

## JIMMY GEORGE: 'THIS ROLE HAS TAKEN ME PLACES MOST ORDINARY JOBS WOULDN'T'



Jimmy George: and it's goodbye from him | *Tattersalls*

By Emma Berry

A press release from Tattersalls back in September took a lot of folk in the business by surprise, announcing as it did the departure of marketing director Jimmy George.

The man who can fill many a quiet hour with a word-perfect monologue on the merits of the Book 1 Bonus first joined the company back in 1986 and, bar a brief stint on the bloodstock magazine *Pacemaker*, has been a stalwart of the team at Terrace House and Park Paddocks.

George is not going far though—in fact, a bit of investigative field reporting has revealed that it is a total of 168 steps to his new office, just down the hill at the International Racing Bureau (IRB), where he will succeed Alastair Donald as managing director. It will however be a major adjustment for the man who was born to wear the Tattersalls tie.

"Well, not the tie, I hate those ties," he says. "But definitely a Tattersalls pen. I will literally have it around my neck all day, every day, in the office. I fancy walking out with an armful of Tattersalls' pens that will hopefully last me a lifetime."

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## OP/ED: VUE ALTERNATIVE

By Larry Stratton

There is no disputing the impact that French-bred runners have had on British and Irish jump racing over the past two decades, or the mileage journalists and broadcasters have got out of it. There is, though, a serious divergence of opinion over the cause of French-bred dominance, which has been ascribed variously to earlier education of young stock, the wide spread in the geographical location of French stallions, and access to a more talented pool of race mares.

Jump racing at a young age is not a new phenomenon on the continent, dreamt up as a 21st century selling tool for their horses in training. I recall back in the 1980s a filly (from a Flat family commercially hot at the time), repatriated to Ireland by a breeder, whose form claim to fame was "placed in a steeplechase in Belgium at three".

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**Jimmy George cont. from p1**

What George will deserve as he decamps to the IRB is a long-service award and, as our accompanying photograph shows, George was plainly only just out of his school blazer when he signed up to Europe's major sales company.

"It was '86 when I started here," he says, before adding with a laugh, "Then, after three years, and I mean I'd got to the ripe old age of about 25 and they hadn't put me on the board or made me chairman, which came as an extraordinary surprise to me. So I left to join Pacemaker but I came back here in '94. I've done 33, 34 years in total, which is well over half my life."

He adds, "I remember the first sale I ever did here, which was the July Sale, 1986, and I'm not even sure it numbered 200 lots."

The sales scene has changed a bit then?

"It's quite unrelenting now," he agrees. "It's definitely changed a lot since the summer of '86. I was talking with an American agent who will be coming over for the December Mares this year, who said that in the course of one week he had bought horses in four different countries.

"That's the biggest change in my time, the sheer number of sales taking place, the sheer volume of horses changing hands, and obviously the advent of the online platforms. And it's growing as we speak--they're changing the make and shape of the industry as well."

We're now accustomed to seven-figure lots being sold from the ring at Tattersalls, but back in 1997 it was a different story. So when the full-brother to Derby winner Generous (Ire) (Caerleon) appeared at the December Foal Sale and set a new record of 2,500,000gns, it was a pretty jaw-dropping moment.

"It was off the charts," George recalls. "I mean, not just a Tatts record or a European record, but a world record for a foal, by a country mile. I mean, we were fairly confident he would top the



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sale, because he was an own-brother to a Derby winner and he was a smashing colt. But to top it by that sort of a margin and to shatter the previous world record for a foal by such a margin was something that you couldn't have foreseen, and nobody did foresee."

He continues, "And I remember taking calls from bloodstock or racing journalists that night, one in particular from Australia, and the ripple of that particular transaction, it turned into a bit of a tidal wave fairly quickly. It was pre-social media, of course, and people were just staggered by the fact that this foal could make that sort of money. I always likened it to the Bob Beamon long jump in the Mexico Olympics, when he literally jumped out of the pit. But I'm showing my vintage a bit there."

