

# Soft Falling Rain

bay, 2009 • height 16.1hh

## RACE RECORD

7 wins, 1000-1600m, in South Africa, Dubai and UK, for earnings of £711k

**Equus Champion 2yo Colt** (unbeaten in 4 starts)

**Timeform 129** – “strong colt, stays a mile well, acts on good to firm ground” and “...on Timeform’s reading of the formbook, *Soft Falling Rain* produced the best winning performance in the twenty-six-year history of the Joel...”

- at 2 **WON Gr1 SA Nursery** (1000m)
- WON Storm Bird S.-(L)** (1000m)
- at 3 **WON Gr2 Godolphin Mile** (1600m)
- WON Gr3 UAE 2000 Guineas** (1600m)
- at 4 **WON Gr2 Joel S.** (1600m)
- 2nd **Gr2 Hungerford S.** (1400m)
- 2nd **Gr2 Godolphin Mile** (1600m)

## SIRE LINE

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY** – did not race. Sire of Gr1 winners of both sexes. Sire of Champions. Sire of sires.

Notable progeny incl **Soft Falling Rain** (09c - Giants Causeway, Seattle Slew) – *Champion 2yo*; **National Emblem** (91c - Welsh Harmony, Dramatic) – *Champion Older Horse*; sire of Gr1 winners; sire of sires; **National Currency** (99c - Spend A Buck, Jungle Cove) – *Champion Sprinter*; **National Colour** (02f - Mr Eats, Marazion) – *Champion Sprint Filly, Horse of the Year*; **Enchantress** (98f - Jungle Cove, Great White Way) – *Champion Sprint Filly*; **Forward Filly** (97f - Home Guard, Jungle Cove) – *Champion 2yo Filly*; **Historic Lady** (94f - Golden Thatch, Royal Affair) – *Champion 2yo Filly*; **Big Brass** (95c - Jamaican Music, Sea Cottage); **Flight Alert** (98c - Bush Telegraph, Mexico); **Grand Emporium** (00c - Raise a Man, Jamaica); **Duchess Daba** (99f - Politician, Persian Wonder) & full brother **Chief Editor** (94c); **Trust Antonia** (03f - Averof, Lords); **Bold Thatch** (91c - Golden Thatch, Regent Street); **Grand Format** (96c - High Frequency, Sweet Song); **Ndabeni** (02c - Jamaica, Peaceable Kingdom); **Secretary General** (91c - Hotfoot, Constable); **War Lord** (99c - Eliodor, Trocadero); **Mocha Java** (02f - Fort Wood, Super Concorde); **State Factor** (04f - Russian Fox, Royal Affair); **Announce** (97c - Roberto, Buckpasser) & full brother **Sarge** (99c) – both sires; **Earl Of Derby** (10c - Miswaki, Known Fact); **Sovereign Circle** (03c - Northern Guest, Averof); **Poly Nation** (01c - Golden Thatch, Royal Prerogative); **National Flame** (00c - All Fired Up, Mecca Road); etc.

**KIN-BREEDING:** National Assembly is kin-bred 2x2 Northern Dancer x Bold Princess; his pedigree makes him very close kin to Danehill

**Danzig-line sires in South Africa:** Alado, Bezrin (**Danzig**); Duke of Marmalade, Oratorio (**Danehill**); Moofeed (**Duke of Marmalade**); Rafeef, Redoute’s Promise, Time Thief, Wylie Hall (**Redoute’s Choice**); Seventh Rock (**Rock Of Gibraltar**); Great Britain (**Green Desert**); Main Aim, Querari (**Oasis Dream**); Quasillo (**Sea The Stars**); Announce, Sarge, Soft Falling Rain (**National Assembly**)

## PEDIGREE

Soft Falling Rain’s 4th dam Quilloply is ancestress of the Canadian family of US Champion sire Smart Strike, champions Dance Smartly (**Danzig**), Sky Classic (Nijinsky; sire), Regal Classic (Vice Regent; sire). The family is represented in South Africa through Gr1 producing sires Strike Smartly (full brother to Smart Strike, by Mr P) and Sail From Seattle (Gone West), and Gr1 winner (and sire) Jackson. Jackson is by Fort Wood stallion Dynasty, while Strike Smartly has stakes winners from mares by Fort Wood (notable SA Derby winner Bouquet-Garni).

