

# Hasty Hall (1998)

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The harness racing family were saddened to hear the news recently that one of the most influential stallions of the past few years is sadly no longer with us.

Hasty Hall was bought as a 3 year old by John and Grethe Wright of Rhyd Stud from Harrisburg and imported to the UK in 2001. For over a decade Hasty Hall was one of the most popular stallions (\*). In fact most stables have had a Hasty Hall at some point of their training career, some having many.

In 2014 after the Builth Wells sale, in the words of Eric Witherspoon, "Hasty Hall reached the pinnacle of his commercial stud career when his colt yearling Rhyds Megastar fetched £51k at public auction".

Hasty was a sire of many champions, whether it be Classic Winners or Group Races including winners of: 2 year old and 3 year old Futurity, Sire Stakes, Oaks, Derby, Musselburgh, Aberystwyth, Tregaron, Appleby, Crock of Gold Heats and Final to name but a few.

Not only did he produce those 'Saturday' winners but he could produce the 'bread and butter' racehorses that could be raced week in week out, on hard or on grass, and it was rare that a Hasty offspring was not in the first 3, something he did for a decade and a half. It is hard to imagine that we will have a stallion that sires as many foals ever again, never mind as many winners.

John and Grethe's story: we were out at Harrisburg in 1999 and saw the first crop of yearlings from Jenna's Beach Boy (who we had



always admired as a race horse), his yearlings looked tremendous and had excellent conformation. We didn't actually buy one, instead buying Shady Romance, but that is a whole different story, however these yearlings did leave us with a lasting impression.

Moving on a couple of years to 2001 we made the decision that we needed our own stallion, as our number of mares kept increasing, and we saw that there was a 3 year old colt by Jenna's Beach Boy in the sale at Harrisburg.

We marked our card as one to look at! The colt was half brother to the Triple Crown winner Blissfull Hall, and he ticked all the right boxes for us, he had the conformation, pedigree and was out a producing mare, so

we purchased him and he came to the UK in 2002 and was immediately put to work.

From his first crop in 2003 Rhyds Diamond won the fillies section of the Sire Stakes and when three Hasty colts, Rhyds Hallstar, Bon Jasper and What About Me all came around the paddock bend leading the field we confess we did have a little feeling that “we could just be on to something here”. Rhyds Hallstar went on to win the BHRC Derby in 2006, and fast forwarding nearly two decades, the 2022 Derby winner Rhyds Scoundrel is out a Hasty Hall mare, who is related back to the mare we bought in the 1999 sale.

For us, Hasty’s standouts, too many to mention (in case of omissions) and his regular racehorses made him the top stallion in the BHRC Sire Stakes and Breeders Crown for consecutive years, he was also Sire of fourteen Sire Stakes winners, thirteen Breeders Crown winners and four Derby winners.

**Hasty will be sadly missed here at Rhyds Stud, and he certainly leaves a big pair of boots to fill.**

“One thing is for sure we will be seeing Hasty Hall in the maternal line of race horses bred in the UK for the rest of our lifetimes such is the impact he has had on the breed on these shores”, Eric Witherspoon.

## BREEDING RECORD

Year	Matings	Regs	Colts	Fillies
2004*	36	27	16	11
2005	31	21	12	9
2006*	69	50	29	21
2007*	66	54	23	31
2008	35	26	15	11
2009*	43	32	16	16
2010*	52	42	24	18
2011*	42	32	19	13
2012*	28	23	8	15
2013	29	23	12	11
2014	37	28	14	14
2015*	36	27	13	14
2016	26	19	8	11
2017	19	17	9	8
2018	15	7	2	4
2019	13	8	5	3
2020	12	7	2	5
2021	8	0	0	0

\*most used stallion  
As per STAGBI Stud Book