George adds of the foal bought by Satish Sanan and later named Padua's Pride (Ire), "It's no longer a world record, but it's still a European record by a very wide margin. Because I think the next best would've been the Giants Causeway filly out of Urban Sea, who ended up being a slightly better racehorse than Generous's brother. She turned out to be My Typhoon, who was a Grade I winner. She made 1,800,000gns, which again is a huge sum of money for a foal, but still a full 700,000gns less than dear old Padua's Pride, who was a fair way off being a Grade I winner." **Cont. p4**



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**Jimmy George cont.**

George is not entirely signing off from Tattersalls as he will continue to represent the company in America and Japan, both of which have been happy hunting grounds over the years. But he leaves his day job on a high after the record-breaking returns of this year's October Yearling Sale.

"The world is a funny old place at the moment, and there are a lot of reasons out there why people might not feel a burning need to go out and buy a shiny new thoroughbred," he says.

"But by the end of Book 2 of the October Yearling Sale at Tattersalls this year, there were a lot of people with a renewed spring in their step and at least a feeling of, 'Wow, okay, there's life out there.' And a feeling that the sport of racing and the world of thoroughbred breeding is not in such a bad spot.

"And you could feel the confidence returning. So to get to the end of that and know that there were so many different people who'd benefited from the strength of that market, unexpected as it was, was fantastic."

The international aspect of the business, both on the racecourse and at the sale paddocks, has been another major change during George's tenure and he has played his own ambassadorial role in encouraging potential buyers from across the world to visit Newmarket.

"I think that's been one of the great things about this job at Tattersalls, it's taken me places that most ordinary jobs wouldn't take you, actually most jobs, not even ordinary ones," he says. "It's taken me to every continent in the world, in a working capacity, which is pretty extraordinary, and it's given me the opportunity to meet some wonderful people along the way.

"Sometimes there's a little bit of a language barrier, but I think a shared love or enthusiasm for the sport of horse racing or the world of thoroughbred breeding, covers a lot of language deficiencies.

"Everywhere you go in the world, if you find a racecourse, you'll find somebody to talk to, if you enjoy our sport and our world. It's been very varied and hugely enjoyable, and the contacts you make on these overseas trips, they can be contacts that last a lifetime and prove to be invaluable from the word go. Others can be slow-burners but their time will come."

There is of course a natural synergy between his current role and that of the job he will take up come January with the IRB, which plays a vital role in aiding trainers and their teams at overseas meetings.

"Obviously it doesn't have quite the 250-year-plus history of Tattersalls, but it's not a million miles off 50 years that the IRB's been going," he notes. [Cont. p5](#)

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**Jimmy George cont.**

"And it has carved an important niche in that it was probably a company a bit ahead of its time in some ways, in almost anticipating the growth of international racing and the importance and significance of international racing. I'm looking forward to working with the team there, and the international side of racing is only going to continue to grow and thrive, I think."

George adds, "I'll still have a small role for Tattersalls in certain overseas markets but I shall remain Tattersalls through and through for a very long time--and I'll certainly still be wearing the pen, even sitting at my desk at the International Racing Bureau."

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**Larry Stratton cont. from p1**

But the schooling and racing of horses over jumps at a younger age did not give the French horses any more advantage than it does now. It does not make those horses intrinsically better; it just helps them fulfil their potential, and to run to the level their ability allows, at a younger age.


So, given that, two questions arise. 1) Why are British- and Irish-bred six- and seven-year-olds (who by that age have had similar, if later, levels of schooling and racing to those their younger French rivals enjoyed) not able to mix it, statistically, with those younger French horses?, and 2) how is it that the list of the very best horses to have emerged from the ranks of Irish four-year-old point-to-points is disproportionately heavy with French-breds? [Cont. p6](#)

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Larry Stratton takes a closer look at the French-bred jumpers  
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The argument that the geography of France gives breeders there an advantage is based on the premise that sires standing in remote locations get better opportunities since breeders are more inclined to use local stallions than travel extreme distances to patronise more commercially obvious horses.

