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# French Racing & Bloodstock News

## RACING NEWS

### MID DANCER BACK IN FRONT

Despite failing to deliver on D-Day at Cheltenham, **Mid Dancer (Midyan)** remains unbeaten in France, and was back in fine form to beat his elders on Sunday in Auteuil's €240,000 Gr.2 Prix Murat Chase. This is one of the main prep races for the €720,000 Gr.1 Grand Steeple-Chase de Paris Gras Savoye on May 28th. The Arnaud Chaille-Chaille trained five-year-old, a 2002 Deauville October Sale graduate, pulled away on the run-in, and beat another French-bred, **Mysoko**, by four lengths. **Kario de Sormain** once again unseated her rider, this time at the big ditch. Jean-Paul Gallorini said that the tricky mare might wait until the autumn to race again, as she's always done well at that time of year.

As for Chaille-Chaille, he said that no decision had been made yet concerning Mid Dancer's entry in the French Gold Cup. The trainer also has **Cyrlight**, soon to come back to Auteuil, and dual Grand Steeple winner **Kotkijet** in the wings. Next stop for France's top chasers is the €160,000 Gr.3 Prix Ingre on 7th May.

**Jeu de Brook (Trebroke)** gave owner Jean-Paul Senechal, trainer Francois Cottin and rider Dean Gallagher a second win in the €225,000 Gr.3 Prix du President de la Republique (French National), one year after **Louping d'Ainay's** victory in the same handicap. On the same card, **Tidal Fury** could only finish third in the €130,000 Gr.3 Prix de Pepinvast

Hurdle, won by **Dindounas (Astarabad)**, who had been claimed a few weeks earlier by her trainer Jean-Paul Gallorini. It says a lot about Gallorini's hawk eye, but hardly anything regarding the current quality of the top four-year-old hurdlers in France.

The chasing section is much more promising with **Green Castle (Green Tune)**, who won his second chase on Sunday in the €75,000 Listed Prix James Hennessy Chase. Trained by Guy Cherel for ML Bloodstock Ltd, the gelding is seen as Gold Cup material in the making by his astute handler. At the end of a fine duel on the run-in, he beat **Organiz (Mansonnien)**, who was having his first run over the Auteuil fences.

### VISINDAR GOOD NEWS FOR FRENCH SIRE

The bookies were quick to react after **Visindar's** convincing win on Easter Monday at Longchamp. The Aga Khan's chesnut smoothly demolished the opposition in the closing stages of his 1,800m trip and he is now most firms' favourite for the Derby. He ran the last two furlongs in 11.30 and 11.00 seconds respectively, and was on the bit the whole way. Andre Fabre himself looked excited by the colt's prospects and, although the handler will discuss matters with the owner, France's latest "Big Red" looks well on his way for a couple of major wins.

The **Sinndar** colt is another good omen for the 80 breeders who have sent their mares to the new French sire, very welcomed indeed after his breeding

## BAHAMIAN BOUNTY



**PARADISE ISLE** (full-sister to top class 2yo **Murfreesboro**) extended her Black Type yesterday when winning the **Listed** Blandford Bloodstock Abernant Stakes at Newmarket

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debut in Ireland. Sinndar has already covered about 50 mares this season at a €20,000 (1st Oct) fee.

His new neighbour, **Linamix**, also has 80 mares on his agenda while **Kahyasi** remains a popular dual purpose choice for French breeders with about 50 mares to cover this season.

This week was also a great one for Haras du Quesnay's **Anabaa**. As detailed in EBN on Sunday's front page, his Australian progeny are doing particularly well with **Headturner** winning the Gr.1 AJC Derby at Randwick while **High Intelligent** was third in the Gr.1 Queen Silver Jubilee Cup at Sha Tin.

**Miesque's Son**, based at the Haras des Chartreux and standing at €7,500, had another good victory by his son **Miesque's Approval**, who defeated the Breeders' Cup Mile winner **Artie Schiller** (bred by Haras du Mezeray) in the Gr.2 Maker's Mark Mile at Keeneland.

