



**Turf Female**

Sadler's Wells—Hellenic, by Darshaan

**ECLIPSE VOTING**

Horse	First-place Votes
Islington	90
Heat Haze	74
Six Perfections	66
Others	18

# Islington

BY LESLIE DECKARD

**A**fter dominating the 3-year-old female division in Europe in 2002, and challenging the best that continent had to offer in 2003—both male and female—Islington shipped to the United States for a return engagement in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (gr. IT) where she registered a neck victory over fellow Irish-bred L'Anresse. That one win, along with topping the final poll of the Filly & Mare Turf World Thoroughbred Rankings at 120 pounds, was enough to secure the daughter of Sadler's Wells an Eclipse Award as the top turf female of 2003.

Islington ended her 2002 European campaign as the highweighted filly in England and in her lone North American start the same year she came within 1 3/4 lengths of the winner, Starine, in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf. Prior to coming to the U.S., she challenged

the males in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe-Lucien Barriere (Fr-I). Islington finished a respectable fifth in the Arc.

With 2002 in the record books, she began a European assault in late spring after suffering minor problems with her feet. Her first two starts were against males. She finished third, 3 1/2 lengths behind Nayef, in the Prince of Wales's Stakes (Eng-I) at Ascot and was sixth in the Coral Eclipse Stakes (Eng-I) before returning to competition against her own sex.

Her trainer, Michael Stoute, told *The Blood-Horse* following her Breeders' Cup win that he mistakenly thought she had exited the Ascot race in fine condition, and called her start in the Eclipse a mistake.

Her return to female competition pitted her against a talented field of eight runners in the Aston Upton Yorkshire Oaks (Eng-I) at Yorkshire. Islington's reputation, rather than her earlier season form, ensured her odds-on status for the race that she also captured in 2002. In true champion fashion, Islington took back-to-back runnings of the Yorkshire Oaks, registering a length win over Ocean Silk in 2003.

Fresh off an outstanding win in the Yorkshire Oaks, Islington again challenged males in the Ireland The Food Island Champion Stakes (Ire-I) where she finished third in a blanket finish behind High Chaparral and Falbrav. High Chaparral went on to dead-heat with Johar in the John Deere Breeders' Cup Turf (gr. IT) and win the Eclipse Award in the turf male category. Falbrav finished third in the Breeders' Cup Turf and capped his stellar racing career with a two-length win in the Hong Kong Cup (HK-I).

In the Filly & Mare Turf, Islington, sent off as the 5-2 favorite, completed the 1 1/4-mile distance in a race record time of 1:59.13. Another Irish-bred, Yesterday, was 2 1/2 lengths back in third.

**Both turf Eclipse Award winners, Islington and High Chaparral, are by Sadler's Wells**



TREVOR JONES

**2003: 6 2 0 2 \$955,142**

**Islington (Ire)**

Own: Executors Of The Late Lord Weinstock

B. f. 4 (Feb)  
 Sire: Sadler's Wells (Northern Dancer)  
 Dam: Hellenic (Darshaan\*GB)  
 Br: Ballymacoll Stud Farm Ltd (Ire)  
 Tr: Stoute Sir Michael R(0 0 0 0.00) 2003:(2 1 .50)

30Nov03♦Tokyo (Jpn)	yl	*1 1/2	Ⓞ LH 2:28 <sup>3</sup>	3+	Japan Cup-G1	91 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Fallon K	121	18.90	Tap Dance City126 <sup>9</sup>	That's The Plenty121 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Symboli Kris S126 <sup>nd</sup>	18
<b>Timeform rating:</b>	102				Stk 440400								Tracked in 4th, weakened over 1f out, Denon 8th, Johar 16th
25Oct03—6SA fm 1 1/4	Ⓞ	:46 <sup>3</sup>	1:10 <sup>2</sup>	1:35 <sup>1</sup>	1:59 3+	Ⓞ BCF&MTrf-G1	109 4 5 <sup>8</sup>	6 <sup>11</sup>	6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>nk</sup>	Fallon K	LB123
<b>Timeform rating:</b>	124+				Stk 1110000								*2.90 98—04 Islington123 <sup>nk</sup> L'Anresse118 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Yesterday118 <sup>no</sup> Pulled, bid, led, gamely 12
6Sep03♦Leopardstown (Ire)	gd	1 1/4	Ⓞ LH 2:03 <sup>1</sup>	3+	Irish Champion Stakes-G1								7
<b>Timeform rating:</b>	124+				Stk 1110000								High Chaparral130 <sup>nk</sup> Falbrav130 <sup>nd</sup> Islington127 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
20Aug03♦York (GB)	gf	1 1/2	Ⓞ LH 2:27 <sup>2</sup>	3+	Yorkshire Oaks-G1	11	Fallon K	130	*.70	Islington130 <sup>1</sup>	Ocean Silk120 <sup>3</sup>	Summitville120 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	8
<b>Timeform rating:</b>	120				Stk 398000								Rated at rear, pushed along after 4f, gaining late. Alamshar 4th
5Jly03♦Sandown Park (GB)	gd	1 1/4	Ⓞ RH 2:05 <sup>2</sup>	3+	Eclipse Stakes-G1	62 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Fallon K	130	4.50	Falbrav133 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Nayef133 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Kaiteur133 <sup>no</sup>	15
<b>Timeform rating:</b>	118				Stk 610000								Mid-pack on rail, 3rd 1-1/2f out, faded late. Grandera 8th
18Jun03♦Ascot (GB)	gd	1 1/4	Ⓞ RH 2:05 <sup>1</sup>	4+	Prince of Wales's Stakes-G1	3 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Fallon K	123	7.00	Nayef126 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	Rakti126 <sup>1</sup>	Islington123 <sup>1</sup>	10
<b>Timeform rating:</b>	118				Stk 587000								Trckd ldrs, angled out 1f out, drftd lft, held by first two. Falbrav 5t