Some irony right there, as breeders bypass excellent stallion opportunities in Meath or Kildare to walk in a mare from Northern Ireland to this year's must-have sire in Cork.

So, high-class racemares, that has to be the key: the French are breeding better horses than us because their programme for young fillies produces such a great pool of top racemares.

Well....the three best French-bred horses of the past 25 or so years are Kauto Star, Sprinter Sacre and Master Minded. Kauto Star is out of an unraced mare whose own dam scored in two of her three provincial hurdle races and in 11 minor provincial Flat races--from 59 starts! Sprinter Sacre's dam placed on the flat as a three-year-old on her only outing, which was a significant improvement on the record of her dam who was fifth on her only flat try and unplaced in four attempts over fences. The story is a little better for Master Minded, whose dam was first and third in hurdle races; but her dam, while a two-year-old winner, could only manage a handful of placings from 36 starts over jumps.

Among the top current horses the story is much the same: Galopin Des Champs is out of a mare who won four Flat claimers and a provincial hurdle from 28 starts; Il Est Francais's dam ran twice unplaced over hurdles; Star Face, the dam of Douvan and Jonbon, ran once, unplaced; Bravemansgame's dam ran twice unplaced; Gerri Colombe's dam ran three times unplaced.

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Saint Des Saints, sire of Fastorslow and Protektorat | Haras d'Etreham

**Larry Stratton cont.**

In fairness, there are mares who had ability to be found amongst the mothers of some of the top current runners--the dams of Protektorat, Royale Pagaille, State Man and Fastorslow all showed some ability and managed some black type.

In short, there is no evidence that French breeders are breeding out of mares which are any better quality than those in

Britain and Ireland. So why are the French-bred horses so good in recent years? My answer is that their stallion line-up is drawn from a widely diverse gene pool and is not short on speed.

The sires of the best current jumps sires are an eclectic group of lesser-knowns--where we have Sadlers' Wells and Cape Cross, they have Garde Royale, My Risk, Smadoun, Saint Des Saints, Robin Des Champs, Cadoudal, Lost World.

Hybrid vigour is not an advertising jingle, nor a construct dreamt up by a marketing whiz asked to come up with a catch phrase to help sell a sire lacking in the blood of the current 'commercial big thing'. It is real, and while it is not the answer to all of the French success, it surely looks to be a better alternative than sending a stream of mares by Old Vic, King's Theatre, Oscar and Kayf Tara to sons of Galileo and Montjeu, or daughters of Galileo horses to sons of **Sea The Stars**.

Nor do the French have any qualms about using entire jumpers as stallions, even when they have shown little ability: Kapgard was a Graded hurdle winner second in a Grade 1 chase; Saint Des Saints was a Grade 1 level hurdler; Blue Bresil a Grade 2 placegetter; but Robin Des Champs earned no black type in his four wins from five starts; and current wunderkind Jeu St Eloi ran in six hurdle contests without managing to win a race of any description. **Cont. p8**

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The other main attribute which French sires possess ahead of the jumps stallions in these islands is a bit of speed. No Risk At All was a Listed winner over 1600m and a Group 3 winner at 2000m; and he was by a horse who won four Group 3 1600m races; Doctor Dino may have scored his biggest successes as an older horse over a mile and a half, but had plenty of good 1600m form as a younger horse; Blue Bresil, before he was sent hurdling, was placed in Group 2 company over 2100m.

Not convinced about the speed element? Well, here's a question: who's been the best pound-for-pound sire, with the best Cheltenham strike-rate, over the past couple of decades?

Bit subjective I know, but smart money would be on Jeremy, whose Cheltenham Festival roll of honour from just two National Hunt crops from his time at Garryrichard House Stud includes dual Festival winner Corach Rambler (also a Grand National winner), and the Grade 1 novice hurdle scorers Sir Gerhard and Appreciate It. He also got Triumph Hurdle winner Our Conor in the first of five ostensibly Flat-bred crops sired at the Irish National Stud.

