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**PEDIGREE
ANALYSIS**
Treve



Arc winner Treve (left) deserves every superlative

Faith in Motivator rewarded

THE female of the species has now proved deadlier than the male in 20 editions of the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Treve adding her name to an illustrious group with a display of uncommon brilliance at Longchamp on Sunday.

The list of her predecessors includes many who might justifiably be considered among the finest of their sex of all time. Pearl Cap, Samos, Corrida (who won twice), Nikellora, Coronation, La Sorellina, San San, Allez France, Ivanjica, Three Troikas, Detroit, Gold River, Akiyda, All Along, Urban Sea, Zarkava, Danedream and Solemia all rose to the occasion to land Europe's most prestigious prize, but did any of them score with the resounding authority of the latest heroine? Bring on all the superlatives. Treve deserves every one.

The absence of King George victor Novellist was a dire disappointment, but just about every other worthy contender for the highest honour was on parade. On paper the race was hugely competitive; in reality it was anything but – a tour de force demonstrating one filly's total dominance.

The Diane and Vermeille had allowed the belief that Treve might be the runner with the sharpest turn of foot in the Arc, but she was unproven against colts, there was potential for traffic problems and her wide draw hardly favoured her. The negative thoughts proved groundless; Treve's superior powers of acceleration answered all the doubts.

Having to go wide all the way at least meant there was no danger of Treve becoming pocketed, and aside from collecting a bump or two, her journey was unencumbered. She was travelling so well over two furlongs out that her victory was already assured, and as soon as Thierry Jarnet unleashed her she bounded clear, extending her lead with every stride. Now unbeaten in five starts, Treve has proved herself a filly of the highest class. She has had very little racing – she was the least experienced in Sunday's field – and it is excellent news that she will remain in training next year with the aim of emulating Corrida as a dual Arc victress.

It may seem remarkable now that nobody would bid more than €22,000 for Treve when she was presented at Arqana's October (secondary) yearling sale, but Motivator had yet to make a serious impression as a sire and had

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		Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Sadler's Wells		Bold Reason
	Fairy Bridge		Special
Montjeu	Top Ville		High Top
	Floripedes		Sega Ville
	Toute Cy		Tennyson
Motivator (b 2002)			Adele Toumignon
	Mr Prospector		Raise A Native
	Gone West		Gold Digger
	Secrettame		Secretariat
Out West			Tamerett
	Sharpen Up		Atan
	Chellingoua		Rocchetta
	Uncommitted		Buckpasser
			Lady Be Good
		Northern Dancer	Nearctic Natalma
	Danzig		Admiral's Voyage
	Pas De Nom		Petitioner
Anabaa			Vaguely Noble
	Gay Mecene		Gay Missile
	Balbonella		
	Bamieres		Riverman
Trevise (ch 2000)			Bergamasque
	Never Bend		Nasrullah
	Riverman		Lalun
	River Lady		Prince John
Trevillari			Nile Lily
	Lyphard		Northern Dancer
	Trevilla		Goofed
	Trillion		Hail To Reason
			Margarethen

Bred by Haras du Quesnay in France

VERDICT

- Demolished a strong Arc field with a display of exceptional brilliance
- Bred by an outstanding horseman who had more faith in the sire than British breeders
- From a family noted especially for top-class fillies

been criticised by some trainers for getting stock who were difficult to deal with.

Alec Head, one of the truly great horsemen of our time, took a different line. He had been a shareholder in the horse from the outset of his stud career, had supported him every year during his time at Sandringham, and when the opportunity to stand him at his Haras du Quesnay came along, he jumped at the chance.

Motivator, who came from the first crop of Montjeu, was a top-class performer in a career of only seven starts. His four victories included

Group 1 triumphs in the Racing Post Trophy and the Derby, and he finished second to Oratorio in two other top-level events, the Eclipse and the Irish Champion.

He began brightly, getting Group 2 juvenile winner Pollenator in his first crop, but the follow-up was not as exciting as might have been expected. With his commercial yearlings failing to make headlines, notoriously fickle British breeders backed off, and when injury meant that he missed the 2010 breeding season – he has no two-year-olds – he more or less fell off the radar.

