

The phrase “the complete package” could have been coined with Gleneagles in mind. He has everything anyone could wish for in a young stallion – pedigree, performance, precocious speed and a sound constitution. He also has enough stouter elements in his pedigree to suggest he will have no problem siring middle-distance performers.

His pedigree could hardly be bettered. His sire Galileo has secured his ninth sires’ championship in ten years, proving as dominant as his own sire, the 14-times champion Sadler’s Wells. And Gleneagles’ dam You’re so thrilling is a Gr.2-winning sister to Giant’s Causeway, North America’s champion sire in 2009, 2010 and 2012. You’re so thrilling is now proving herself the outstanding broodmare of her generation.

Gleneagles was precocious enough to gain his first success in the June of his first season and he progressed so well that his winning sequence would have stretched to eight, but for the intervention of the Longchamp stewards after the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere. Although he lost that Gr.1 victory, he still has four others, including the 2,000 Guineas, Irish 2,000 Guineas and the St James’s Palace Stakes. With a record like that, he qualifies as one of Galileo’s fastest sons. You’re so thrilling’s first five foals – all by Galileo – have all won or placed at Gr.1 level, with Gleneagles, Marvellous and the two-year-old Happily collectively gaining seven Gr.1 victories. Happily may follow in Gleneagles and Marvellous’ classic-winning footsteps, as she defeated the colts in the Gr.1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere.

Another of Gleneagles’ virtues is that he is free of the **DANZIG** blood which has been the bedrock of much of Galileo’s success. As Giant’s Causeway sired Gr.1 winners in Britain and Australia from daughters of **DANEHILL**, there’s good reason for thinking that Gleneagles will shine with them. He creates 4x5x4 to Northern Dancer and 5x5x5 to Natalma. There is also every chance that Gleneagles will sire top 2yos and milers from daughters of **DANEHILL DANCER** (who is doing so well with Galileo), **ROCK OF GIBRALTAR**, **HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR**, **FASTNET ROCK**, **DANSILI**, **EXCEED AND EXCEL**, **KODIAC**, **MOZART**, **DYLAN THOMAS** and **DUKE OF MARMALADE**. He should also shine with mares by **CHOISIR**, as Galileo sired the outstanding Winter from one. Mares by champion two-year-old **MASTERCRAFTSMAN**, another son of Danehill Dancer, could also suit.

The **GREEN DESERT** branch also has plenty to offer, especially as Galileo has sired an Oaks winner from a **GREEN DESERT** mare and the dual Derby winner Australia from a daughter of **CAPE CROSS**. Mares by **INVINCIBLE SPIRIT** and **OASIS DREAM** should reinforce Gleneagles’ 2yo ability.

The **CHIEF’S CROWN** branch of the **DANZIG** male line could supply some stamina. Teofilo, another son of Galileo, sired the Irish St Leger winner Voleuse de Coeurs and the Irish Derby winner Trading Leather from mares by **GRAND LODGE** and his son **SINNDAR**.

A growing number of Galileo’s stallion sons have important winners closely inbred to **SADLER’S WELLS**. Nathaniel’s brilliant daughter Enable is inbred 3x2; Teofilo’s Dewhurst winner Parish Hall is 3x3; and Frankel’s Derby fourth Eminent is also 3x3. Mares by **MONTJEU**, **HIGH CHAPARRAL** and **REFUSE TO BEND** are possibilities.

Galileo has also had excellent results with the **NUREYEV** line, including siring seven Group winners headed by Gr.1 winners Rhododendron, Hydrangea and The United States from only 29 foals out of **PIVOTAL** mares. New Approach, another son of Galileo, sired the Oaks winner Talent from a **PEINTRE CELEBRE** mare. Galileo also has Gr.1 winners out of daughters of **THEATRICAL** and **STRAVINSKY**.

Breeders hoping to produce high-class middle-distance winners by Gleneagles should consider the **MILL REEF** line. Galileo has sired Gr.1 winners from three generations of descendants from Mill Reef, including ten Group winners from **DARSHAAN** mares. Galileo also has 23% stakes winners with Darshaan’s son **MARK OF ESTEEM**, including the Irish Derby winner Treasure Beach. **DALAKHANI** sired the dam of Galileo’s smart son U.S. Army Ranger.

Galileo has a Gr.1 winner from a **BLUSHING GROOM** mare, while **RAINBOW QUEST** sired the second dam of Frankel and Noble Mission. Galileo’s sons have already made their mark with this line, with New Approach’s Oaks winner Talent also having a second dam by **RAINBOW QUEST**. While Gleneagles has Rahy in his third generation, this doesn’t rule out more **BLUSHING GROOM** blood.

Gleneagles’ speed could be reinforced by mares with **AHONOORA** blood. Galileo’s classic winners New Approach and Was respectively have a dam and a second dam by this top sprinter. Galileo also has three Group winners, including a classic winner, from mares by **INDIAN RIDGE**, and he sired the Gr.1 winner Curvy from an **INCHINOR** mare. Also, the Gr.1 winners Maybe, Rhododendron and Photo Call are among the seven Group winners with a second dam by **INDIAN RIDGE**. **ACCLAMATION** is out of an **AHONOORA** mare and his daughters have produced Group winners to two other sons of Galileo.

Galileo’s high-class daughters Ballydoyle, Misty For Me and Tapestry are out of mares with **MR PROSPECTOR** as their broodmare sire. Gleneagles is crying out for more **MR PROSPECTOR** blood, especially as his own line to Mr Prospector will be back in the fifth generation of his foals. Other stallions with dams by Storm Cat have sired Gr.1 winners from daughters of **SEEKING THE GOLD**, **CARSON CITY**, **LEMON DROP KID**, **UNBRIDLED** and **UNBRIDLED’S SONG**. Galileo’s Derby winner Ruler Of The World and his top-class son Ulysses have dams by **KINGMAMBO**, his Breeders’ Cup Turf winner Red Rocks is out of a **MACHIAVELLIAN** mare and his Irish St Leger winner Order of St George has a dam by **GONE WEST**. Other sons of Galileo have Group winners with dams by **KINGMAMBO**, **MACHIAVELLIAN**, **WOODMAN**, **DUBAI DESTINATION**, **VETTORI**, **OBSERVATORY**, **ZAFONIC**, **THUNDER GULCH** and **DUBAWI**.

The **SHARPEN UP** line has produced a classic winner to Galileo and Teofilo has three stakes winners out of **DIESIS** mares.

Gleneagles has **ROBERTO** in his fourth generation, so there is again plenty of scope for a second line of this stallion whose descendants have done so well with Galileo. Galileo sired the King George and Eclipse winner Nathaniel, the Irish Oaks heroine Great Heavens and the Gr.1 winner Seville from daughters of **SILVER HAWK** and the Arc-winning Found from a mare by **INTIKHAB**. He also has Group winners from daughters of **DYNAFORMER**, **KRIS S. LEAR FAN**, **RED RANSOM**, **DR FONG** and **SRI PEKAN**.

Galileo’s foals out of **BERING** mares include the Derby second At First Sight and his Irish Derby winner Treasure Beach has a second dam by Bering. His early foals out of mares by Bering’s son **PENNEKAMP** include Gr.1 winners Together and Lily of the Valley.