Jeremy was by the seven-furlong Group 1 two-year-old winner and subsequent sprinter Danehill Dancer and his own best form was at a mile, at which trip he won in Group 2 company and placed in both the Queen Anne and the Sussex Stakes.

And here is another question: best jumps sire in Britain and/or Ireland in the past 50 years?

This is not up for discussion. The horse concerned stayed a mile and a half at three, and stuck on well enough to finish a distant second to the Derby winner Reindeer in the then-Classic Irish St Leger, but his best form came at two when runner-up in the Dewhurst Stakes and again as a four-year-old when second to Nijinsky over seven furlongs in the Gladness Stakes.

He played a significant part in the early growth of what would become the world's greatest bloodstock empire. He also set the description template for National Hunt sires in the five decades since, because it was and still is a given that to be considered for a career as a jumps sire--let alone to be successful at it--you have to be bay and 16.1½hh.

He was chestnut and 15.3hh. His name was Deep Run.

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### GALAXY OF RACING'S STARS SET TO SUPPORT THE TREO EILE THOROUGHBRED CLASSIC

A galaxy of racing's stars are set to take part in the Treo Eile Christmas Show at the Emerald Equestrian Centre on Thursday, December 12.

Oisin Murphy, Colin Keane, Davy Russell, Barry Geraghty, Nina Carberry, Robbie Power and more will be on show in the popular event.

The Horse Racing Ireland Treo Eile Thoroughbred Classic is the feature class on the night and is a team competition to showcase the very best of Ireland's retrained racehorses.

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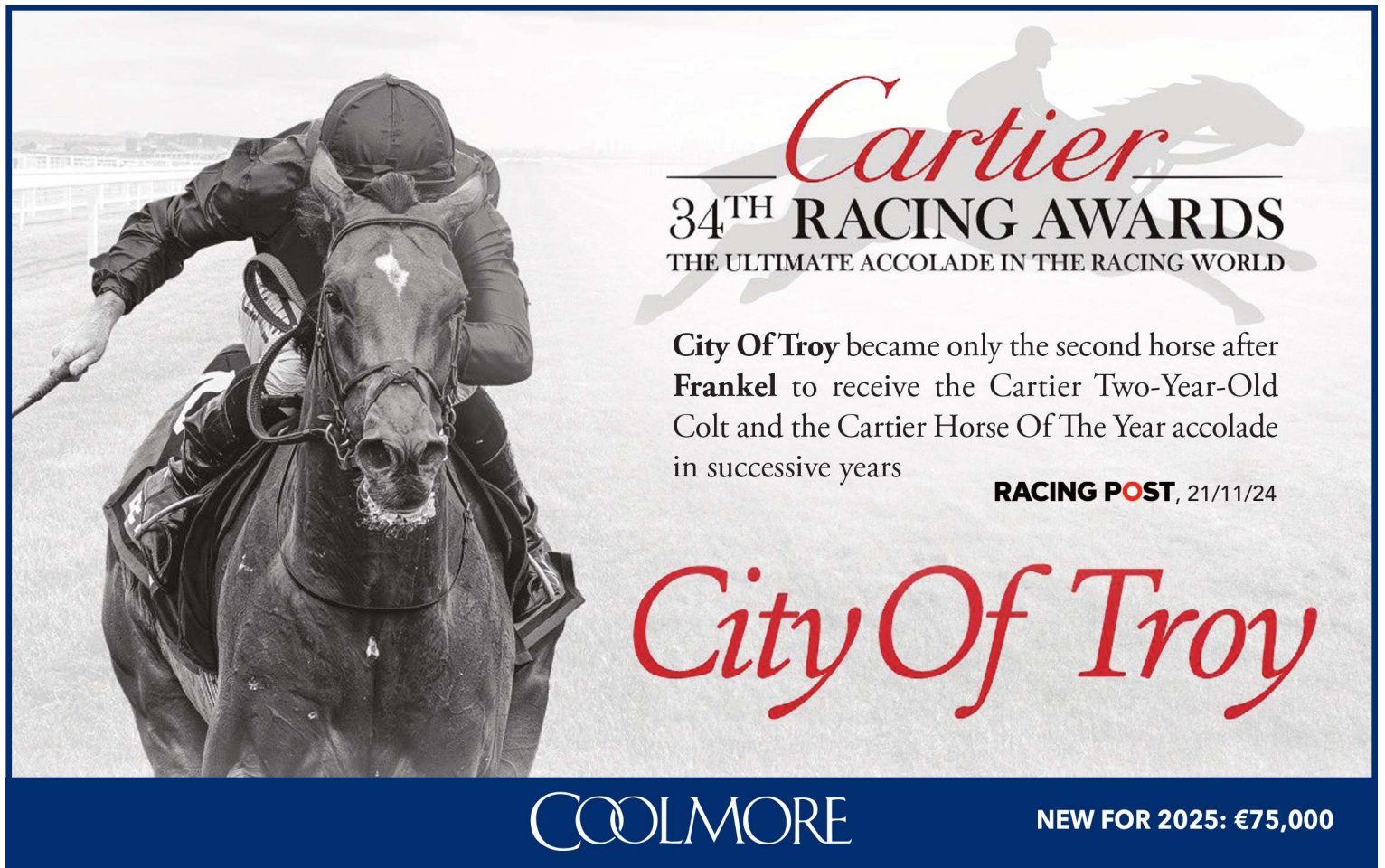
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Co-Founder of Treo Eile, Caoimhe Doherty, said, "The Treo Eile Christmas Show is the pinnacle of our year. It is a wonderful event full of fun, friends and most importantly, celebrating the ex-racehorse and showcasing their abilities in a second career. It is such a pleasure to bring together so many different sectors of the equestrian community--racing, showjumping, and eventing, all for the good of the horse. We are excited for what will be our fourth annual show and hope to see friends new and old in Emerald Equestrian Centre on Thursday, December 12."