The announcement of Motivator's transfer to France came last October, just after he had been represented by his first Group 1 winner, third-crop daughter Ridasiyna in the Prix de l'Opera. Skia had also been a French Group 3 winner, helping to give her sire a higher profile across the Channel than he had at home, so the move promised to be to his benefit.

There can be no doubt of that now. He was well received in his new home, receiving 135 visitors this spring, and Treve is by no means the only reason why he can look forward to a busy stud season in 2014. His son Sky Hunter finished third in this year's Prix du Jockey Club, and Ferevia collected a Group 3 win in the Prix Penelope. Britain's loss is surely France's gain.

To say that Treve comes from an outstanding female family would be an understatement. In fact, there can rarely have been a parallel advertisement for any family to Sunday's occurrence, as Treve's fifth dam Margarethen is also fourth dam of Moonlight Cloud, whose performance in the Prix de la Foret was hardly less devastating than that of the Arc heroine.

Margarethen was a tough and classy American-bred mare, by Derby, Eclipse, King George and St Leger winner Tulyar out of a Nasrullah mare. She raced before the era of Graded stakes, but she was certainly of that calibre, winning 16 of her 64 races, including five at stakes level. She had a long and successful career as a broodmare before having to suffer the indignity of going to auction at the age of 26, barren for the seventh consecutive year, in the Nelson Bunker Hunt dispersal at Keeneland in January 1988.

Margarethen's first high-class daughter was Margravine (by Hail To Reason), successful in the Prix du Calvados and runner-up in the Group 1 Criterium des Pouliches (now Prix Marcel Boussac), but her accomplishments were far surpassed by her sister Trillion, who won the Prix Ganay and was placed second in no fewer than ten other top-level events on either side of the Atlantic, including the Arc of 1978.

The last foal to live from Margarethen's brood was the unraced Master Derby filly Doff The Derby, who was to become the dam of dual Derby and King George winner Generous (by Caerleon), of Classic-placed Strawberry Roan (by Sadler's Wells), and of the latter's sister Imagine, who

followed up her victory in the Irish 1,000 Guineas with another in the Oaks at Epsom. Doff The Derby features as third dam of Moonlight Cloud.

Trillion produced a daughter even more distinguished than herself in wonderful Triptych (by Riverman), whose record featured Group 1 triumphs in every year from two to six. I remember seeing her sold as a yearling at Keeneland for \$2.15 million, when Alan Clore's representative outbid the agent for Stavros Niarchos, little imagining that she would prove a bargain.

TRIPTYCH'S nine Group 1 triumphs included the Prix Marcel Boussac, the Irish 2,000 Guineas, the Prix Ganay, the York

International, the Irish Champion and two editions of both the Champion Stakes and the Coronation Cup. Tragically, she was killed when hit by a truck in her Claiborne paddock, carrying what would have been her first foal by Mr Prospector.

Triptych's younger sister Barger was a Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed, her produce including Prix de Diane runner-up Baya, but more important to this story was unraced half-sister Trevilla, a daughter of Lyphard. Trevilla was the dam of Prix Saint-Alary winner Treble and granddam of another Group 1 winner in Tamarisk, successful in Haydock's Sprint Cup.

Treble's sister Trevillari did not improve on three placed efforts, but she produced the smart Tsigane (by Anabaa), who was placed in Grade 1 company in California, and her sister Trevisse, a juvenile winner at Chantilly.

Trevisse is inbred 2 x 4 to Riverman, who was bought by Alec Head as a foal at Keeneland for \$41,000 in 1969 and developed under his care to become a Classic winner in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains. Head also managed him at the Haras du Quesnay for two sires' titles in France before selling him back to America, where he proved equally successful at Gainesway.

Trevisse went to Hernando in her first season at stud, the outcome being Trois Rois, who notched a Listed win in the Grand Prix de Marseille and took third place at Group 2 level in the Prix Greffulhe. In light of that colt's performances featuring high on Treve's catalogue page at Deauville, it is perhaps surprising that she attracted so little attention, but not at all surprising Head chose to retain her.