

Our history books are crammed with accounts of battles between England and France – the years 1066, 1215, and 1815 coming instantly to mind. However, in more recent times, the relationship between our two countries has fortunately become a great deal more cordial. The rivalry between ‘les frogs’ and ‘les rosbeefs’ will always prevail, at Twickenham, Wembley, the Stade de France and on the turf - but ‘banter, not barney’ is now happily the norm in racing and breeding circles....

Tamayuz (GB) (NAYEF) bred by Shadwell Stud and trained in France won the 2008 Gr. 1 Prix Jacques Le Marois and Gr. 1 Prix Jean Prat. The prolific undefeated race mare Zarkava, by another British based stallion ZAMINDAR

(Juddmonte), was successful in all her public performances namely one listed, one Group 3 and five Group 1 races, the pinnacle of which was the highly prestigious Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (2008). A fellow British sired Arc winner was **Rail Link (GB)** (DANSILII)



British based stallion, Zamindar

bred by Juddmonte Farms and trained in France to win not only the Gr. 1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (2006) but three other French Group races. Like his sire, Europe's Champion 3 Year Old in 2006, RAIL LINK (GB) now stands at Juddmonte's Banstead Manor Stud.

Other British bred horses which have made their mark on French soil include; **Zenda (GB)** (ZAMINDAR) bred by Juddmonte Farms who won the Gr. 1 Poule d'Essai des Poulaches (French 1,000 Guineas) in 2002; **American Post (GB)**

British based stallion, Singspiel



(Bering) again bred by Juddmonte Farms and successful in the Gr. 1. Poule d'Essai des Poulains (French 2,000 Guineas) in 2004 - the same race won in 2002 by the ill-fated **Landseer (GB)** (Danehill), bred by Rockwell Bloodstock; **West Wind (GB)** (Machiavellian) bred by Darley who won the Gr. 1 Prix de Diane (French Oaks) in 2007 - while **Confidential Lady (GB)** (SINGSPIEL)

bred by Cheveley Park Stud took the honours the previous year.

British sold horses have also excelled across the English Channel.

Current Derby favourite, **Fame and Glory (GB)** (Montjeu) was purchased through the Tattersalls sales ring (2006 December Foal Sale) for 190,000gns and won the Gr. 1 Criterium de Saint-Cloud in 2008. Other horses purchased through Tattersalls include Folk Opera (SINGSPIEL) (2005 October Yearling Book 2 Sale) purchased for 105,000gns and winner of the Gr. 2 Prix Jean Romanet in 2008; Youmzain (Sinndar) (2004 October Yearling Book 1 Sale) purchased for 30,000gns and winner of the Gr. 1 Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud in 2008 - and Zafisio (Efisio) (2006 Tattersalls December Foal Sale) purchased for 27,000gns and winner of the Gr. 1 Criterium International in 2008. More recently,

Scintillo (GB) (Fantastic Light) took the honours in the Gr. 2 Grand Prix de Chantilly - Scintillo was purchased for 30,000gns at the October Yearling Book 2 Sale in 2006.



Scintillo(GB), winning a Listed race at Kempton earlier this year before his subsequent Group 3 and Group 2 wins.

French Connection

From our thoroughbred auction house in the North, Doncaster Bloodstock

Sales (DBS), Paco Boy (Desert Style) (2007 Breeze-up Sales) was purchased for 30,000gns and secured the Gr. 1 Prix de la Foret in 2008.

For the past three years DBS's St Leger Yearling Sale has

impressively produced

the winner of the Gr. 1 Prix Morny with Bushranger (Danetime) (2007 St Leger Yearling Sale, 100,000gns), Myboycharlie (Danetime) (2006 St Leger Yearling Sale, 54,000gns) and **Dutch Art (GB)** (MEDICEAN) (2005 St Leger Yearling Sale, 16,000gns) - DUTCH ART now stands alongside his sire at Cheveley Park Stud.



Dutch Art (GB), winning the Middle Part Stakes as a two year old

Trade between UK and France, in relation to their respective Racing and Breeding industries, continues to grow apace, and with this in mind, BBM have invited thirty prominent French Thoroughbred breeders to be their guests on a three day visit to Newmarket (June 8-10). The French delegation will be led by Bernard Ferrand, President of the Syndicat des Eleveurs, and will be staying at the Jockey Club Rooms for the duration.

On arrival, their first engagement will be at Lanwades Stud, home to Kirsten Rausing, Chairman of the TBA, and her resident stallions HERNANDO, PICCOLO, SELKIRK, SIR PERCY, VITA ROSA and WITH APPROVAL. Dinner on that Monday evening at the Jockey Club Rooms is to be generously sponsored by Juddmonte Farms.

Tuesday will be an action-packed day, beginning at Shadwell Stud, with a parade of their stallions ACT ONE, GREEN DESERT, HAAFHD, NAYEF and SAKHEE. On then to Darley's Dalham Hall Stud, where we will see a selection from BYRON, DUBAI DESTINATION, DUBAWI, ECHO OF LIGHT, EXCEED AND EXCEL, HALLING, MANDURO, NEW APPROACH, SINGSPIEL and TIGER HILL. In the afternoon, we will cross the road to be shown DUTCH ART, KYLLACHY, MEDICEAN and PIVOTAL at Cheveley Park Stud – and the day's equine itinerary will end with an hour at Juddmonte's Banstead Manor Stud, where BEAT HOLLOW, CACIQUE, DANSILI, OASIS DREAM, OBSERVATORY, RAIL LINK, THREE VALLEYS and ZAMINDAR all reside.

BBM will welcome guests to their offices at 190 High Street, Newmarket on the Tuesday evening – to be followed by Dinner at the Star at Lidgate, very kindly sponsored by Shadwell Stud.

The third and final day begins with first lot on Newmarket Heath with William Gittus, Managing Director of Jockey Club Estates. Our next port of call will be the impressive Newmarket Equine Hospital – and the official programme concludes at the National Stud, with an inspection of their stallions BAHAMIAN BOUNTY, COCKNEY REBEL, PASTORAL PURSUITS and PHOENIX REACH followed by lunch, and return journey to la belle France.