### GENTLEWAVE TAKES NOAILLES BY STORM

Olivier Peslier's talent once again delivered on Sunday with an astonishing ride on **Gentlewave** in the €130,000 Gr.2 Prix Noailles over 2,100 meters. Strongly ridden three furlongs out while last of the six-strong field, the son of **Monsun** eventually found his momentum and just caught **Bremen** on the line, with Goffs France Breeze-up Sale graduate **Grand Couturier** finishing well in third after a troubled run along the rail.

Gentlewave, who relished the softish ground and would appreciate a longer trip, was bought by Gary Tanaka about a week ago. He was previously sold as a yearling for €55,000 at the 2004 Deauville August sale. Jurgen Winter's Haras de la Pérelle consigned the colt. His two-year-old half-brother by **Sinndar** is in training with Andre Fabre and the mare has a yearling by **Act One**.

### FOALING NEWS

### EXCITING TIMES FOR ELEVAGE DE LA SOURCE

Nathalie & Xavier Bozo's Elevage de la Source had their most exciting foaling last Saturday, their mare **Exciting Times** (by **Jeune Homme**) producing a beautiful colt by **High Chaparral**. This half-brother to **Gorella** and **Porto Santo** has a lot to live up to.

**Gorella** (**Grape Tree Road**) won the Prix Sandringham last year before finishing second in the Gr.1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp and third in both the Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Keeneland and in the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Mile at Belmont Park. She is running today in an allowance at Keeneland, as she is now trained by Frenchman Patrick Biancone – and

will be ridden by the new jockey sensation, Frenchman Julien Leparoux. **Porto Santo** (from **Kingsalsa's** first crop) was the top price yearling at Deauville October Sale in 2004 at €105,000 and then won three races from four outings including a third place in the Gr.1 Criterium International, and a win in the Listed Prix Ommium on his reappearance this year. He is now a leading contender for the French 2000 Guineas.

### GOFFS FRANCE SALES TALK

### GOFFS FRANCE BREEZE-UP COUNTS DOWN

The Goffs France Breeze Up Sale will be held this Saturday, 22nd April at Saint-Cloud. The breezes will commence at 10am followed by the sale which will start at 2pm.

Once the 130 lots have been through the ring, the remaining 58 Horses In Training will take their turn. Amongst these will be **Lot 131, Restless Kary**, a half-sister to **Ami Cher** who won the Prix de Sermaise over hurdles at Fontainebleau on the 1st April. On the same day **Lot 138, Mister des Aigles**, ran at Saint Cloud and will run this Thursday at Chantilly (along with **Lot 185 Psammis** and **Lot 142 Kilometre Neuf**), and is entered in the Swiss Derby at Frauenfeld on 18th June.

**Lot 143 Marie Madelaine**, who ran at Longchamp on the 3rd April, is entered to run on Friday at Chateaubriant, as is **Lot 177 Prima Star** and **Lot 189 Vespesino**. **Lot 144 Breeze Way** was third in the Prix de Manneville, a 3,400m handicap chase at Enghien last Thursday on his debut over big obstacles. The Aga Khan-bred and Alain Royer Dupré-trained **Sherazi (Lot 158)** was fourth on Sunday at Lisieux, and from the same yard comes **Sheshamba (Lot 159)** a half-sister to **Shekana**.

**Anthony James (Lot 161)** was third over 3,000m in the Prix Kashnil at Auteuil last Tuesday, and **Lot 165 Ta Solitaire** is a half-sister to **Honour's Dream**, a winner at three this year and from the family of **Yasoodd** who landed the Gr.3 2,000 Guineas Trial Stakes at Leopardstown. **Erivieve (Lot 176)** winner of the Prix du Pantheon at Longchamp will also be on offer.

The following lots have been withdrawn: 148, 150, 151, 154, 155, 173, 178, 187.

Goffs France website ([www.goffs.fr](http://www.goffs.fr)) will provide the latest updates on Saturday's breeze up and HIT sale.

The French Racing & Breeding Committee will be present at the sales pavilion throughout the sale. Do not hesitate to contact us for more information about our Inward Buyers Incentive Scheme by phone on: +33 1 49 10 23 32.