

**BOLIVAR PASSES GUT CHECK WHILE UP IN CLASS FOR IMPRESSIVE SCORE
SOPHOMORE SPIKES A 108 TIMEFORM IN ONLY HIS THIRD CAREER OUTING
TRAINER PADDY TWOMEY EYES GROUP 3 FOR FRENCH-BRED'S NEXT START**



All 5 horses contesting Wednesday's Sauternes Cup, the feature at Killarney, were lined up across the track with absolutely nothing separating them with 2 of the race's 11 furlongs remaining. Having successfully been able to overcome intimidation from a couple of rival jockeys, Team Valor International's Bolivar was in position to be tested in the run to the finishing post.

As close as the runners were at the quarter pole, they were spread out over more than 8 lengths at the wire, as Bolivar and HH The Aga Khan's light-weighted filly Tasalka became locked in a fierce battle that carried them more than 3 lengths clear of the eventual third-place finisher and heavy favorite Barbados trained by Jessie Harrington.

Carrying 12 pounds less than Bolivar, Tasalka proved a worthy rival as twice she challenged Bolivar in the final furlong of a race contested on a heavy surface. But each time the Dermot Well-trained filly tried Bolivar, the Wayne Lordan-ridden chestnut found more and repulsed her bids. In the end he asserted his dominance and was moving away in the end.

Paddy Twomey, who had selected Bolivar as a yearling at the Arqana October Sale in Deauville and raced him to break his maiden second time out by a stunning 12 lengths, said Lordan assured him that he always had things under control.



“Wayne said he could have gone to the lead at any stage of the race,” Twomey revealed, “but that he wanted to educate the colt a bit. He told me emphatically that the colt has at least two more gears that he didn’t even have to think about using.”

Bolivar won by a neck, giving a dozen pounds to the runner-up. His ratings skyrocketed after the race. *Timeform* upped him to 108 (a 14 pound jump) and added a cherry on top by putting a “p” along

with it, suggesting that the rating likely was even higher, but that based on the evidence 108 was as high as they could go. *RacingPost* upped him from 91 to 104, a 13 pound increase.

RacingPost, in its post-race Analysis wrote “Bolivar made a dream start for his new owners and will no doubt have left his connections dreaming of better days ahead. He was proven on the ground, having bolted up in a Roscommon maiden on heavy, and this will have to go down as a performance that marks him down as a genuine Listed horse. He gave the second plenty of weight and pulled nicely clear of the form horses as well. He has a future.”

[VIDEO](#) of the race.