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The first member of the Turf Stars collection is the dual Champion Hurdle heroine Honeysuckle (GB) (Sulamani {Ire}), the brilliant mare who won 17 of her 19 starts under Rules for trainer Henry de Bromhead and owner Kenny Alexander. Fans can head to [www.Turf-Stars.com](http://www.Turf-Stars.com) to vote for their favourite horse to be the next to join the collection.

Turf Stars is a passion project of racing presenter and breeder Sally Ann Grassick, who said, "I have been working on Turf Stars for the past two years and I am so excited to finally be launching it. I am so passionate about racing and sharing these wonderful racing legends with the public.



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- February Online, February 11-12
- March Online, March 4-5
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1-DUNDALK, 7f, **William F Browne (Ire)**

45,000gns Tattersalls December Foal Sale 2022; 58,000gns

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**Golden Horde (Ire) (Lethal Force {Ire})**, Haras de Montfort et Preaux

45 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners

3-DUNDALK, 6f, **Gold Daydream (Fr)**

€22,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023; ?38,000 RNA

Goffs UK 2yo Breeze Up Sale 2024

**Shaman (Ire) (Shamardal)**, Yeomanstown Stud

104 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners

3-DUNDALK, 6f, **Elegante Lady (Ire)**

€5,000 Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale Part II 2023

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**Chachnak (Fr)** (**Kingman {GB}**), Haras de la Gastine  
 28 foals of racing age/5 winners/1 black-type winner  
 6-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, **Stolen Kiss (Fr)**

**Earthlight (Ire)** (Shamardal), Kildangan Stud  
 113 foals of racing age/18 winners/1 black-type winner  
 2-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Aurora Borealis (Fr)**  
 €80,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023; €35,000  
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**Golden Horde (Ire)** (Lethal Force {Ire}), Haras de Montfort et  
 Preaux  
 45 foals of racing age/6 winners/0 black-type winners  
 2-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Soledad (Fr)**  
 €30,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023  
 4-PAU, 1600m, **Vermeer (Fr)**  
 €47,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

**Hello Youmzain (Fr)** (Kodiac {GB}), Haras d'Etreham  
 111 foals of racing age/18 winners/2 black-type winners  
 3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Kalinago (Fr)**  
 €90,000 Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022



