

**WINNER**



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## De Boss Man (Ire)

2014 bc Dandy Man – Dame Hester (Diktat) Breeder: Mark Salmon

Owner: JP Kehoe Jockey: Colin Keane

20th August 2016, Curragh, Irish Stallion Farms EBF Maiden 6f



De Boss Man being lead in by John Kehoe  
(Photo: David Betts)

I bought De Boss Man at the Goresbridge Breeze Up Sales this year for €75,000. I was struck not just by how well he moved, and his good breeze, but by his presence. He's a lovely-looking horse and is by Dandy Man, a sire that I like.

John Kehoe from Wexford, who is also a part-owner in Intrepid Prince, bought a half-share in the De Boss Man and this win amounts to John's third in three weeks, following Intrepid Prince's two-in-a-row at Galway and Naas.

Although he is still quite green and is still maturing, mentally, Colin said that he showed him a lot of speed and class today, despite the fact that he idled a bit when he got to the front.

He was little a bit unlucky on his first two starts. At Naas, he dwelt in the stalls but kept on nicely at the finish. The next day at Cork, he got trapped on the rail behind the leaders and couldn't get out.

The plan now is to step him up into Group company in the Group 3 Six Round Tower Stakes over six furlongs at The Curragh next weekend, and we'll go from there.

Michael O'Callaghan

### Colin Keane

*"He jumped smartly and travelled easily behind the leaders. He probably got there soon enough, but still won a shade snugly under just hands-and-heels. He may be more of a hold-up horse, and as he has loads of speed could easily be dropped back to five furlongs."*

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