



MEETING DE DEAUVILLE BARRIERE

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**Mqse de Sévigné et Vandeeck land the final two
Gr.1 races of the meeting**

**Sumbe Prix Jean Romanet : Mqse de Sévigné enjoys a perfect
Deauville Meeting**



The filly Mqse de Sévigné got the 2023 Deauville Barrière Meeting underway by winning the Group 1 Prix Rothschild. The Édouard de Rothschild representative, trained by André Fabre at Chantilly and ridden by the young Alexis Pouchin, followed up in the Sumbe - Prix Jean Romanet three weeks later (Aug 20), another Group 1 race for fillies and mares, but this time run over the distance of 2,000 metres, that is 400 metres further than the Prix Rothschild. It was the first time that a filly has completed the double. However, It took all the determination of Alexis Pouchin to pip Via Sistina at the post. Ireland's Above the Curve was two lengths further adrift in third

Mqse de Sévigné was born a few kilometres from Deauville racecourse, at the Haras Meautry which is the historic stud of the Rothschild family. As for young riding prodigy, Alexis Pouchin, this marked the third G1 victory of his burgeoning career... in as many weeks!



The technical result

1st MQSE DE SÉVIGNÉ

2nd VIA SISTINA

3rd ABOVE THE CURVE

Distances: Nose – 2 L – 2L. Time : 2m'06''77s.

What connections said :

Édouard de Rothschild (owner-breeder of Mqse de Sévigné, 1st) - France

« In common with other members of her family, she has improved with age. She's proved really quite magnificent! It's an absolute pleasure to win a second Group 1 at this meeting, and the filly is the first to achieve the double [see above]. It's also a great reward for the team at the Haras de Meautry who brought her into the world and reared her. »

Alexis Pouchin (the jockey of Mqse de Sévigné, 1st)

« Monsieur Fabre decided to step her back up to 2,000 metres, and he knew what he was doing. At the beginning of the straight, I followed Via Sistina through but she quickly shifted out to her left. So I endeavoured to keep my mount on an even keel. I'm on cloud nine and so the dream continues! »

George Boughey (the trainer of Via Sistina, 2nd) – trained in Britain

« She's incredibly tough and also very good. She's very physically imposing mare and, at the age of 5, is just coming of age. We may aim her at the Prix de l'Opéra. »

Joseph O'Brien (the trainer of Above the Curve, 3rd) – trained in Ireland

« She ran very well and has yet again been placed at Group 1 level. She is invariably thereabouts at the finish. The softer ground wasn't a problem. We'll now be looking at the Qatar Prix Vermeille and the Blandford Stakes (Ireland) in terms of options for her. »

Sumbe Prix Morny : Vandeeek wins the Sumbe Prix Morny

Ramatuelle, the favourite in the Sumbe Prix Morny, and a filly that carries the colours Infinity Nine Horse, the racing concern of the ex-basketball player Tony Parker, went down, albeit very narrowly, to the British raider Vandeeek, who displayed a superb turn of foot. Ireland's River Tiber was two lengths further adrift in third.

Vandeeek came unbeaten into this heavyweight European contest for the 2-y-old generation, having won both his initial two career starts. In the colours of KHK Racing, the racing concern of Sheikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the son of the King of Bahrain, the colt only saw the racecourse for the first time on 21 July. Fast-forwarding to 3 August, he was a clear winner of the Group 2 Richmond Stakes at Goodwood. It marked a first success at this level for British-based trainers, the father and son team of Simon and Ed Crisford, who secured the mount of Italian jockey Andrea Atzeni for the ride. Bahrain is playing an increasingly important role on the international racing scene, as, on Saturday evening, the sale topper at the Arqana Yearling sale, was acquired for €2.4 million by Bahraini interests.



The technical result

1st VANDEEK

2nd RAMATUELLE

3rd RIVER TIBER

Distances: Sht hd – 2 L – 2 ½ L. Time : 1m'09''84s

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What connections said:

Chris Wall, racing manager of KHK Racing (the owner of Vandeeek, 1st) – trained in Britain

« After the St Leger win [Elder Eldarov], it's another prestigious victory, in a short space of time, for KHK Racing. Sheikh Khalid is delighted to have won this race run under the Deauville sun. Vandeeek is a super colt who only made his debut six weeks ago. I really liked the style of his victory today. Despite a few hitches during the race, he found enough in the locker to nail the win. He's a very tough colt, with scope for improvement, and we all hope that he continues on an upward curve. He appeals as the type to stay longer. »

Christopher Head (the trainer of Ramatuelle, 2nd) – trained in France

« I believed that she would win right to the very end! Ramatuelle is an incredible filly, as she always puts her heart and soul into her racing. It's an honour to be able to train such a filly. Of course, it's quite possible that the soft ground today worked against us. The winner, Vandeeek, clearly relished such conditions. That said, I have no regrets about concerning her performance ce. Of course, it's a bit disappointing to be beaten by such a small margin, but that's racing. Going forward, we're going to have to have a lengthy discussion with all the owners of Ramatuelle [before deciding where to go next] For the moment, nothing has been decided. »

Aidan O'Brien (the trainer of River Tiber, 3rd) – trained in Ireland

« We're really over the moon. He had a setback two weeks ago and we didn't know if he'd be able to make it to this race. Quite honestly, I didn't believe he could. He got a bit outpaced at the start, and needed this race, and that's why Ryan was patient with him. He finished well and should be able stay longer in the future. »

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