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BARBARA D. LIVINGSTON


Islington begins her new career as a broodmare in 2004

Islington races as a homebred for the Executors of the Estate of the late Lord Arnold Weinstock, who bred the filly under the Ballymacoll Stud Farm banner. The 300-acre Ballymacoll is located in County Meath, Ireland, and is home to 35 broodmares. Weinstock died at age 77 in July 2002.

Islington, who was retired to broodmare duties at her

1979 Trillion (age 5)	1988 Miesque (4)	1997 Ryafan (3)
1980 Just a Game II (4)	1989 Brown Bess (7)	1998 Fiji (4)
1981 De La Rose (3)	1990 Laugh and Be Merry (5)	1999 Soaring Softy (4)
1982 April Run (4)	1991 Miss Alleged (4)	2000 Perfect Sting (4)
1983 All Along (4)	1992 Flawlessly (4)	2001 Banks Hill (3)
1984 Royal Heroine (4)	1993 Flawlessly (5)	2002 Golden Apples (4)
1985 Pebbles (4)	1994 HatooF (5)	2003 Islington (4)
1986 Estrapade (6)	1995 Possibly Perfect (5)	
1987 Miesque (3)	1996 Wandesta (5)	

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owners' Ballymacoll Stud following a disappointing ninth-place effort in the Japan Cup (Jpn-I), will be bred to Rainbow Quest. She exited the track with a career record of 6-0-4 from 15 starts and earnings of \$1,553,043. The majority of her bankroll was earned in 2003, when she posted a record of 2-0-2 from six starts and earned \$955,142. 

**FAMILY NOTES**

SADLER'S WELLS, b, 1981	Northern Dancer, 1961 18s, SW, \$580,647 635 f, 146 SW, 5.10 AEI	Nearctic, 1954 47s, SW, \$152,384 335 f, 49 SW, 2.70 AEI	Nearco Lady Angela
	Fairy Bridge, 1975 2s, wnr, \$4,948 9 f, 7 r, 6 w, 4 SW	Natalma, 1957 7s, wnr, \$16,015 14 f, 12 r, 10 w, 4 SW	Native Dancer Almahmoud
	ISLINGTON (Ire), b f, February 12, 1999	Bold Reason, 1968 17s, SW, \$304,082 334 f, 21 SW, 1.60 AEI	Hail to Reason Lalun
	Darshaan, 1981 8s, SW, \$226,979 779 f, 85 SW, 2.19 AEI	Special, 1969 1s, unpl, \$0 9 f, 6 r, 6 w, 3 SW	Forli Thong
HELLENIC, b, 1987	Grecian Sea, 1978 8s, wnr, \$21,508 14 f, 13 r, 9 w, 1 SW	Shirley Heights, 1975 11s, SW, \$378,586 692 f, 64 SW, 2.08 AEI	Mill Reef Hardiemma
		Delsy, 1972 6s, wnr, \$18,330 15 f, 13 r, 12 w, 5 SW	Abdos Kelty
		Homeric, 1968 16s, SW, \$166,161 83 f, 5 SW, 0.89 AEI	Ragusa Darlene
		Sea Venture, 1973 8s, wnr, \$2,108 15 f, 15 r, 9 w, 1 SW	Diatome Knighton House