**Hello Youmzain | Zuzanna Lupa**

4-PAU, 1600m, **Hello Bella (Fr)**  
 €16,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023; €13,000  
 RNA Osarus Breeze-Up La Teste 2024

**Latrobe (Ire)** (**Camelot {GB}**), Haras d'Etreham  
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**Pinatubo (Ire)** (Shamardal), Dalham Hall Stud  
110 foals of racing age/21 winners/1 black-type winner  
2-PAU, 1600m, **Kirchner (Ire)**  
85,000gns Tattersalls October Yearling Sale (Book 2) 2023  
3-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Winter Mist (Ire)**

**Romanised (Ire)** (**Holy Roman Emperor {Ire}**), Haras de Bouquetot  
85 foals of racing age/10 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-PAU, 1600m, **O Sole Mio (Fr)**  
€13,000 Arqana Deauville October Yearlings 2023

**Shaman (Ire)** (Shamardal), Yeomanstown Stud  
104 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-PAU, 1600m, **Shancel (Ire)**  
€22,000 RNA Arqana December Breeding Stock Sale 2022;  
€50,000 Arqana Deauville Yearling Sale V2 2023

**Sottsass (Fr)** (**Siyouni {Fr}**), Coolmore Stud  
98 foals of racing age/11 winners/0 black-type winners  
2-DEAUVILLE, 1500m, **Chaissac (Fr)**  
€65,000 Arqana Deauville August Yearling Sale 2023

**Threat (Ire)** (**Footstepsinthesand {GB}**), Haras du Mont Goubert  
42 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-PAU, 1600m, **Orly (Fr)**

**Van Beethoven** (Scat Daddy), Karwin Farm  
33 foals of racing age/3 winners/0 black-type winners  
4-PAU, 1600m, **Vintuna (Fr)**  
€2,000 RNA Osarus September Yearling Sale 2023

**Without Parole (GB)** (**Frankel {GB}**), Newsells Park Stud  
53 foals of racing age/12 winners/0 black-type winners  
6-DEAUVILLE, 1900m, **Supermax (Ire)**  
€50,000 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale (Book 1) 2023

## OBSERVATIONS

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### SON OF DUAL GRADE I HEROINE LADY OF SHAMROCK SET FOR DEAUVILLE BOW

**18.40 Deauville, Mdn, €30,000, 2yo, c/g, 9 1/2f (AWT)**  
Alain and Gerard Wertheimer's **PACIFISTE (FR)** (**Saxon Warrior {Jpn}**), one of two homebred newcomers entered, is a son of GI American Oaks and GI Del Mar Oaks heroine Lady Of Shamrock (Scat Daddy) and thus a half-brother to this term's G3 Prix Chloé victrix Blush (Ire) (**Kingman {GB}**) and stakes-winning sire Martel (Ire) (**Frankel {GB}**). The Christophe Ferland nominee encounters 11 on debut.

**16.18 Deauville, Mdn, €30,000, unraced 2yo, c/g, 7 1/2f (AWT)**  
Rebecca Shepard's **AURORA BOREALIS (FR)** (**Earthlight {Ire}**) is an Anastasia Wattel-trained half-brother to G1 Prix Jean Prat hero Intellogent (Ire) (Intello {Ger}). His 13 rivals include Cuadra Mediterraneo's **Franciscano (Fr)** (**Invincible Spirit {Ire}**), who is a homebred son of G1 Prix Marcel Boussac runner-up Marieta (Fr) (**Siyouni {Fr}**), from the Mauricio Delcher Sanchez stable.

