

# Burton shows Kedrah's versatility

KEDRAH House Stud in Cahir, Co Tipperary, is one of Ireland's best known sport horse stallion stations.

However, its owners Tom and Magette Meagher also keep some National Hunt mares and they are responsible for breeding Burton Port, winner of the Grade 2 Reynoldstown Chase at Ascot last Saturday. The Nicky Henderson-trained novice is likely to bypass Cheltenham in favour of Aintree.

"We're predominantly sport horse people," said Tom, "but we have never lost our interest in jump racing. Tommy Wade advised me to buy Burton Port's dam [Despute] and we sent her to Bob Back. She produced two full-sisters before Burton Port was born and I sold him privately to the late Tom Costello. That deal was done over a meal in the Cashel Palace Hotel and about 10 cheques were ripped up in the process!"

From the Costello academy in Newmarket-on-Fergus, Burton Port found his way to the Co Antrim stables of Colin McKeever, who trains point-

to-pointers for owner Wilson Dennison. On his fourth start between the flags, Burton Port won at Summerhill and was later sold privately to owner Trevor Hemmings, who moved the horse to Nicky Henderson in Lambourn.

"Colin McKeever really liked the horse and came back to me the following year for more," said Tom. McKeever's Kedrah House purchases included Chosen Native, a son of Kedrah's thoroughbred stallion Well Chosen and a half-brother to Burton Port. The gelding won at Loughbrickland last March and has run well on all three of his starts so far this season for Henrietta Knight.

"We have a nice yearling half-brother to Burton Port, again by Well Chosen, and we will probably sell him at the sales this autumn," said Tom, who is planning a trip to Aintree to see Burton Port in action in April.

Standing alongside Well Chosen at Kedrah House Stud are the sport horse stallions Ricardo Z, Lux Z, Cassino and Yeats (by Cruising).



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## Burton Port (IRE) (Bay Gelding 2004)

Hail To Reason  
Roberto (USA)  
Sire:-Bob Back (USA)(Brown 1981)  
Toter Back (USA)  
Romantic Miss  
Our Native (USA)  
Be My Native (USA)  
Witchy Woman (USA)  
Dam:-Despute (IRE) (Bay 1995)  
High Line  
Line of Reason  
Kofiyah

**BURTON PORT (IRE)**, won 1 N.H. Flat race (17f.) at 4 years and £1,691; also won 1 race over hurdles (17f.) at 5 years, 2009 and £33,212 and placed 5 times including second in Timeform Betfair Handicap Hurdle, Haydock Park, **L.** and won 4 races over fences (20f. - 24f.) at 5 and 6 years, 2010 and £47,746 including Reynoldstown Novices' Steeplechase, Ascot, **Gr.2** and December Novices' Steeplechase, Lingfield Park, **Gr.2**, all his starts; also won 1 point-to-point at 4 years and placed once.

### 1st Dam

DESPUTE (IRE), unraced; dam of 1 winner:

**BURTON PORT (IRE)**, see above.

Chosen Native (IRE) (2005 g. by Well Chosen (GB)), placed twice over hurdles at 5 years, 2010, from only 3 starts; also won 1 point-to-point at 4 years, 2009 and placed once.

Soi (IRE) (2002 f. by Bob Back (USA)), placed once in a N.H. Flat race at 5 years.

She also has a 3-y-o filly and a yearling colt, both by Well Chosen (GB).

### 2nd Dam

LINE OF REASON, ran a few times on the flat at 3 years; dam of 3 winners including:

NATIVE HIGH LINE, won 5 races on the flat at 3 and 4 years and placed 4 times; dam of winners.

**DELGANY ROSE (IRE)**, 3 races over hurdles at 5 and 6 years and £44,341 including INH Stallion Owners EBF Novice Handicap Hurdle, Fairyhouse, **Gr.2**.

MASONS AVENUE, won 1 race over hurdles at 4 years and placed once; also won 2 races on the flat at 3 years and placed 7 times.

### 3rd Dam

**Kofiyah**, won 2 races on the flat at 3 and 4 years and placed 4 times including second in St James' Fillies Stakes, Sandown Park; Own sister to **FRENCH PLEA**; dam of 5 winners including:

**Corridonia** (f. by Royal Record II), won 3 races on the flat in Italy at 2 and 3 years, placed 21 times including third in Premio d'Importazione, Milan, **L.**

PRINCESS KOFIYAH, won 1 race at 3 years, placed 3 times; also placed once over hurdles at 4 years; dam of winners.

**BLAZING WALKER**, 5 races over hurdles at 4 and 5 years and 12 races over fences at 4 to 10 years including Melling Steeplechase, Liverpool, **Gr.1**, H & T Walker Gold Cup Handicap Chase, Ascot, **Gr.2**, Dipper Novices' Chase, Newcastle, **Gr.2** and Marston Moor Handicap Chase, Wetherby, **L.**, placed 16 times including second in Champagne Mumm Novices' Hurdle, Liverpool, **Gr.2** and third in Marston Moor Handicap Chase, Wetherby, **L.** (twice).

The next dam DJELLABA III, won 1 race on the flat at 2 years; dam of 10 winners including:

**FRENCH PLEA**, won 5 races including Alington Stakes, Sandown Park and Champion Handicap Sprint, Redcar, placed second in Nunthorpe Stakes, York.

**CHECKENDON**, won 3 races including Berkshire Stakes, Newbury; dam of winners.

KING'S MATE, 1 race and placed 3 times; dam of **Frankly Yours**, 11 races at home and in U.S.A., placed third in Whitehall Stakes, Phoenix Park, **Gr.3**.

Check Royale (FR), unraced; dam of **PRINCE LORENZO (FR)**, 3 races in France including Grand Prix de Compiègne, Compiègne, **L.**, placed third in Prix Saint-Roman, Longchamp, **Gr.3** and fourth in Prix du Lys, Chantilly, **Gr.3**.

**Kofiyah**, see above.

NADJINA, won 1 race and placed 5 times; dam of winners.

**Prince of Daroun**, 4 races at home and in France, placed third in Prix Major Fridolin, Longchamp; also 1 race over hurdles.

MELKA, 1 race; dam of **KOSHEAR**, 2 races on the flat; also 2 races over hurdles including Dunshaughlin Handicap Hurdle, Fairyhouse, **Gr.2**, placed second in Dawn Light Butter Ltd Ext. Handicap Hurdle, Listowel, **Gr.2**, **CLUSHEEN**, 2 races; also 2 N.H. Flat races; also 4 races over hurdles including Purcell Rossmore Hurdle, Naas, **L.**, placed second in Purcell Exports Hurdle, Thurles, **Gr.2**, **Oakler (IRE)**, 1 N.H. Flat race; also 1 race over hurdles and 3 races over fences, placed second in Guinness Kerry National Handicap Chase, Listowel, **Gr.2**, **Dyflin**, 4 races on the flat; also 1 race over hurdles and 1 race over fences, placed third in Jack Duggan Mem. EBF Ext. Handicap Hurdle, Gowran Park, **L.**

Blajina, ran twice on the flat; dam of **SO FAR BOLD (IRE)**, 2 races over fences in France including Prix Montgomery Handicap Steeplechase, Auteuil, **L.** and Prix Saint-Sauveur Handicap Steeplechase, Auteuil, **L.**, **Ballyhire Lad (IRE)**, 1 N.H. Flat race; also 5 races over hurdles and 2 races over fences, placed second in Brown Thomas Festival Novice Hurdle, Fairyhouse, **Gr.3**.