**ISLINGTON'S RACE AND (STAKES) RECORD**

Year	Age	Sts	1st	2nd	3rd	Earned
2001	at 2 in Eng	2	0	0	1(1)	\$3,585
2002	at 3 in Fr, Eng, NA	7	4(3)	0	1(1)	\$594,316
2003	at 4 in Eng, Ire, NA, Jpn	6	2(2)	0	2(2)	\$955,142
Lifetime		15	6(5)	0	4(4)	\$1,553,043

**Sire: SADLER'S WELLS**, b, 1981. Raced 2 yrs in Eng, Fr, and Ire, 11 sts, 6 wins, \$713,690. Champion 3yo colt in Fr. Won Airlie Coolmore Irish Two Thousand Guineas (Ire-I), Coral-Eclipse S (Eng-I), Phoenix Champion S (Ire-I), Panasonic Beresford S (Ire-II), Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial S (Ire-II); 2nd Prix du Jockey-Club (Fr-I), King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond S (Eng-I), Gladness S.  
**Lifetime:** 16 crops, 1,486 foals, 1,147 rnrs (77%), 762 wnrs (51%), 182 2yo wnrs (12%), 229 sw (15%), 3.78 AEI, 3.51 Cl.

**1st dam: HELLENIC**, b, 1987. Bred by Ballymacoll Stud Farm (Ire.). Raced 2 yrs in Eng and Fr, 6 sts, 3 wins, \$322,620. Won Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks (Eng-I), Ribblesdale S (Eng-II); 2nd St. Leger (Eng-I). Dam of 8 named foals, 5 rnrs, 4 wnrs, 3 sw.

**1992: ELECTION DAY**, b c, by Sadler's Wells. Raced 3 yrs in Eng, 12 sts, 2 wins, \$88,927. Won Quantel Aston Park S; 2nd Ormonde S (Eng-III); 3rd Gold Cup S (Eng-I), Insulpak Sagaro S (Eng-III). Sire in Col.

**1993: Barren.**  
**1994: Desert Beauty**, b f, by Green Desert. Raced 2 yrs in Eng, 7 sts, 2 wins, \$30,456. 3rd Ben Marshall S.

**1995: GREEK DANCE**, b c, by Sadler's Wells. Raced 4 yrs in Eng, Fr, Ger, HK, and Ire, 17 sts, 4 wins, \$887,705. Champion older male in Ger. Won Grosser Dallmayr-Preis (Ger-I), Petros Rose of Lancaster S (Eng-III); 2nd Esat Digifone Irish Champion S (Ire-I), Juddmonte International S (Eng-I), Prix Ganay (Fr-I), Tattersalls Gold Cup (Ire-I), Hong Kong Cup (HK-I).

**1996: Greek Academy**, b c, by Royal Academy. Unraced.

**1997: Welsh Star**, ch c, by Caerleon. Unraced.

**1999: ISLINGTON (Ire)**, b f, by Sadler's Wells.

**At 2:** 3rd South Eastern Electrical Oh So Sharp S.

**At 3:** Champion 3yo filly in Eng. Won Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks (Eng-I), Vodafone Nassau S (Eng-I), Tattersalls Musidora S (Eng-III); 3rd Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (gr. IT).

**At 4:** Won Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf (gr. IT), Aston Upthorpe Yorkshire Oaks (Eng-I); 3rd Ireland the Food Island Champion S (Ire-I), Prince of Wales's S (Eng-I).

**2000: Olympienne**, b f, by Sadler's Wells. Unraced.

**2001: New Morning**, b f, by Sadler's Wells. Raced 1 yr in Eng, 1 st, 0 wins, \$568.

**2002:** B c, by Danehill.

**2003:** B c, by Sadler's Wells.

**Broodmare sire: DARSHAAN**, br, 1981-2001. Sire of 218 dams of 851 foals, 585 rnrs (69%), 352 wnrs (41%), 131 2yo wnrs (15%), 2.46 AEI, 1.59 Cl; 64 sw.

**2nd dam: Grecian Sea**, ch, 1978. Bred by Ballymacoll Stud Farm (Fr.). Raced 2 yrs in Eng and Fr, 8 sts, 1 win, \$21,508. Dam of **Greek Palace** (c, Royal Academy; \$89,766, 2nd Ministry of Justice Cup; 3rd Saudi Seaport Authority Cup, in KSA), **Golden Wave** (c, Glint of Gold; \$46,448, 2nd Glen International Solario S, Eng-III, Lanson Champagne Vintage S, Eng-III), **Celtic River** (f, Caerleon; \$44,839, 3rd Prix du Pin, in Fr; producer), **New Trojan** (c, Troy; \$36,642, 2nd King Edward VII Stakes, Eng-II). Granddam of **SIEGE, Tromond**.