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## FRANCE

### Thursday's Results:

**1st-Salon-de-Provence, €23,000, Mdn, 11-28, 2yo, c/g, 10fT, 2:09.86, vsf.**

**ZARAKCHIC (FR) (c, 2, Zarak {Fr})--Seemingly {Fr}, by Kendargent {Fr}**, who ran board going nine furlongs in his Oct. 20 debut at ParisLongchamp when last seen, was in front passing the judge first time and accepted a tow racing second for the most part thereafter. Nudged along off the home turn, the 9-10 favourite seized control with 350 metres remaining and was pushed clear in the latter stages to easily defeat Prado (Fr) (Chachnak {Fr}) by 2 1/2 lengths. Zarakchic, kin to a yearling colt by Galiway (GB), is the first of two foals produced by an unraced daughter of Listed Prix Vulcain victrix Oh Beautiful (GB) (Galileo {Ire}), herself a full-sister to stakes-winning G3 Pinnacle Stakes runner-up Freedom's Light (GB). The February-foaled chestnut's third dam Aricia (Ire) (Nashwan) is a winning half-sister to G1 July Cup runner-up and dual Group 2-winning matriarch Cassandra Go (Ire) (Indian Ridge {Ire}). Sales history: €210,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG. Lifetime Record: 2-1-0-1, €18,500.

O-Jean-Claude Seroul, Gerard Augustin-Normand & Guy Pariente Holding; B-Guy Pariente Holding (FR); T-Jerome Reynier.

### CONDITIONS RESULTS:

**2nd-Salon-de-Provence, €30,000, Cond, 11-28, 3yo, 10fT, 2:06.45, vsf.**

**FUTURE FATE (GB) (c, 3, Dubawi {Ire})--Golden Attitude {SP-US}, by Redoute's Choice {Aus}** Lifetime Record: 10-3-0-1, €70,550. O-LNJ Foxwoods SC; B-LNJ Foxwoods LLC (GB); T-Tim Donworth.

**4th-Salon-de-Provence, €22,000, Cond, 11-28, 4yo/up, 12fT, 2:40.34, vsf.**

**HAVE DANCER (FR) (h, 7, Le Havre {Ire})--Pride Dancer {Ire} {SW-Fr & GSP-US}, by Fasliyev** Lifetime Record: SW-Fr, 47-7-3-3, €204,697. O-Pierre van Belle, Bjorn van Gerwen, Kris de Wilder, Lode Peeters & Wim Eeckelaers; B-Ecurie des Monceaux & Framont Ltd (FR); T-Gerald Mosse. \*€15,000 Ylg '18 ARQOCT.

### ADDITIONAL MAIDEN WINNERS:

**Felina (Fr)**, f, 2, **Goken (Fr)**--Feline Groovy, by Kitten's Joy. Salon-de-Provence, 11-28, 10fT, 2:11.21. B-Stratford Place Stud & Willow Bloodstock Ltd (FR). \*€27,000 Ylg '23 ARQAUG.

## WORLDWIDE NEWS

### DEATH OF KIA ORA STUD OWNER ANANDA KRISHNAN AT 86



Kia Ora Stud owner Ananda Krishnan has died at the age of 86  
*Kia Ora Stud*

Kia Ora Stud owner and Vinery Stud part-owner Ananda Krishnan has died at the age of 86. The news was announced by the billionaire's private investment firm Usaha Tegas on Thursday.

"The family has requested privacy to mourn his passing. Ananda made significant contributions to nation-building and the corporate world. His philanthropic initiatives have touched many lives," a statement read.

Krishnan bought Kia Ora Stud in 2000. The operation returned to standing stallions in 2021 with G1 Golden Slipper winner Farnan (Aus), and has since added Captivant (Aus) and Prague (Aus).

During his 24-year ownership of Kia Ora Stud, the farm became renowned for introducing Northern Hemisphere bloodlines to their broodmare band. Almost a quarter of the stakes winners bred by Kia Ora over the past 10 years result from Northern Hemisphere purchases.

The farm bred horses such as Loving Gaby (Aus), Wild Ruler (Aus) and his Group 3-winning half-sister Pavitra (Aus). Stars on the international scene included South African champion mare Igugu (Aus) and Hong Kong's multiple Group 1 winner Wellington (Aus).

Krishnan, a renowned philanthropist, is survived by his wife, his only son, who reportedly is a Buddhist monk in Thailand, and two daughters.



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