major Wins Include:** Investec Coronation Cup (2009 Ask, 2011 St Nicholas Abbey), Irish Oaks (2010 Snow Fairy), Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf (2011 Wrote, 2012 George Vancouver), Breeders' Cup Turf (2008 & 2009 Conduit), Coral Eclipse (2007 Notnowcato), King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes (2009 Conduit), Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (2010 Workforce). **Investec Coronation Cup Record: 2008 Papal Bull (4th); 2009 ASK (WON); 2010 South Easter (6th); 2011 ST NICHOLAS ABBEY (WON); 2012 Red Cadeaux (2nd).**