Soft Falling Rain’s sire National Assembly is out of a mare by Buckpasser, a noted influence also

## SOFT FALLING RAIN STUD ANALYSIS

**Colts:** SSI 0.97 (stamina 0m) 0% SW; 0% BType; **Fillies:** SSI 2.32 (stamina 0m) 0% SW; 17% BType.

First season at stud in 2015.

colt					filly																				
born	foals	rnr	wnr	w/r%	SW	SW/r%	BT	BT/r%	wins	SSI	AR	stamina	born	foals	rnr	wnr	w/r%	SW	SW/r%	BT	BT/r%	wins	SSI	AR	stamina
'16	35	9	1	11%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0.97	71	0m	'16	35	6	3	50%	0	0%	1	17%	3	2.32	85	0m

National Assembly (CAN)1984	Danzig 1977	NORTHERN DANCER	Nearctic - Nearco
			Natalma - Native Dancer
	Renounce 1973	Pas De Nom	Admiral’s Voyage - Crafty Admiral
		Buckpasser	Petitioner - Petition
Gardener’s Delight (USA) 2003	Giant’s Causeway 1997	Bold Princess	Tom Fool - Menow
		Storm Cat	Busanda - War Admiral
	Highbury 1997	Storm Cat	Bold Ruler - Nasrullah
		Mariah’s Storm	Grey Flight - Mahmoud
	Seattle Slew	Storm Bird - NORTHERN DANCER	
		Quillummo	Terlingua - Secretariat
			Rahy - Blushing Groom
			Immense - Roberto
			Bold Reasoning - Boldnesian
			My Charmer - Poker
			Gummo - Fleet Nasrullah
			Quilloply - Princequillo

in Danehill, Al Mufti, Northern Guest, and in Soft Falling Rain’s second damsire Seattle Slew, etc.

National Assembly has shown an apparent affinity with Jungle Cove (Bold Ruler)

**SUITABLE LINES** for Soft Falling Rain could include descendants of his own female line (in the SA context Strike Smartly, Sail From Seattle, Surging River); Fort Wood (Dynasty, etc); Mr Prospector (notably Gone West and sons Sail From Seattle & Western Winter, the latter out of mare by Vice Regent); Nijinsky (notably Dancing Champ, Lecture, Parade Leader); Buckpasser, notably through Seattle Slew (and half brother Argosy), Lassie Dear (notably Al Mufti (Captain Al, Victory Moon), Tiger Ridge, Wolfhound, AP Indy, etc), Northern Guest, Danehill, etc; Danzig (notably Joshua Dancer, Camden Park); Jungle Cove and other Bold Ruler (Home Guard, etc.); etc.

## SALES ANALYSIS

BORN	colt	avg	sold	SI	filly	avg	sold	SI
'16	318,667	30	1.15	325,000	22	1.28		
'17	345,208	24	1.13	208,500	10	1.29		

## NOTABLE PROGENY (\*SW)

Gin Fizz (16f - Dansii, Reprimand) -2nd Gr3 Pretty Polly S.; Ruffian S. (L)

## FEMALE LINE

### 1st dam

Gardener’s Delight (03f, Giant’s Causeway): won, 1800m; dam of **SOFT FALLING RAIN** (09c, National Assembly): - subject stallion  
My Nephew Eric (10c, Sail From Seattle): won, 1400m at 2 (only SA start; HK renamed Five Up High) 3 wins, 1200-1400m  
Rose Garden (08f, Spectrum): 2 wins, 1600m (MR 81)  
**Splendid Garden** (11c, Black Minnaloushe): 6 wins, 1000-1200m; 2nd Gr3 Tommy Hotspur H.; 3rd Gr2 Senor Santa S. (MR 104)  
**LET IT RAIN** (12c, Dynasty): 7 wins, 1700-3200m; Gr2 Cape Stayers, Gr3 Gold Bowl, Java Hcp-(L); 2nd Gr3 Caradoc Gold Cup Gr3 KZN Derby, Gr3 Gold Cup (MR 106)

### 2nd dam

Highbury (97f, Seattle Slew): 2 wins, 2000-2100m in France; dam of Gardener’s Delight (03f, Giant’s Causeway): won - see above  
Ragheed (04c, Rahy): 5 wins, 1400-1600m in UK and Dubai (TFR 115)  
Highbridge (02f, Thunder Gulch): did not race; dam of **PARTNERS STAR** (06f, City Zip): 3 wins in USA, Debutante S. (7f at 2)

**Big Stone Bridge** (10f, Tale Of The Cat): 4 wins, 1600-2400m, Russian 1000 Guineas & Oaks

Donya (08f, Anabaa): 2 wins in USA  
Stresskiller (07f, Bernstein): won in USA

### 3rd dam

Quilloply (81f, Gummo): won at 2 in USA; dam of Eidercrown (91f, Regal Classic): 4 wins, 1400-1700m in N-A; dam of **CLEAN SWEEP** (01c, End Sweep): 4 wins, to 1600m in NZ, Gr1 2000 Guineas, Gr3 Lion Red P.

**GAL IN A RUCKUS** (92f, Bold Ruckus): 5 wins, 1300-1800m in N-A, G1 Kentucky Oaks, G1 Canadian Oaks; 2nd G2 Monmouth Oaks; dam of

Her Own Terms (99f, Storm Cat): did not win; dam of **STORMIN MONARCHO** (10c, Monarchos): 9 wins, 1200-1800m in USA, multiple SW; 3rd G3 Arlington Washington Futurity

Highbury (97f, Seattle Slew): 2 wins - see above  
If Dubai (02f, Stephen Got Even): did not win; dam of

**HOLY WARRIOR** (10c, Holy Roman Emperor): 2 wins, 1400-2000m in UK/France, Prix Policeman-(L) (TFR 99)

Miss Sobriety (89f, Temperance Hill): did not race; dam of

**HABIBTI** (99f, Tabasco Cat): 3 wins at 2 in USA, G1 Hollywood Starlet S., G1 Del Mar Debutante S.; 2nd G1 Santa Anita Oaks, G1 Las Virgenes S.; 3rd G1 Kentucky Oaks (TFR 121); dam of **ELDAAFER** (05c, AP Indy): 13 wins in USA, G2 Brooklyn Hcp, G3 Breeder’s Cup Marathon, G3 Greenwood Cup (TFR 109)

Elkaayed (10c, Distorted Humor): 2 wins, 2000m in UK (TFR 113)

**MUHAAWARA** (07f, Unbridled’s Song): 3 wins, Sky Beauty S.; dam of **SHAGAF** (13c, Bernardini): 3 wins, G3 Gotham S.

**PIRATE’S QUILL** (86c, Pirates Bounty): 3 wins, 1200-1600m in USA, Surrey S.-(L); 2nd Fantasy S.-(L); 3rd Lassie S.-(L)

**4th dam**  
Quilloply (58f, Princequillo): 3 wins in USA; dam of Classy Quillo (69f, Outing Class): 2 wins; dam of No Class (74f, Nodouble): 3 wins, multiple SP; dam of **CLASSY ‘n SMART** (81f, Smarten) - **Champion 3yo Filly** in Canada; dam of **DANCE SMARTLY** (88f, Danzig) - **Champion 2yo Filly** in Canada,



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